



St Martin's School

NEWSLETTER
JULY 2017



Year 7 trip to Go Air

Over 70 pupils from Year 7 visited Go Air this term as part of their reward for top attendance and fantastic behaviour. Pupils jumped away for over two hours and many pupils were able to show off their amazing gymnastic skills. Pupils were commended for their excellent conduct by the owner of Go Air and by several members of the safety team! One of the staff said "St. Martin's are the best behaved pupils we have ever had here".

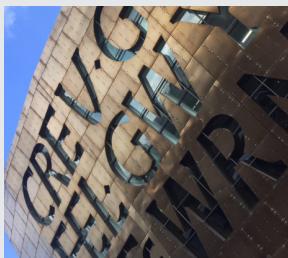
Well done Year 7!!!

Theatre Trip

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"That was the best play I have seen", said Amy Greening a year 10 pupil who was lucky enough to join the Expressive Arts Faculty on a theatre visit to see the play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. She was one of 36 pupils from years 9-12 who excitedly took their seats for this spectacular performance at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff. Pupils were not disappointed. The exciting technical elements coupled with the dynamic choreography arranged by the theatre company Frantic Assembly made for an inspiring afternoon out.



New Structure to School day

08:30 - 09:30	Lesson 1
09:35 - 10:35	Lesson 2
10:35 - 10:55	Break
10:55 - 11:55	Lesson 3
12:00 - 13:00	Lesson 4 (Year 7, 8, 12 & 13)
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch (Year 7, 8, 12 & 13)
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch (Year 9, 10, 11)
12:30 - 13:30	Lesson 4 (Year 9, 10, 11)
13:35 - 13:55	Core Skills
14:00 - 15:00	Lesson 5

School Term Dates 2017/18 Academic Year

AUTUMN	Inset Day Except Year 7 Start Half Term Starts Half Term Ends Inset Day Term Ends	MON 04 SEP 2017 TUE 05 SEP 2017 MON 30 OCT 2017 FRI 03 NOV 2017 FRI 24 NOV 2017 FRI 22 DEC 2017
SPRING	Start Half Term Starts Half Term Ends Term Ends	MON 08 JAN 2018 MON 19 FEB 2018 FRI 23 FEB 2018 THU 29 MAR 2018
SUMMER	Start Half Term Starts Half Term Ends Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day Term Ends	MON 16 APR 2018 MON 28 MAY 2018 FRI 01 JUN 2018 FRI 20 JUL 2018 MON 23 JUL 2018 TUE 24 JUL 2018 TUE 24 JUL 2018
May Day Monday 7th May 2018		Easter Sunday Sunday 1st April 2018
Examination Results Day		
A Level Results Thursday 17 August 2017		GCSE Results Thursday 24 August 2017



Caerphilly Food Festival

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We have been working hard down in Food Technology and we are pleased to announce that the Sugarcraft Club won first place at Caerphilly Food Festival. The children, who have been honing their skills in sugar work with the help of their tutor Mrs Wall and Mrs Shopland, were asked to create a cake based on Myths and Legends. Using the story of "The Fairies of Caragonan" as their inspiration the club have created a wonderful masterpiece complete with fairies, butterflies and hares, all of which feature in the story. A big congratulations to all those who spent their time modelling, painting and getting sticky sugar hands.

Newsletter from English:

This last term has been very busy for our Key Stage Four and Five students. Despite the intensity of examination season, these students have demonstrated commendable commitment and diligence. The English faculty is looking forward to the summer's results days when students will discover the outcome of their hard work. Da iawn, pawb!

Key Stage Three pupils have been equally industrious and are well on their way to progressing into the next year group with an impressive set of English literacy skills.

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St. Martin's Cluster Football Tournament

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As a part of our Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge we were tasked with organising and hosting a Cluster Football Tournament in our own school grounds. After communicating with the local primary's and organising the day, we were given the go ahead. The event was held on Wednesday 21st June on the bottom pitch where four schools brought a total of nine 7-a-side teams. The games commenced at around 10:30AM and the winners Hendre Junior School closed the day at 2:15PM. All of us taking part in the organisation of the event were thrilled with how successful the day went and have no doubt that the children enjoyed it just as much us.

Geography Trip

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Key Stage 3 Geography pupils:

Pupils from across Key stage 3 alongside the Year 11 Horticulture group were given the opportunity to have a positive effect on the school's natural environment. In total over 100 tree saplings were planted around the borders of the school site. With the aim of increasing numbers of animals, from invertebrates to British bird species, the hard work of the pupils will have a longstanding impact on the ecology at St. Martin's.

Geography Fieldwork:

GCSE and A level pupils have been out investigating a number of different geographical principles this year. Several surveys of the river Rhymney, a investigations into the change beach profiles at Penarth, a study into changing retail provisions in Cardiff's CBD and surrounding areas, and a research and future decision planning linked to sustainable tourism in St. Lucia have all been completed to the highest standards. Fieldwork forms a vital part of Geography and Mr. Richards, Mr. Jowett and Miss Morgan would all like to praise pupils across KS4 and 5 for their hard work and commitment.



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Summer BBQ

A barbecue took place on Monday 10th July to thank Years 11 and 12 for their hard work throughout the year. The schools own Jamie Oliver-Mr Thomas flipped the burgers and sizzled the sausages like a true professional. Pupils, Staff and Governors had a great time.

A big thank you to Mrs Joliffe for expertly placing the bunting and to Tina and the kitchen staff who prepared the food.



Afternoon Tea

On a hot summer afternoon how better to spend your time than enjoying an afternoon tea with friends. Our year 10 catering class prepared, cooked and served afternoon tea to a mixture of staff and parents. The pupils had spent lessons preparing the food and were delighted to see so many people turn up to support them. This is an excellent opportunity to develop skills required in the hospitality and catering industry. All proceeds are being split between Breast Cancer Care and National Autistic Society. We are still awaiting some donations so the total raised has yet to be confirmed! It was such a success that we are considering making it an annual event! Keep an eye out for tickets next year.

Mrs F Shopland



Workshops at St Martins

On the 5th July 2017 pupils from St James, Cwrt Rawlin, Twyn and Plas-y-Felin visited St Martin's to take part in a series of exciting workshops including a Ukulele, kite making and a fantastic drumming session by Stompio. These all culminated in a final showcase event in the evening.

St Martin's staffs were overwhelmed by the support shown by the families of these talented individuals. Pupils beamed proudly as they performed their new found skills to a large crowd. The finale of Mary Poppins songs were a pleasure to watch.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Williams for all her hard work and dedication. It was her vision and creativity which made all of this possible. We look forward to seeing more from these talented young people!



9th June New Zealand Vs Bangladesh ICC Champions Trophy

This fixture was a very important game for Bangladesh as they had to win to have any chance of getting into the semi-finals where they would play either India or South Africa. New Zealand were everyone's favourites to win the game but Bangladesh thrive under pressure.

New Zealand got off to a good start with their opening batsmen Martin Guptill and Luke Ronchi, with Guptill hitting a six out of the ground. However, Bangladesh got both opening batsmen out in the first 12 Overs. This brought the captain, Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor to the crease. Williamson Scored 57 and Taylor Scored 63. New Zealand finished their innings 265-8. Bangladesh were confident that they could win this game.

Bangladesh had a strong batting line-up with Tamim Iqbal, one of the highest rated ODI players in the world. He didn't get off to a good start and scored 0, also known as a "duck" to people who follow the game.

Most of the Bangladesh openers had failed to deliver. They lost 4 wickets for 33 runs. Then Shakib And Mahmudullah came to the crease. They built a partnership by picking up runs and rotating the strike. The "bad ball" was also put away for a boundary. A 224-run partnership followed and won Bangladesh the game by 5 wickets.

The Bangladesh fans were very lively and helped their team over the line in a keenly fought contest that was enjoyed by all due to the fine cricket on display.

Cole Vyas 9LDA, Farrell Vyas 9LDA



Coding Club

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Our Year 10 computer scientists should feel proud of their achievements this term after delivering 'coding club' to younger learners in line with their Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge.

One group have provided training for Year 8 and 9 students wishing to study computer science next year at Key Stage 4, while another group delivered to students at Twyn Primary School. Fantastic to see such commitment and initiative from these students, working to have a positive impact on our school community.

