



## Weekly Star 2018/19

### This week in school...

**Year 6** - we have been completing our Spring assessments and continuing with our reading challenge. The minutes are certainly adding up as we usually spend at least an hour a night reading for pleasure! We have been sharing our reading skills and knowledge with the children in Year 1 and have become reading buddies for the younger children, listening to them read for 10 minutes each day and encouraging them to talk about the books they are reading. We also listened to the first of our assistant teachers, Miss Bentham deliver a lesson on Karate skills! When we have all done our individual lessons we will be posting some photos of us in action on our social media pages, so watch out for these in the coming weeks.

**Year 5** - in Language we have been revising similes and metaphors, learning the difference between them. We then wrote a story and tried to include some similes and metaphors to add effect to our writing to make it more engaging to the reader. In Mathematics we have been learning how to multiply decimals by whole numbers and then challenged ourselves to multiply decimals by decimals.

**Year 3/4** - we have continued our retelling of the legend of Sinbad. Mr Brown is pleased to see us using the pirate vocabulary we have learnt in History to give extra colour to our creative writing. In Maths, we have been classifying angles. We are now all able to describe, acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles. We have learnt what happens during Lent. We have thought up real-life examples of how we can be more helpful and reflective in the build-up to the Easter celebration.

**Year 3** - in English this week, we have been reviewing different forms of punctuation including use of capital letters, speech marks and the possessive apostrophe. In Maths, we have really enjoyed adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and learning how to read times from analogue and digital clocks. During our Art lesson with Mrs Baldwin, we produced beautiful wax resist pictures in the style of Claude Monet's 'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies' painting.

**Year 1/2** - we have had a big prep week this week for the musical spectacular of the year - our class assembly! We had a fabulous week planning, drawing, rehearsing and laughing! Our assembly was amazing, we were really happy with how it went and Miss Maiden was very proud of us all! We've also managed to fit in a Maths test and English work. Now we're trying to decide what topic we'd like to look at next term!

**Pre-Prep** - what a fun week we've had in school. We are so excited to start work on our new wildlife area, we are building a mini beast hotel today - with help from Theo's Uncle Ben and his mummy. We will continue with this project next week with the help of Louisa's Grandad. Many thanks to everyone who has been able to help by providing resources such as twigs, sticks and broken pots.



### STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

<b>Pre-Prep</b>	<b>Year 3/4</b>
Theo	Agatha
<b>Year 1/2</b>	Enzo
<b>EVERYBODY</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	Osi
Lily	Bradley
Kanisha	<b>Year 6</b>
	Emma
	Bella

**MARK:** 234      **MATTHEW:** 247  
**MATTHEW IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!**

### PTA NEWS

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 Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

**Bake and Uniform Sale**  
 We'll be hosting a bake and uniform sale on **Friday 22 March**. Food donations welcome on the day and please drop any second hand uniform you have to the office this week.

**Easter Event**  
 Tickets are now on sale priced at £5 for our Easter eggstravaganza coming up on **Friday 5 April**. We are very short of helpers so please do get in touch if you can spare some time. Grandparents, aunts and other relatives are welcome to help too! We need adults to supervise crafts and games, help distribute food and be on hand to assist generally. Full training will be given for all roles!

**Dads Night Out**  
 The Dads are off for a curry on **Thursday 4 April**. All welcome. Email the PTA if you are planning on coming along.

Don't forget to log your reading minutes for the 200 Million Minute Reading Challenge. We will be adding the weekend minutes to our tracking sheets on Monday.

# SUPERSTARS

This week's superstar is Theo who has really got into the latest topic in Pre-Prep - being a wildlife hunter! We love his binoculars!

Email: [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stellamarisschool.co.uk) with details of what your children are doing outside of school. We are running low on superstar news so don't be shy - let us know what your busy bees are up to!



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15  
Speech  
Choir - 12.15

### Tuesday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15  
Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30  
(Pre-Prep—Yr 2)

### Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15  
ICT Club - 4pm

### Thursday

Reading - 8.15  
Multi sports (Yrs 3-6) 3.05 - 4.30

### Friday

Making & Tasting - 8.15  
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

We have a Stella Maris team of swimmers taking part in the Rotary Swimathon on Saturday 23 March. If you would like to sponsor them please send your donation into the school office.

**Speech** - if your child is in Years 2 to 6 and takes part in Speech lessons you should have received a text message from the office regarding what they need to bring next lesson. Just in case you didn't, please can Year 2 bring a favourite book, Years 3 and 4 need to bring their favourite poem if they have one and Years 5 and 6 need to bring in a book they have read and they must choose a passage from it to read in class.

 Don't forget to add your pennies to your St Joseph's penny boxes. Boxes can be dropped into the school office by Easter.

In Art Years 3 and 4 are looking at the famous painter Claude Monet. The pupils did a wonderful job recreating his masterpiece 'Bridge over a pond of waterlilies'. They used a wax resist technique using wax crayons and painting over with watercolours. First they created lots of marks and textures for the bridge and willow trees in wax crayons. They then mixed tints and shades in water colours by adding water to make light shades and adding blues for darker shades.



Please can children in Mrs Billington's class drop their belongings into the hall in the mornings instead of in the classroom. Please can they refrain from going into the classroom until 8.45am. Thanks.

Well done to Year 1 and 2 for an amazing assembly. Check out the news section of our website to see a video of the highlights.



Our first week of the Reading Challenge is going well. Year 6 managed to read the most clocking up a massive 3,970 minutes but everybody has taken part and done well. Keep up the good work! On Thursdays we will be reading in Before School Club.



Many happy returns this week to Norah who turned 5, Eason who turned 10, Ayla who turns 7 tomorrow and Carla who turns 7 on Sunday.



A quick reminder that children must be 48 hours clear of sickness before they return to school.

Usually our Year 2 children start their swimming lessons after Easter in order to get them used to their weekly swimming lessons when they go up to Year 3. However, due to renovations at the Marple swimming pool there are more lessons taking place at Grand Central and for that reason there is restricted changing areas available. The pool is unable to accommodate any more children joining the swimming classes after Easter for now. If this situation changes during the Summer Term we will try and fit in some lessons for our Year 2 children before we finish for the Summer.

Pre-Prep's latest topic is British wildlife and as part of this they are making a bug hotel. A HUGE thank you to Theo's uncle Ben who owns **Ancoats Industrial Furniture** for providing his expertise today and Theo's mummy for some amazing photos that will be on our website soon!



## Diary Dates

**22 Mar** - PTA bake and uniform sale

**27 Mar** - Pre-Prep Cake Decoration Masterclass with Silver Apples Bakery

**28 Mar** - CiST Easter workshops