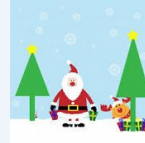




## This week in school...



**Year 6** - we have been very busy in Year 6. We wrote some lovely stories in our English lessons and we are working at the skill of being able to write a complete story in 25 minutes in order to be ready for the story writing section of the Grammar School exams. In Maths we have been working out some very difficult calculations in our head and not being allowed to do any working out on paper. We have also been looking at equations for decoding problems and three step questions. As well as all of this academic work we have been having lots of fun getting our songs and readings ready for the concert next week. We brought a lot of Christmas cheer to the residents of Abney Court yesterday when we entertained them with some beautiful Christmas music and songs.

**Year 5** - we have been revising perimeter and area, writing formulae for regular polygons and finding an unknown side in complex shapes using the given numerical information. In Language we have been reading extracts from the classic story 'The Railway Children' by E Nesbit. We then answered some very challenging questions on the story. As well as working hard in class we have also been practising all of our songs and musical arrangements for next week's Christmas Concert.

**Year 3/4** - in English, we have been working on our reading comprehension skills. We have been learning all about 'inference and deduction' using the clues from the text to help us answer challenging questions. In Maths, we have continued our problem solving work. We are learning how to carefully read the question before beginning, looking out for the key words to help us. We have learnt all about the Nativity and written some amazing newspaper front pages describing the events. We've also found time to design our own advent calendars and perfect our singing for next week's concert.

**Year 3** - in English, we have been reading fact files for animals that live in the Arctic then we have used our word processing skills to produce our own fact files on the laptop computers. In Maths, we have continued our work on solving addition and subtraction problems and we have had fun solving addition pyramid puzzles. We are also working very hard as we are practising singing songs for the Christmas concert.

**Year 1/2** - we have used the story of 'The Family Who Lived in a Snow Globe' as a writing prompt. We have been thinking about what it would be like to live in a snow globe and we have used our senses to think up descriptive similes and words. In Maths we have been focusing on time. We have been thinking about the months of the year, and we have linked this into our Science topic on seasonal changes.

**Pre-Prep** - Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! The pirates have landed! What a perfect end to a pirate filled week. We've followed the clues around the school to find treasure and will share the loot between us! We enjoyed making our pirate grog (hot chocolate) and singing pirate songs. But we have to climb onboard again now and sail off to seas unknown! Farewell me hearties!

Pre-Prep's amazing whale!



## STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

### Pre-Prep

Leyla

### Year 1/2

Ayla

Jonty

### Year 3

Max

Zoha

### Year 3/4

William

Lily

### Year 5

Oscar

Uzair

### Year 6

Emma

William

MARK: 253

MATTHEW: 246

MARK IS THE WINNER WELL DONE!

## PTA NEWS

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Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

### Christmas Fair and Raffle

A BIG thank you for your support at the Christmas Fair. We have raised nearly £800 for PTA funds. We sold some raffle tickets at the fair but we will be selling more at the concert on Wednesday night. We have some amazing prizes including a £50 John Lewis voucher, a £50 voucher for Kjole, champagne and chocolates and lots more! The raffle will be drawn on Friday 14 December in assembly.

### Mums' Night Out - 19 December

The mums' Christmas night out is on **Wednesday 19 December** at Roost. Please contact Sarah at the PTA email address if you'd like to go along.

### Easyfundraising

The fundraising keeps on going! If you haven't registered yet, it's a great way to raise money for the PTA if you shop online. Log into Easyfundraising before you shop. Visit

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/)



# SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to Rose who came 3rd in her age group at Lions Ski School for a series of ski races throughout 2018.

It's also a big well done to our three Pre-Prep ballerinas, Alys, Leyla and Reeva who are all doing well with their dancing.

Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email: [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto: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 (Hockey v St John's)

### Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15  
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT **SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Our Christmas Concert takes place on Wednesday 12 December at St John's Church starting at 7pm.

Please ensure you collect your tickets from the office by 9am on Monday. We will respond to requests for additional tickets on Monday.



Children need to be dropped at school at 6.45pm on Wednesday. Families are then invited to take their seats at St John's Church.

The PTA will be selling raffle tickets at the concert so please remember your pennies if you would like to take part in the raffle.



Refreshments will be served in the school hall after the concert.

Year 6 enjoyed spreading the Christmas cheer at Abney Court Care Home this week. They performed lots of carols and played instruments for residents, staff and visitors.



Primary Sports has organised a hockey match against St John's after school on Thursday for junior pupils who attend the sports club. A letter will go home on Monday about this. Pick up will be from Stella Maris at 4.30pm.

## Pantomime

On Tuesday we welcome Chaplin's Pantomimes for our annual panto. The PTA has again agreed to subsidise the event so the tickets are just £5 each. Please purchase a ticket for your child from the office. We will again be joined by children from local nurseries.



Our Pre-Prep pirates enjoyed a super treasure hunt around school today! Shiver me timbers!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Dave Rigg who has recently been appointed by the Trustees as our new Caretaker. He will commence his duties on Monday and looks forward to working at Stella Maris.



We will be hosting a festive buffet lunch for pupils on Monday 17 Dec. More details in next week's newsletter.

No birthdays in school this week.

## Diary Dates

11 Dec - Chaplin's Christmas Panto

12 Dec - Christmas Concert 7pm

13 Dec - Pre-Prep and Yrs 1 & 2 - CiST Christmas Workshop

17 Dec - Christmas Buffet Lunch

18 Dec - Yrs 1&2 trip to Staircase House

18 Dec - Yr 5&6 singing carols at Priestnall Court

19 Dec - finish for Christmas hols at 12 noon

Please can we reiterate that we are a nut-free school. Children should not bring nuts or products containing nuts to school. This includes Nutella and peanut butter.

