

This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been working hard at developing our Non-Verbal Reasoning skills. We have also got to grips with some fairly advanced ratio problems during our Maths lessons as well as improving the quality of our creative writing by using extended vocabulary. We had great fun reading our story introductions to children in younger classes and we enjoyed sharing our work with others.

Year 5 - in Maths we have been revising and consolidating equivalent fractions; learning how to reduce/cancel these fractions to their lowest terms. In Language we have been reading some informational texts about the moon. We have learnt lots of interesting facts and answered some rather challenging questions based on these extracts. This topic generated a lot of personal research into the solar system.

Year 3/4 - we have been looking at addition in Maths; practising our mental and written calculation techniques. In English we have started planning and writing our dramatic front pages reporting on the capture of the Iron Man based on our class text. In History, as part of our topic on the Romans, we have studied their great rivals: The Celts. In Science we have researched the correct names of the human bones, matching up the correct name to the bones on the skeleton.

Year 3 - in Maths, we have been learning about the properties of different 3D shapes and we have enjoyed learning new shapes such as tetrahedrons, octahedrons and prisms. In English we have been learning about the homophones there, their and they're and conjunctions - we have produced some beautiful leaf prints using paints in Art, researched some geographical features in different continents in Geography and found out about the Celts in History.

Year 1/2 - we have been inventing and writing about mischievous invisible friends! We've had some hilarious moments in class as some ideas have been read out! In Maths we have been focusing on place value and partitioning. In topic, we have continued making our Tudor houses.

We've also been architects and planned dream houses that could withstand a fire!

Pre-Prep - we have been thinking about hibernation, which animals do it and why! We've had fun making information books and building clay sculptures of hedgehogs, paintings of squirrels and models of bats! We've also had time to start learning the songs in preparation for the Harvest assembly.



Pictures of our invisible friends

STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Edward

Year 1/2

Ruslana

Jonty

Year 3

Max

Kanisha

Year 3/4

Thomas

Lily

Year 5

Sonny

Bradley

Year 6

Lotte

William

MARK: 200

MATTHEW: 220

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER

WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Bake Sale

We raised a massive £76.43 at the Bake Sale - thank you for your support. The money will be split between MacMillan and PTA funds.

Movie Night

Many thanks for supporting the Movie Night. We will confirm how much we raised next week.

Dads and Mums Nights Out

The first Dads night of the year will take place on Wednesday **3 October** in the Elizabethan. Contact is Clive 07974 568 219 The Mums night will be on Thursday **11 October** at the Heaton, contact is Sarah 07712 589 782.

Easyfundraising

We have received a cheque for just over £30 from Easyfundraising this week. If you shop online please register with easyfundraising and help raise money for school. It does not cost you a penny - you just need to remember to login before you shop!

Halloween Disco

Tickets will be on sale soon for our family Halloween Disco on **18 October**. Start thinking about your spooky costumes...

SUPERSTARS

This week we feature Lily, Lily-Mae and Oscar who all recently attended a magician's workshop at Magic World on Stockport Road. They had great fun learning tricks!

Please share with us details of your child's achievements 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)

Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15
ICT Club 3.05 - 4.05 (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

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

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6



Bags have been sent home this week for next month's Bag2School collection. To find out what you can donate please [click here](#). The collection will take place on **Wednesday 17 October**. You can drop bags into school from **Monday 15th October** - happy sorting!

We were delighted to welcome some very special visitors to school today; The Deputy Mayor, representatives from Massey and Harris who designed and built our new playground and planning expert Mrs Ludlam, to officially open our playground. The trustees, teachers and pupils all attended a special opening ceremony and were overjoyed to see the Deputy Mayor cut the ribbon and declare the playground open!



Children have the opportunity to design a Christmas card again this year. More news on this in the coming weeks.



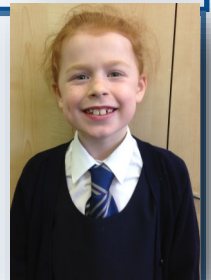
No birthdays in school this week.

We have some exciting class trips coming up this half term; Years 3 and 4 are off to Gusto to make pizzas and Years 1 and 2 are off to the Heatons Library. Next half term the whole school will be going to Cineworld Didsbury as part of the Into Film Festival. All of these trips are at no costs to parents.

All next week in breakfast club we will be preparing entries for the Howden's colouring competition, where children have to draw their favourite day out over Summer. We will deliver entries to Howden's next Friday. If your child would like to do their entry at home please collect an entry form from the office.

We've done some housekeeping today to check for lost property as we are having lots of reports of lost items. Some have turned up on other people's pegs - please can you check bags at home to make sure you only have your own child's belongings.

A very warm welcome to Cara who joined us this week in Year 4.



A special welcome to Mrs Helen Clark who will be delivering the Speech lessons after the half-term break. Mrs Clark was in school yesterday and met the staff and children. She was very impressed at the warm welcome she received. She is looking forward to taking up her position at Stella Maris. A letter with more details about the Speech lessons will be going home within the next week.

We are collecting produce for the Wellspring this Harvest time. Donations can be dropped into school from **Monday 1 October until Friday 12 October**. Wellspring has asked if we could provide items from the following - tinned meats, veg and meat soups, tinned fruit, pickle, sugar, biscuits, tinned desserts, shower gel, liquid soap, razors, roll on deodorants, coffee, cordial and mayonnaise. Our Harvest assembly will be on **Friday 12 October**. It will be hosted by Jill Elston from CiST and the children will entertain us with some lovely Harvest inspired songs. Parents welcome to attend.



Diary Dates

Our key dates document can now be downloaded from our website and hard copies were sent home on Monday.

6 Oct - Open Morning

9 Oct - Individual school photos

11 Oct - Yrs 3 and 4 trip to Gusto

12 Oct - Harvest Assembly (parents welcome)

17 Oct - Bag2School

collection

17 Oct - Year 1/2 Library Trip

18 Oct - Halloween Family Disco

19 Oct - Break up for Half Term