

## **Parent/ Carer Update 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Head Teacher Award Winners

A huge congratulations to the following children receiving the Head Teacher award this week for 'Being Kind'.

P1 – Grace  
P2/3 – Ben  
P3/4 – Iona  
P4 – Mya-Lilly  
P5/6 – Annie and Isla S  
P6 – Erin  
P7 – Daniella

### October Holidays Communication

Should you need to notify us of a **positive** COVID case during the holidays then please send an email to [seemis@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:seemis@eastlothian.gov.uk). Staff and school admin emails will not be monitored during the October holidays.

### Whole School Update

It certainly wasn't the first term back we had all expected or needless to say the year. However, we are so proud of all of our children and how they have adjusted coming back to school in this first term. They have overcome the challenges they've been faced with and in true St Martin's spirit

gone over and above. I asked the classes to share with me some of their best learning moments this term and here is what they had to say:

### **Primary 1**

Primary 1 love literacy! They have been working so hard on their sounds, helping them be able to read and write. When they were learning about 'w' they even found a worm in the playground. Primary 1 know to keep going when they find things tricky and were able to talk about being resilient.

### **Primary 2/3**

Primary 2/3 enjoyed the story of The Gigantic Turnip and used it to create their own summary pieces of writing. They have been trying really hard with their reading and are enthusiastic during RWInc. lessons. Lots of children were able to tell me about skip counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and even 100's!

### **Primary 3/4**

Primary 3/4 have enjoyed creating pieces of artwork this term. Using music as a stimulus they created pictures of trees using circles. They have also enjoyed having Mr Andrew for RE and created stained glass windows which they have put up for everyone to see when they are in the playground!

### **Primary 4**

It has been a busy busy term in Primary 4 with lots of enthusiastic learners. From Art and Van Gough to learning about the body and light in science. The children have engaged in a variety of reading and writing tasks this term. A favourite poem was 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. Thankfully he managed to overcome his fear. The class have also been challenging themselves with their times tables.

### **Primary 5/6**

Primary 5/6 have been engaging with STEM activities this term. They have completed a project on coding where they had to use numbers to create their names. The class has turned these into pieces of artwork to display using bright colours. The children described the tasks as solving problems which at times they found challenging but they were able to get there in the end displaying a fantastic attitude to their learning!

### **Primary 6**

Primary 6 have been reading and enjoying the novel Skellig this term. They undertook a character study as part of their work and have been writing letters as if they were from Michael (one of the main characters). As a class they have also been doing a lot of work through Rights Respecting Schools. Most recently they have been learning about their right to have a name and have been using mixed media to create name plaques in class.

**Primary 7**

Primary 7 have engaged well in Art this term and have beautiful pieces in different styles displayed throughout the school. Recently they have been learning about Pop Art using paint and bold colours to create images of their choice. They have also been learning about Global Goals through Rights Respecting Schools with a focus on sustainability and tackling poverty and inequalities. Primary 7 have been working on informative posters to teach others about these issues.

We hope you have a safe and relaxing October break whatever you do and look forward to seeing you all when we return on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Davies and all at St Martin's Primary