



NEWS & VIEWS

Be The Best You Can Be

Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to say thank you to all the teaching and support staff at St Martin's for their incredible hard work and commitment to all our students this half term. It has been another extremely busy one and what a great way to end it with a Queen's Jubilee celebration playground party with a traditional fish and chips lunch, cake sale and live music. Students and staff were in non-uniform wearing red, white or blue for this occasion.

In this week's News and Views, we hear about the St Martin's Way vote and two very talented art students who have been selected to display their artwork at exhibitions locally and in London. Congratulations to Vinnie and Isabel! Wishing you all a great half term and enjoy the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.



St Martin's Way

And the Winner is..... THRIVE

I am pleased to announce that following a staff and student vote that the acronym "THRIVE" has been selected from our 3 finalists as our new St Martin's way. "THRIVE" details the cross curricular skills we will equip our students with to ensure that they are able to successfully learn for their futures and guarantee outstanding personal achievement. Our staff vision team are working hard to focus on how we apply "THRIVE" across our curriculum and this will launch with the new academic year.

Over the next few weeks during their civics lessons, students will focus on the meaning of these core skills and how they can be applied to their everyday learning. Our student vision group, Team Visio is now working to help redesign our whole school rewards system so that this in turn positively reinforces the use of THRIVE in every day school life.

I look forward to updating you on our progress later in the term as we prepare for the major launch in September. "At St Martin's your child will THRIVE!"

- Team worker
- Honest
- Resilient
- Independent
- Versatile
- Empathetic



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Art Competitions

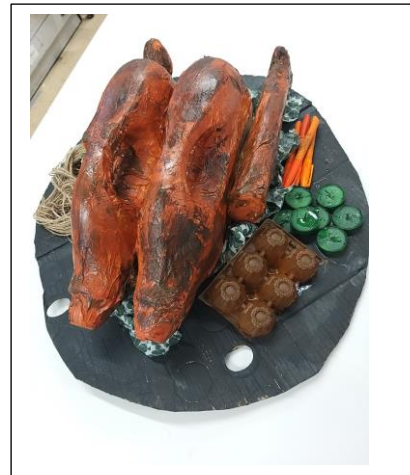
Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show Competition

The Art Department is delighted to enter 30 students into the Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show competition. Each year the Royal Academy accepts submissions from young people aged 3-19 for the opportunity to have their work exhibited in their prestigious and historic Gallery in London. They receive thousands of entries and the entries are judged by a panel experienced and passionate artists and arts professionals.

It is with great excitement that we have learned that Vinnie O'Leary in Year 7 has been selected to have his work exhibited as part of the Young Artists Summer Show at the Royal Academy and online. There will be 2 winners of the competition from each Key Stage and the public will be able to vote with the Royal Academy's People's Choice Award. We will inform students when they will be able to do this.

We received a great variety of work to submit this year, from food sculptures and pencil drawings, to photography and zentangles.

Vinnie showed great creativity when using recycled objects, found around the home, to recreate his favourite meal as a sculpture. We are really proud of his achievement and will be rooting for him in the next stage!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competition



The Baytree Shopping Centre in Brentwood will be exhibiting the work of local school children in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

They asked children to create an artwork that was inspired by the Queen. Successful entries would have their artworks recreated on display boards and put on exhibition in the Shopping Centre.

Isabel Harmer, in Year 8, made the top 20 out of 750 entries and has had her work selected to be part of the exhibition. As a gift from the Mayor of Brentwood Isabel will receive a certificate and a commemorative Jubilee coin. Congratulations to Isabel! Her painting of Buckingham Palace was wonderful and deserves the recognition it is receiving.

All successful artworks will be exhibited at the Baytree shopping Centre in Brentwood until 12th June.



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