

## This week in school...

**Year 6** - in our Language lessons we have been reading and writing personification poems and looking at how poets and writers use imagery, metaphors and personification in their writing. We have also been busy revising all key skills linked to the four rules of fractions.

**Year 5** - we have been writing spooky, scary stories about 'A Noise in the Attic'. We have been using lots of figurative language to bring our ideas to life and create an atmosphere of suspense for the reader. In Maths we have been continuing our work on fractions. We have been working hard practising our songs and ukulele skills in preparation for the Harvest Assembly.

**Year 3/4** - in English, we have worked hard on our *Iron Man* class text. We have produced dramatic newspaper reports on the arrival of the Space Dragon. In Maths we have cemented our understanding of column subtraction and are now dealing with borrowing. In History, we have retold the Roman myth of Romulus and Remus. We are now editing our work on the laptops. The highlight of our week was our trip to Gusto—read all about it over the page.

**Year 3** - in English, we have been extending our vocabulary by learning lots of different synonyms. In Maths, we have been counting on in steps of 1, 10 and 100 from different starting points on a number line. On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to Gusto, an Italian restaurant in Didsbury Village. Read more about this over the page.



Our Open Day tour guides did a great job!

**Year 1/2** - we have been looking at the fantasy story 'Beegu'. We've explored all of the different ways that we can identify whether a story is a fantasy or not. In Maths, Year 2 have been mastering 'hills and smiles' to help them do two digit addition. Year 1 have been focusing on Number Bond fact families. In Science we've been learning about animal classification which we have

really enjoyed. In Topic we've made roofs for our Tudor houses and we composed musical pieces to represent fire.

**Pre-Prep** - anyone for porridge? "Yes please" says Pre-Prep! We've had fun this week finding out about the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*—what a cheeky little girl she was! Plus we've been sorting bowls, spoons, chairs and bears into size sets. We've also continued our art lessons with Mrs Baldwin, only one more week until our 'Harvest moon' display should be finished.

## STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

**Pre-Prep**

Norah

**Year 1/2**

Zahra

Sofia

**Year 3**

Dieter

Kanisha

**Year 3/4**

Megan

Lily

**Year 5**

Sonny

Zak

**Year 6**

Emma

Sonia

**MARK:** 230

**MATTHEW:** 242

**MATTHEW IS THE WINNER**

**WELL DONE!**

## PTA NEWS

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### Halloween Family Disco

Tickets on sale NOW for our Halloween Disco which is on **Thursday 18 October** from 6pm until 7.30pm. Priced at just £4 they include a drink, spooky games and lots of spooky

dancing! Parents can come for free! Fancy dress is a must (for the children at least!). Our monthly bake sale will be at the disco.

### Family Sponsored Welly Walk

Our sponsored welly walk, raising money for charity Once Upon a Smile, will take place on Saturday **17 November**. Sponsor forms will be sent home before half term. This is a charity that is very dear to school as one of our pupils has benefitted greatly from the support offered, so we hope that as many families as possible are able to take part in the walk.

### Easyfundraising

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!

Don't forget - Bag2School collection on **Wednesday 17 October!**

# SUPERSTARS

This week we feature Konstantinos who passed his advanced level 7 in skiing - just one level to go and he's only 4 years old! We also feature Louisa who was player of the week at Toc H Rugby Club. These pre-preppers are very sporty! Please share details of your child's achievements 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)

## 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

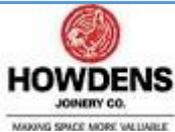


Don't forget our Bag2School collection takes place on **Wednesday 17 October**. For a reminder of what you can donate [click here](#).

Please can all school photo orders be back at the office by **Wednesday 17 October**.

Years 3 and 4 visited Gusto Italian Restaurant in Didsbury this week as part of their focus on healthy eating. They learnt lots about the different food groups and about lots of Italian food and they played a game where they had to touch and smell some herbs to identify what they were. They enjoyed choosing their own pizza toppings including pineapple, sweetcorn and mushrooms and designing their own pizzas before watching them bake in the huge, incredibly hot pizza oven! After devouring the pizzas, they caught the bus back to school. It was an excellent hands on, fun activity.

Gusto are taking part in a Halloween pumpkin trail on Wednesday **31st October** - it starts at their Didsbury restaurant at 5pm and is free of charge.



Well done to Year 2 pupil Zahra who won the second prize in the Howdens colouring competition with her drawing of a family get-together at Center Parcs.

We had a lovely Harvest Assembly this morning and we are overwhelmed by the number of donations for the Wellspring - well done boys and girls and Mrs Elston! We will be delivering the produce on Monday so you still have time to send in donations if you haven't had a chance to do so yet.



No birthdays in school this week.

## VOLUNTEER



We are looking for parent/family

helpers for Miss Maiden's class trip to the library on Wednesday 17 October. You would need to be at school at 9am to help walk pupils to and from the library which is just over a mile from school. You should arrive back at school before 12 noon. Please can you let the office know asap if you can help out.

We finish on Friday 19 October for Half Term. School reopens on Monday 5 November.

We are still finding uniform that isn't labelled. If you have lost a size 28 jumper with no name in this is at the office for collection.

Well done to class of 2018 pupil Anna Stevens who played several musical solos at Stockport Grammar's recent Open Day. Her mum tells us she is settling in nicely to life at secondary school.



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



## Diary Dates

**17 Oct** - Bag2School collection  
**17 Oct** - Year 1/2 Library Trip  
**18 Oct** - Halloween Family Disco

**19 Oct** - Break up for Half Term  
**5 Nov** - Remembrance Craft Project  
**7 Nov** - Pre-Prep Library Trip

**8 Nov** - House Spelling Bee  
**9 Nov** - Yr 6 Assembly  
**13 Nov** - Parrs Wood Lights switch on