



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

As part of National Anti-Bullying Week our students took part in our World Kindness Competition. Students were recognised in their year groups for completing random acts of kindness such as handing out books, helping peers and picking up litter. Well done to Megan Lleshi (Year 7), David Ellis (Year 8 and KS3 winner), Tabitha Lane (Year 9) Alex Rebel (Year 10), Matthew Shillingford (Year 11 and KS4 winner), Yevai Benyure (Year 12) and Eve Liddard (Year 13 and KS5 winner). In addition, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be invited to train as Anti Bullying Ambassadors as part of our Student Leadership Team and support the wellbeing of our school community.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Bayleigh-Rae Dibley in Year 7 for her fantastic creativity in her Design Technology lesson. Well done Bayleigh-Rae you are now in the Headteacher's Gallery.

I would like to bring your attention to a planning application submitted by MP Chartered Architects who act on behalf of the Hutton Mount Estate. They are applying for additional footpaths to be installed on the Estate to avoid pedestrians walking on the road or on the verges. We fully support this submission as, from a Health and Safety point of view, this is much safer for the local residents and the school children who walk through the Estate to use footpaths. If you would like to support this application and view the proposals please visit the local council website by clicking here and searching under reference number 23/01184/FUL.

Finally, please can I remind you that next Friday is a non pupil day and the school will be closed to students.



Brentwood Memorial Service



On Friday 10 November, four Year 8 students went to the annual Brentwood Memorial service to honour those who lost their lives for our freedom and commemorate all those who died fighting for their country. Whether they fought for our side or not, we laid down a poppy wreath to show St Martin's respect for all who died.

The service included prayers, poems and a two minute silence.



★ Children in Need

As you may already know, Monday 13th November was the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. St Martin's School was excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme. In PE lessons students and staff wore fancy dress, baked goodies and joined in fun activities such as just dance and beat the teacher! Last year we raised a huge £1,312. We are looking forward to seeing if we have raised even more money this year to support disadvantaged young people across the country.



★ Poetry Competition Winners

To celebrate **National Poetry Day**, Miss Goulding set a creative writing competition for Years 7-9 to write their own poem on the theme of Refuge. There were over 60 entries! The winners were: Sofia Parkinson (Year 7), Emily Roger (Year 8) and Michael Parkins (Year 9) all receiving a £10 Waterstones voucher, certificate and 15 achievement points. Runners up were: Jack Fletcher (Year 7), Freya Lee (Year 8) and George Downing (Year 9) all receiving a £5 Waterstones voucher, certificate and 15 achievement points. Congratulations to all students for their entries; the standard was extremely high. All entries have been collated into a Poetry Anthology to be kept in the library and enjoyed by everyone.



★ Heads2Minds Therapy Dog

We are proud to introduce Ted, a trained therapy dog and his handler Kate, from Heads2Minds, who visited us on Thursday.

Ted and Kate will be visiting us every Thursday and will be working with mainly Year 7 students. We hope in the future we can extend the sessions.

If you see Ted and Kate around the school you are welcome to say hello.



★ Dates for the Diary

20.11.2023 – Year 11 PPEs commence

24.11.2023 – Year 10 Reports Home

24.11.2023 – Non pupil day

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