St Martin of Porres

Catholic Primary School

Growing in knowledge and the love of Jesus

Dove News

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A message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful week we have had!

We have been absolutely delighted by the examples of home learning that the children have shared with us following the half-term break. There has been such a fantastic range of work, showcasing the children's imagination, enthusiasm and hard work. From detailed models of the circulatory system, demonstrating a brilliant understanding of how our bodies work, to colourful and creative entries for our autumn art competition, we have been so impressed. We have also enjoyed seeing some amazing dioramas inspired by books, bringing favourite stories and characters to life, alongside some lovely 'All About Me' projects that have helped us find out even more about the children. Thank you to everyone who supported the children with their learning at home. It is always wonderful to see such enthusiasm and pride in their achievements!

Ash Class also enjoyed a wonderful visit to Forest School this week. They returned with some gorgeous leaf creations, showing lots of imagination and creativity. It was lovely to see them using nature as inspiration for their artwork and enjoying the chance to learn and create outdoors.

There was also a very special celebration at St Martin of Porres as the children came together to celebrate their Feast Day Mass with Father Perry. It was a lovely occasion and a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our school community and the values that are so important to us. Father Perry was particularly impressed by the children's beautiful singing, which really helped to make the celebration extra special. We are incredibly proud of the way the children participated and represented their school.

Horse Chestnut Class also enjoyed a visit to the library this week. Spending time surrounded by books and discovering new stories was a lovely experience and has certainly inspired us! In fact, the visit has prompted us to get a date in the diary for the official launch of the brand-new library at St Martin's, which will be taking place in a couple of weeks' time. We are so excited to share this wonderful new space with the children and hope it will become a real hub of reading, imagination, discovery and a love of books.
Sadly, we did have to postpone our planned author visit this week. We were really looking forward to welcoming the author into school and sharing this exciting experience with the children. However, we will definitely rearrange the visit for after Pendarren. The books look absolutely fantastic, and we know that the author's work will provide a wonderful source of inspiration for the children.

As always, it has been a week full of wonderful learning opportunities, special celebrations and moments that remind us what a fantastic school community we have. Thank you to our children, families and staff for making each week so special. We look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Andrea Smith
Head of School

Gospel Reflection For The Week – Sunday 8th November 2026

This Sunday's Gospel: *"God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love." St Maximilian Kolbe*

Which bridesmaids joined in the wedding feast? *Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life.* ***God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom.*** *Each of you choose a way in which you will try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through: not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others; listening to parents, carers, teachers and other truthful or wise people.*

Talk about it at home: *Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise? You may want to remind your chid about a time when they made a wise choice – something which pleased you and made your proud of them. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a powerful way to show that we are growing in wisdom.*

Link for the Wednesday Word: https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Let-s-pray-at-home/

Dates and Notices

Dates for your diary

Mon 9th – Fri 13th Nov	Year 6 to Pendarren
Mon 9th Nov	**Sycamore Class Assembly 2.50pm**
Tue 10th Nov	Multi Sports Club/Football 3.30 – 4.30pm (Years 1 – 5) Drama Club (Years 2 – 6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wed 11th Nov	**Follow up flu injections** Karate Club (Years 1 – 6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thu 12th Nov	**Sycamore Class trip to Alexandra Park Library** Irish dancing (Years 1 – 6) 3.30 - 4.30pm
Fri 13th Nov	**Stay and Play 9.15 – 10.15am All pre-school children aged 2 – 4 welcome** **Beech Class + Sycamore Class Cinema Trip** Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

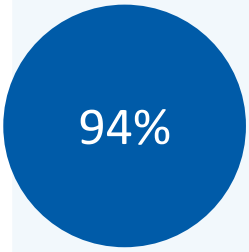
Eco-Challenge

This week's challenge

Little ME …Meals, Meat, Methane



Attendance



Whole school

Best class this week

100% - Ash Class

The gates close at 8.55am

All pupils should be at their desks at 9.00am

Please contact the school by 9.30am if your child is absent.

Contacting the School and Staying Connected

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Trips and Events This Week



Friday 6th November

New School Video

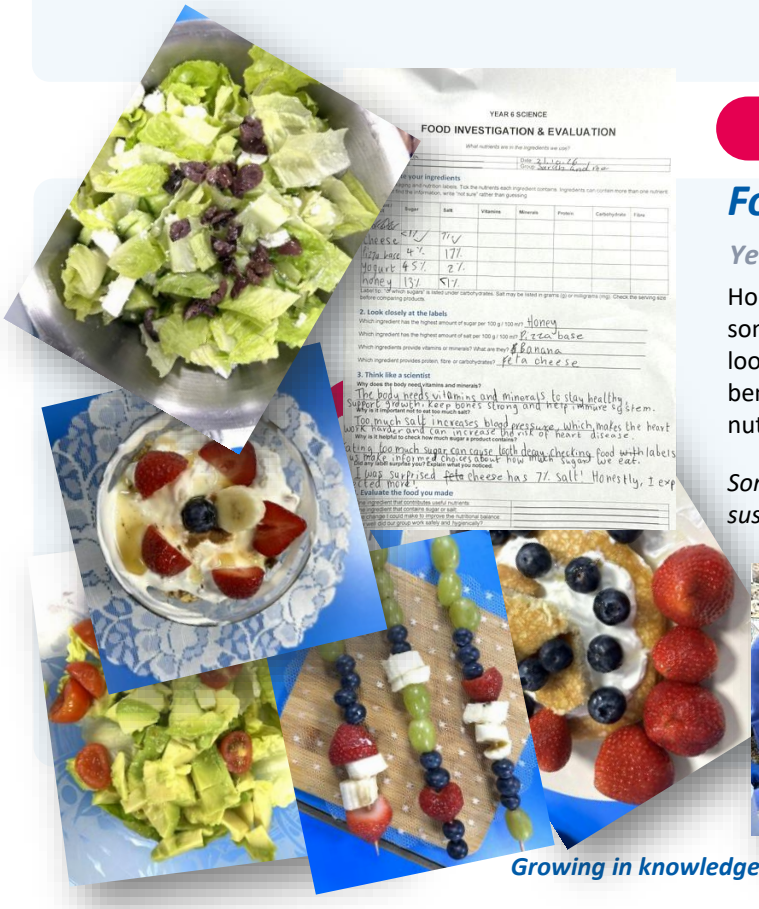
Take a look at our new school video on the website which gives a taste of life at St Martin of Porres. It has been uploaded to our Instagram. Please feel free to share.

https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. If parents or carers have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, whether relating to something happening in school or outside school hours, they can contact our Safeguarding Team confidentially using safeguarding@stpm.org.uk This email address is available for parents to share concerns at any time, and all information will be treated sensitively and taken seriously. Please do not hesitate to get in touch – sharing a concern, however small, could make a real difference to a child's wellbeing.

If a child is in immediate danger or at risk of immediate harm, please contact the police on 999 rather than relying on email



Horse Chestnut

Food Investigation & Evaluation

Year 6 Science

Horse Chestnut class spent an enjoyable Science lesson making some of their favourite foods, investigating the ingredients, looking at the labels on the packaging, discussing the nutritional benefits (or not) and evaluating how they could improve the nutritional balance.

Some healthy and nutritious dishes were put together including sushi!





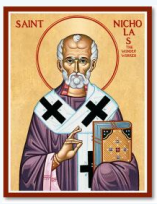
Celebrating Success

House Points



St Teresa of Calcutta

23
477



St Nicholas

41
496



St Luke

22
427



St Catherine of Siena

40
568

Gold Star Award Winners

Class	Name	Reason for the award
Ash	**Darius**	*For your excellent work in your phonics lessons this week. You have working so hard to segment and blend and all of your hard work is paying off. You are a superstar!*
Beech	**Kenese**	*For always making the right choices and working so hard in everything you do. You are always eager to join in with class discussions and confidently share your fantastic ideas. Keep being a wonderful role model! We are so proud of you!*
Sycamore	**Aidan**	*For your fantastic effort and positive attitude this week. I have been so impressed by your hard work, your thoughtful responses and the way you contribute so positively to our lessons. You have some brilliant ideas to share and should be proud of yourself!*
Horse Chestnut	**Isabella**	*For showing incredible determination when starting a new school! You have worked so hard, learned new words, tried your best and never given up. You are an absolute superstar! Keep shining and believing in yourself!*

Good Shepherd Award Winners

Name	Reason for the award	
Ash	**LJ**	*For being such a kind friend to all this week. You have come back to school with a big smile and great attitude towards your learning and it is lovely to see how much you care for everyone in our school. Well done LJ*
Beech	**Sofia**	*For being a wonderful example of following in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd. You always work hard, take pride in your learning and present you work beautifully. You are thoughtful, responsible and always try your best. Keep shining!*
Sycamore	***Larry***	*For being an absolute pleasure to have in our class. He participated so beautifully in our Feast Day Mass, impressing Father Perry so much that he personally wanted Larry to receive special recognition. A wonderful example of faith and kindness!*
Horse Chestnut	***Christopher***	*For sharing your amazing grammar knowledge and always helping your friends, even giving them a lift after school! You truly live by Jesus' message to love your neighbor and help others. A fantastic example of kindness, generosity and friendship.*

Top Table Award

Olivia – Beech
Peter - Sycamore

Friends of St Martin of Porres

Latest news

Please return your Christmas Card Order forms this week – deadline Friday 19th November. This is a great way to raise funds for the school.

We have created a bulletin which we will send regularly so that you are kept up to date with details of the PTA activities – keep an eye out for this in your WhatsApp groups.

Finally, it is never too early to start saving jam jars to fill with goodies for the Lucky Jam Jar stall at the fair – this is always one of the most popular stalls so please donate a few filled jars if you can.

Get involved

We look forward to our Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December – please save the date. We will be encouraging parents to help set up the fair, to help run the stalls and to help with the clear up afterwards. We would also love it if you could let us know of any local businesses who may be able to provide gifts for our raffle

Coming up

27th November	***Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair tombola***
4th December	***Christmas Fair***
8th December	***Red, green & sparkles day for Christmas Raffle donations***
14th December	***Christmas Raffle Draw***

St Paul the Apostle RC Parish Wood Green
22 Bradley Road
N22 7SY

Mass times

Saturday:	*17.30*
Sunday:	*08.00, 10.00, 12.00*
Weekdays:	*09.30 Mon – Fri*

Parish news

ST MARTIN OF PORRES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
9:15 - 10:15 AM

Stay & Play
FIREWORKS!



Come and join for **FREE**

Tea & coffee provided.
Welcoming all pre-Reception aged children

Blake Rd, London N11 2AF