St Martin of Porres Catholic Primary School

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Issue 3

Growing in Knowledge and the love of Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

We have had a fantastic week in school!

On Tuesday, we celebrated Democracy Day, when our pupils had the opportunity to vote for their School Council representatives. We spent time discussing the qualities that make a good leader and, importantly, recognised that leadership is within all of us. We are all leaders in our own way and all have the potential to make a positive difference and create change for the better, simply by being the best version of ourselves.

The School Council plays a very important role in our school, giving pupils a voice and providing opportunities for them to share their ideas, views and suggestions. I have really enjoyed listening to the children's enthusiasm as they discussed the different roles and responsibilities, as well as hearing some of the wonderful speeches made by our School Council nominees on Tuesday.

Next week, we are looking forward to another exciting part of our school elections as we choose our Head Boy and Head Girl. We are really looking forward to hearing their voice and learning more about they should be chosen! A huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward and took part in the election process. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and leadership they have shown.

How coincidental that all of my Book of Celebration nominees this week came from their English books!

Writing is one of our key school priorities this year, and we are really excited to see our children developing their confidence, creativity and skills as writers. So, look out for plenty of opportunities to put pen to paper, including cross-curricular writing homework, termly writing competitions and perhaps even the occasional handwriting homework!

And remember, the best way to become a great writer is to be a great reader! So keep reading, keep exploring new words and ideas, and let those wonderful books inspire your writing.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Andrea Smith
Headteacher

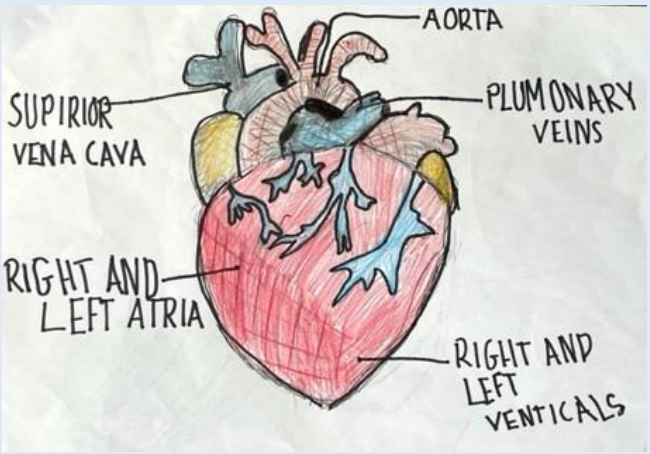


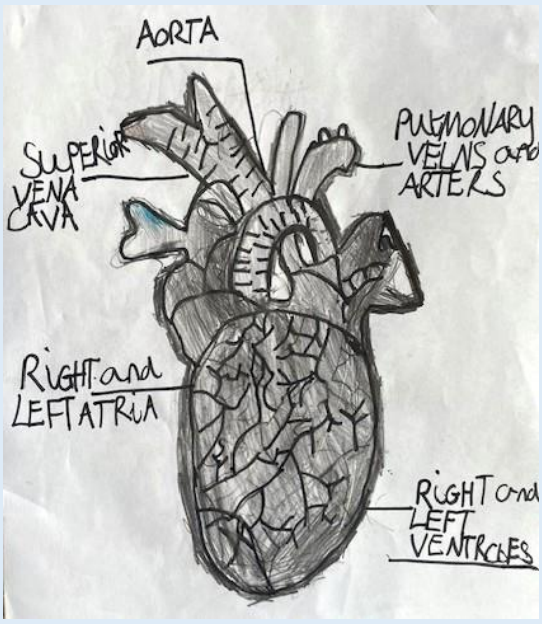
Drops of Kindness,
Painting by Nicolene Botha,
Painted in 2016

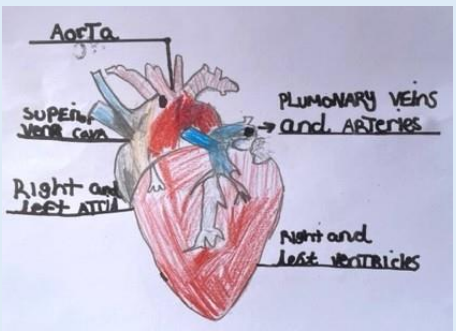
Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday's Gospel parable challenges our ideas about fairness and what people deserve. We are reminded to accept God's mercy gratefully and share that generosity with others through forgiveness, patience and kindness. Even small acts can make a meaningful difference to someone in need.

Dates for your diary

Mon 21st Sep	**Reception/Year 1 (Ash Class) Curriculum Meeting 3.30pm**
Tue 22nd Sep	**Years 2 and 3 (Beech Class) Curriculum Meeting 3.30pm** Multi Sports Club/Football (Years 1 – 4) 3.30 – 4.30pm Drama Club: (Years 3 - 6) 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wed 23rd Sep	Karate Club: 3.30 - 4.30pm (Years 1 – 6)
Thu 24th Sep	**Horse Chestnut Class visit to Alexandra Park Library** Irish Dancing: 3.30 - 4.30pm (Years 1 - 6) Creative Writing Club (Years 3 – 4) 3.30 - 4.30pm
Fri 25th Sep	**Year 6 Olympics at St Thomas More** Celebration Assembly 2.45pm







Horse Chestnut class were working hard this week. Some examples of the wonderful drawings of The Heart produced whilst studying the Circulatory System in Science this week.







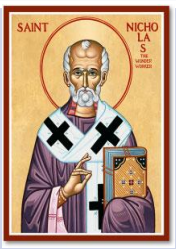
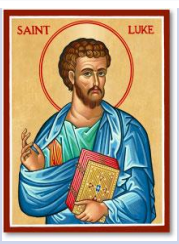
In National Coding Week Sycamore class have been learning about Algorithms and they have been using Scratch to create their own computer games.





Celebration

House Points

Feast Days 5th September 6th December 29th April 18th October				
Name of Saint	St Teresa of Calcutta	St Nicholas	St Catherine of Siena	St Luke
This Week	49	33	45	43
Total	98	81	102	89

Congratulations to all our House Point Winners and everyone in St Teresa of Calcutta this week!

Top Table Award

KS1	Kayson – Beech Class
KS2	Lucia – Horse Chestnut

Gold Star of the Week

Ash	Jacopo	For having an amazing start to his Year 1 journey. You have been tackling such hard sums in Maths and using your phonics to write sentences independently. Well done Jacopo! You are a star!
Beech	Samuil	For working so hard in your Maths and writing this week!
Sycamore	Edwin	For showing a wonderful attitude towards your work, always striving to do your very best, volunteering confidently to answer questions and giving thoughtful, considered responses. Your excellent behavior and positive attitude have really stood out this week!
Horse Chestnut	Milo	For always giving your very best in everything you do and for letting your amazing artistic skills and creativity shine!

Good Shepherd Award

Ash	Allison	For being so kind and caring towards her friends. You have shown great consideration for other people's feelings and we really are so lucky to have you in our school.
Beech	Emilia Rose	For being a wonderful example of kindness and care, just like the Good Shepherd. She is always looking out for others, helping her classmates and sharing with anyone who needs it. Thank you for being so caring!
Sycamore	Owen	For showing excellent behavior and being a wonderful role model this week. He quietly helps to keep our classroom tidy without seeking praise, showing us that kindness and good deeds come from the heart.
Horse Chestnut	James	For being a fantastic Class Wellbeing Ambassador and spreading kindness, positivity and following Jesus' example of love and compassion.

Arbor

Could all parents please make sure they have logged into their account on Arbor and downloaded the app. Instructions can be found on the page at the end of the newsletter or on the website at - https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Arbor-Parent-Portal-App/

If any parent has any login problems, please come to the office for help.

All payments and consents for trips go through Arbor.

Wednesday Word

(Based on the forthcoming Gospels at Mass)

GENEROUS

"God is generous. He shows us all his love and encourages us to be generous." – Pope Francis (2013 – 2025)

Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Ask do they know who is a generous person –that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others' needs first? How does your child feel when someone is generous towards them and give them first choice or shares a special treat with them?

Being generous brings us close to God. God wants us to be generous and, just like the workers in the Gospel, it's never too late to start! We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give some of our time to talk to someone in need; try especially hard to share with others; give any toys or unused items to a charity; offer to help someone – maybe a new classmate who has joined our school.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grow in generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart. Amen

Wednesday word is available via the link below.

Please see https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Let-s-pray-at-home/ for more information on the Wednesday Word.

Weekly Attendance

If your child cannot attend school, please report the absence by 9.30am by either calling 0208 361 1445 or using the school app.

Attendance for week beginning

Whole School
97.5%

1st place 98.9% Horse Chestnut Class

2nd place 97.9%% - Sycamore Class

Contact us:

Email:
adminstmartins@stpm.org.uk
Phone: 020 8361 1445
Website:
www.stmartinporres.co.uk

School app: To download follow the instructions at –

https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/St-Martin-of-Porres-Catholic-Primary-School-Mobile/

Our Parish

We are delighted to continue our outstanding links with St Paul the Apostle Church and are grateful to Father Perry for his continued support and positive contribution to the Catholic life of the school.

Please find a link to the Parish Newsletter below:

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/woodgreen/news/

Friends of St Martin's



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Friends are hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan cancer support on Friday 2nd October from 9.00a.m. to 10.00a.m. Please get in touch with your class rep if you would like to contribute.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy a chance to catch up over a hot drink and some cake.

easyfundraising

The PTA raises funds while you shop online via easyfunding.

We encourage all parents and carers to sign up for easyfunding. Once you set up an account and link to our cause (St Martin of Porres Primary School), you will be fundraising for the PTA each time you shop at one of the associated brands.

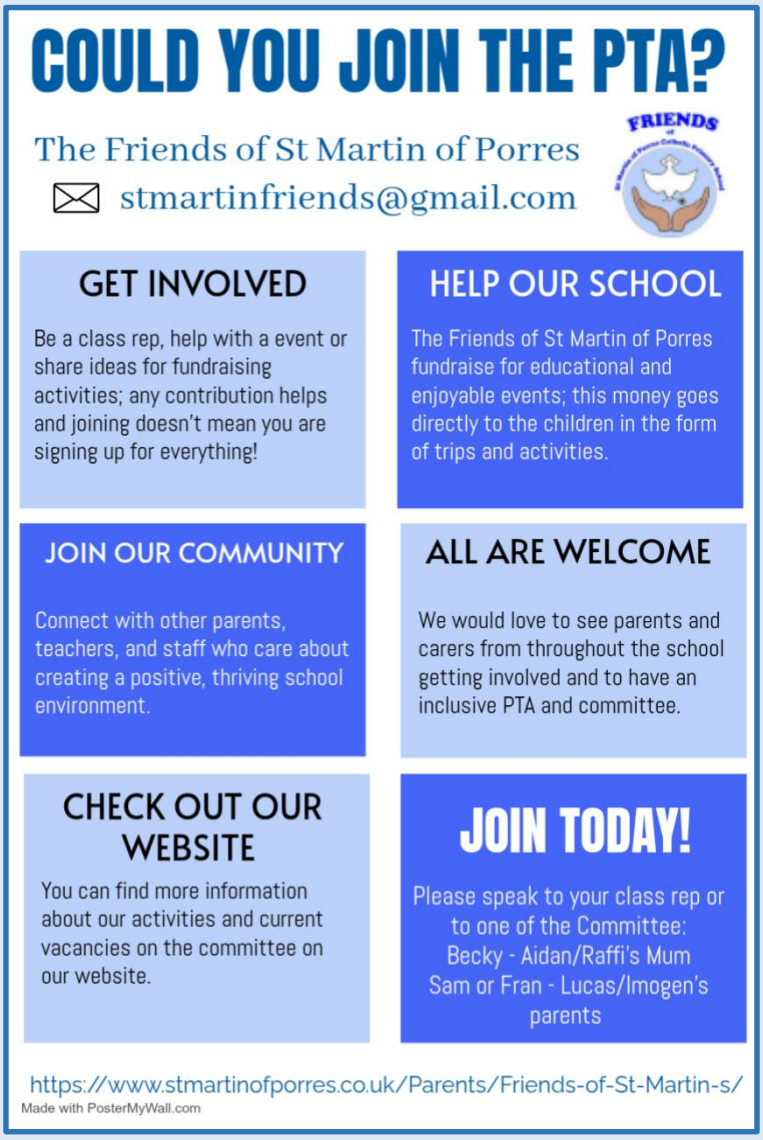
Please follow the steps set out below to set up the app – we will get entered into a draw to win £250 for everyone who signs up before 13th September so please register before then if you can.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of St Martin's!



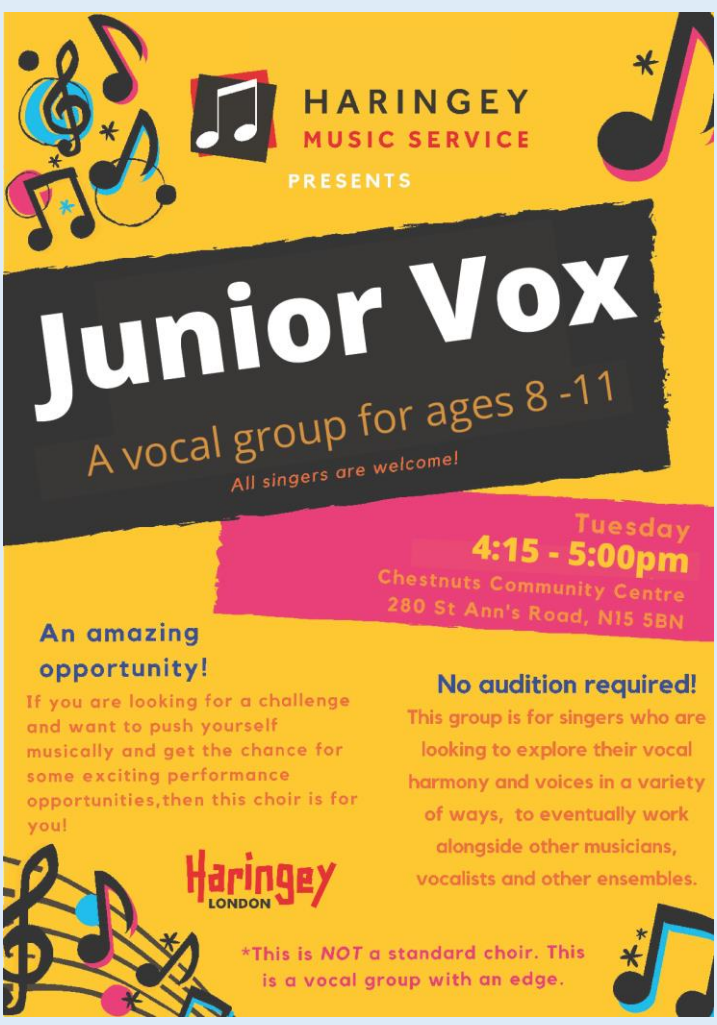
Events and Communication

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events on newsletters and on our website page. Joining your class Whatsapp group is a great way of staying informed. Details of these groups are being sent to all parents so please sign up if you haven't already.




ST. THOMAS MORE
St Thomas More Catholic School
Your journey to St Thomas More Catholic School starts here...
OPEN EVENING
4.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 29th September
OPEN MORNINGS
9.30am - 10.45am
29th September
7th October
15th October
20th October
Visit our website or scan the QR code to book a slot
www.stthomasmoreschool.org.uk


ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
'ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD' MICAH 6:8
OPEN EVENING
MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2026
6PM - 8PM ENFIELD CAMPUS
Welcome to St. Anne's
PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR OPEN EVENING
OPEN MORNINGS
Wednesday 30 September
&
Thursday 1 October
Enfield Campus
9.15am - 10.30am
11.30am - 12.45pm
Meet with Staff and Students and hear from the Headteacher about life at St. Anne's.
For more information, please visit our website:
www.st-annes.enfield.sch.uk


HARINGEY
MUSIC SERVICE
PRESENTS
Junior Vox
A vocal group for ages 8 -11
All singers are welcome!
Tuesday
4:15 - 5:00pm
Chestnuts Community Centre
280 St Ann's Road, N15 5BN
An amazing opportunity!
If you are looking for a challenge and want to push yourself musically and get the chance for some exciting performance opportunities,then this choir is for you!
No audition required!
This group is for singers who are looking to explore their vocal harmony and voices in a variety of ways, to eventually work alongside other musicians, vocalists and other ensembles.
Haringey
LONDON
*This is NOT a standard choir. This is a vocal group with an edge.

Arbor Parent Portal and App

The school uses Arbor Parent Portal (and app) for parents to access various services provided by the school.

We have set up an account for you. Please use a desktop browser or a mobile browser to set up your account. You won't be able to do this in the app.

Your username is the email address we've sent this email to. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password.

Go to https://login.arbor.sc and **click Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

When you login for the first time only, it will ask you for your child's date of birth and to tick the box stating that you accept Arbor's standard terms and conditions.

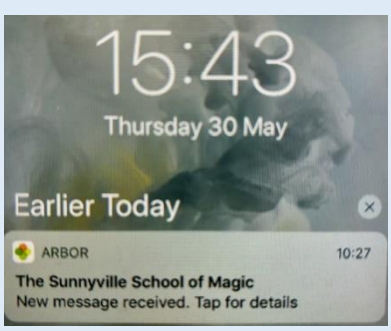
There is lots of help for parents/guardians at the **Arbor Help Centre**. We recommend having a quick look at the **quick introduction guide** in particular, especially if you have more than one child at the school.

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore for android phones or the Apple Store for iPhones.

Scan to download the Arbor Parent App for your phone from the QR codes below – you can use this to access Arbor on your mobile device, or use a browser on your computer.

Android Play Store

iOS App Store



Make sure that you allow Push Notifications for this app to receive notification of in-app messages.

If you have any queries please contact the office at adminstmartins@stpm.org.uk

- The school uses the in-app messaging system within Arbor. We no longer send text messages to your phone.
- We will be using the booking system within Arbor for parents/carers to book appointments with teachers for parent/teacher evenings.
- You will also be able to view your child/ren's attendance and merits (house points).
- We will be required to pay for trips and clubs and the school building fund through Arbor.

Instagram

We are excited to announce that we have launched our new Instagram page! This is a wonderful way to stay connected and share the amazing experiences happening within our school community.

We invite you to check out our page, like it, and share with your friends and family. Your support will help us grow our online presence and showcase all the wonderful things happening at our school!

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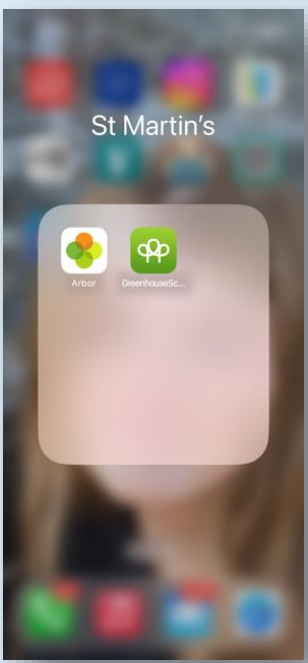
Scan the QR code to find us!

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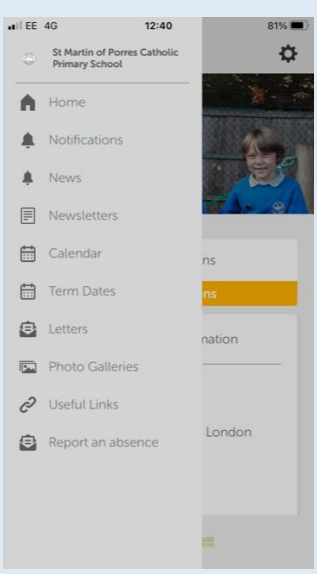
Have you logged in to the portal and then downloaded the app?

If you haven't logged in yet please go to - https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Arbor-Parent-Portal-App/ for instructions.

If you have any queries/problems logging in, please contact the office at adminstmartins@stpm.org.uk or come to Reception.



After downloading both apps, it would be useful to store both apps in one 'St Martin's' container on your phone for ease of use!



School Website App

Many parents have already downloaded the School Website App available from the app store. Just in case here is a reminder on what to do.

For instructions on how to download please go to - https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/St-Martin-of-Porres-Catholic-Primary-School-Mobile/

Find letters home, newsletters and calendar and term dates all together in one handy place. You can also report your child's absence from the app and the website where you book your child's lunch.