



Weekly Star 2018/19

This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been very studious as we complete the revision for our Grammar School entrance exams. We have worked very hard in preparation for this next step in our educational journey. The exams began last Monday and will continue for the next week. Everybody is very proud of us as we have approached the whole event with a relaxed and confident attitude. Mrs Johnson tells us these skills will serve us well as we grow older. Despite all this academic revision and hard work we have still found time to engage in Sport, Art and Music lessons and have enjoyed starting a new topic, The Georgians, in our History lessons with Miss MacCarron.

Year 5 - in Maths we have been working hard on revising the addition and subtraction of level two fractions. We have also been doing lots of mental arithmetic to increase our speed and accuracy. In Language we have been working on three different ways to start a story - dialogue, action or description. We then chose our favourite way and wrote a story to appeal to a young audience.

Year 3/4 - in English, we have started looking at the features of non-chronological reports, in preparation for our writing topic. In Maths we are having a focus on multiplication. We are practising our times tables and learning how to multiply two digit numbers. In Science we have set up our investigation into how different liquids affect tooth decay. We are placing eggshells (instead of teeth) in orange juice, vinegar, milk and cola, and seeing what happens to them over time.



Year 3 - we have all settled back into our classroom routines well after the Christmas break and we have been working very hard. In Maths, we have been recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 3, 4 and 10 times tables. In English we have used prepositions and adjectives to write interesting sentences to describe what is happening in the

pictures at the beginning of our new class text, 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have also learnt about The Epiphany, in Religion, How Volcanoes are formed, in Geography and produced some wonderful pastel observational drawings of fruit in Art.

Year 1/2 - we have been looking at multiplication in Maths. Year 1 have been looking at repeated addition and counting in twos. Year 2 have been looking at how multiplication helps us to understand division. In English, we are looking at recounts and the use of 'time' language in report writing. We have started a new topic on continents and oceans, which we absolutely love! We've been learning a song which includes a little bit of a rap...!

Pre-Prep - we have welcomed three new children to our class. Everyone has been very kind and helpful showing them how we do things and where things are. We've also been busy making our new role-play area—a café. We have learnt what a waiter, chef and customer has to do and we all enjoyed learning how to 'lay the table', something that we've decided to try and help with at home too!



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Louisa

Year 1/2

Ruslana

Maisie

Year 3

Dieter

Kanisha

Year 3/4

Agatha

Lily

Year 5

Oscar

Eason

Year 6

Emma

Sonia

MARK: 280

MATTHEW: 303

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER

WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Movie Night - Friday 25 January

Our next PTA event is our movie night on Friday 25 January from 3.05pm to 5pm. Children will soon be able to vote for the film they would like to watch (all will be U certificate). Tickets will cost £4 each and will include a drink and a hotdog. Tickets will be on sale at the office from Monday. Children pre-booked into after school club do not need to pay to attend movie night.

Mums' Night Out - 30 January

The mums' night out will take place at Leoni's in Heaton Moor on Wednesday 30 January at 8pm. If you would like to go along please email the PTA.

Easyfundraising

We have had some great donations in via easyfundraising in the last few weeks and your online hopping has now raised £723.01 for PTA funds. If you are thinking about holidays log into easyfundraising first as lots of the hotel and travel companies are registered. One of our parents raised £45 last week by logging into easyfundraising before booking hotels using booking.com. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/. Pop into the office if you are unsure how to register.

SUPERSTARS

This week we celebrate Bella and Lily M who both play lacrosse for the U11s girls team at Heaton Mersey Lacrosse Club. In December they played in a tournament and their team won the whole thing! Their coach tells us that both were shining stars.

Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email:

office@stellamarisschool.co.uk



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNS EVERYDAY UNTIL 5.30PM

Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15
Choir - 12.15

Tuesday

Running Club - 8.15
Art Club - 12.15 - 1
Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30
(Pre-Prep—Yr 2)

Exam Club - 4pm

Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15

ICT Club - 4pm

Thursday

Making & Tasting - 8.15
Speech
Multi sports (Yrs 3-6) 3.05 - 4.30

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

TESCO



Pupils in Years 3 and 4 are off to Tesco Didsbury next week to take part in a Farm to Fork Trail. They will be looking at healthy eating, especially in relation to breakfast cereals. They will get the chance to make and taste their own cereal.

On 30 January it is the turn of our Pre-Prep pupils to go to Tesco to find out about how a supermarket operates and to learn more about fruit and vegetables.

We like our pupils to look smart at all times. Please can children wear school regulation hats only and navy, black or dark coloured school coats please.

Pupils in Miss Maiden's class surpassed all expectations when completing their homework tasks over the Christmas holidays. The homework, based on their Great Fire of London topic gave various options of work that the children could undertake. All of the class did excellent work but some of the children produced some amazing models and posters. Well done Years 1 and 2!



We welcome three new faces to our Pre-Prep 1 class this week; welcome to Theo, Francesca and Erin!



Year 6 have been out and about at entrance exams this week. Well done to all of them; we are very proud of them.

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY - 18 JANUARY

On Friday 18 January pupils in Year 5 will be hosting our morning assembly. Year 5 families are very welcome to attend. The assembly will start just after 9am and will last for approximately 15 minutes.

Happy birthday to Agatha who turned 8 on Tuesday and Zahra who turns 7 tomorrow - many happy returns!



Individual music lessons started again this week and speech lessons commence next week. Both Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Clark will issue bills directly to parents for lessons this term. Both have spaces so please let the office know if your child would like to take part in either activity.

Our school Heartstart programme will start again this term. The programme teaches children the basics of what to do in an emergency in Year 1 right through to CPR in Year 6. These are valuable skills for pupils to learn.

Diary Dates

16 Jan - Farm to Fork Trail (Yrs 3 and 4)

18 Jan - Year 5 Assembly

25 Jan - Once Upon a Smile assembly

25 Jan - PTA Movie Night

30 Jan - Farm, to Fork Trail (Pre-Prep)

4 Feb - Internet Safety Week

7 Feb - Basketball v St John's

14 Feb - Wear Red for Valentines

14 Feb - CiST KS2 Project

15 Feb - Year 3 Assembly