



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



## Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon,

It has been a very busy week with more morning tour presentations and primary school visits plus this week we held our information evening for Year 7 parents which was very successful and well attended.

Next Wednesday we also have our Young Soloist of the Year Competition which Mr Harris will be telling us about in next week's News and Views.

This weekend it is the official London Marathon and next Friday we will be hosting our first St Martin's Mini Marathon which will be 2.6 miles rather than 26 miles! We will be encouraging all staff and students to participate and will be raising money and donating all funds to the charity Kids Inspire. We look forward to sharing this event with you in News and Views in the coming weeks. Have a great weekend!



## European Day of Languages 26 September 2022



Each year on 26 September, across Europe, the European Day of Languages is celebrated. The general aim is to draw attention to Europe's rich linguistic and cultural diversity, which has to be encouraged and maintained. It also helps to extend the range of languages that people learn throughout their lives in order to develop their plurilingual skills and reinforce intercultural understanding. EDL is an opportunity to celebrate all of Europe's languages, including those that are less widely spoken and the languages of migrants.

Here at St Martin's Year 7 and Year 8 students were set the homework task to research another European language which they would then present to their peers during lessons on European Day of Languages. Students were also given the choice to present their home language.

We were impressed not only by the high quality of the presentations but also the confidence the students displayed when speaking in front of their classmates. Languages which were presented included: Portuguese, Swedish, Albanian, Slovenian, Spanish, Welsh, Gaelic, Romanian, Ukrainian, Greek, Afrikaans, Dutch, Thai and Polish.



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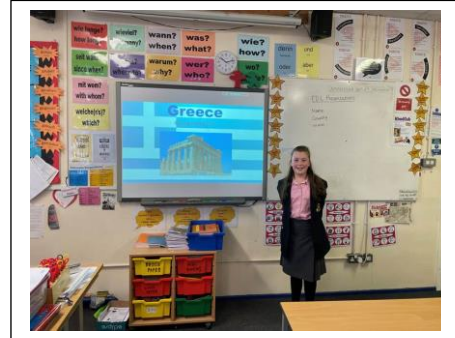
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We also carried out a survey amongst the staff to find out which other languages they could speak. Many teachers have the ability to speak a second language e.g. French or German but we also

have bilingual teachers at St Martin's who are fluent in the following languages: Afrikaans, Creole, German, Hebrew, Italian, Polish and Turkish showing that we are truly a polyglot community.



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