



This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been working through our Maths objectives and ticking off all the skills which we are secure in and updating our assessment charts. We are using this knowledge to extend our calculations when solving complex problems. We are also challenging ourselves to learn our tables up to 19 x19 and beyond! We are discovering all the short cuts and the mathematical connections in the patterns when working with larger times tables. In our Language lessons we are continuing our work on performance poetry and looking at the skills needed when learning poetry by heart. The grammar schools' interviews are continuing but we are feeling very confident now, having done lots of practice in class. We also found time to enjoy the excitement of the snow and wrote some entertaining stories about being "snowed in at school!"

Year 5 - in RE this week we have been learning about people from the Bible and from the present day who have made a difference to our World by what they have done unselfishly with no gain or merit for themselves. In Maths we have been continuing our work on the multiplication of fractions, taking our calculations to a higher level. In Language we have been writing stories based on a snow theme, using exciting ideas and figurative language to add interest.

Year 3/4 - we used the cold weather as some great source material to write detailed non-chronological reports all about winter. In Maths, we have sharpened up our division skills and are beginning to use them on larger numbers. In our topic on the history of pirates, we have been finding out all about pirate ships, learning lots of new vocabulary, such as crow's nest, rigging and deck.

Year 3 - in English, we have continued to read our class text, 'Leon and the Place Between' and we have used our imaginations to write a newspaper report about the disappearance of one of the characters in the story. In Maths, we have been working on developing our written methods for multiplying larger numbers by using the grid method. We have started to use written methods for dividing too. We also carried out a Science experiment to create a chemical reaction between bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to produce carbon dioxide in a plastic bottle. We enjoyed using red food colouring and washing-up liquid to make it look like a volcano was erupting!

Year 1/2 - we have detoured from nonsense poetry into acrostic poetry. We have decided to use winter as a theme. We have started our times tables tests on Fridays with some very pleasing results. In topic, we have flown to Asia and have really enjoyed looking at India, Japan and China. We found out some fascinating facts!

Pre-Prep - what a super snowy week we have had. We had so much fun on Wednesday in the snow building snowmen and snowwomen and making snow angels! Inside we have enjoyed some delicious Polish Nalesniki (pancakes) thanks to Mrs Herok. Next week we have Welsh cakes to look forward to courtesy of Mrs Jones, all as part of our ongoing topic of 'family foods'.



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep	Year 3/4
Edward	Thomas
Year 1/2	Cara
Oskar	Year 5
Jake	Hadi
Year 3	Uzair
Lily	Year 6
Charlie	Emma
	Bella

MARK: 185 **MATTHEW:** 197
MATTHEW IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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 Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

Movie Night

We raised over £100 - thank you for supporting.

Dads' Night Out - 7 February

The Dads will be meeting up at the Elizabethan.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to the three people who signed up this week - we now have 27 people supporting Stella Maris through easyfundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/. Pop into the office if you are unsure of how to register. Tell your relatives too - it's a great way for people to support the school from afar!

Bag2school

We have our next Bag2School collection booked for **Tuesday 18 June**. Please keep saving your unwanted clothes, bedding, towels, shoes etc ready for then.



SUPERSTARS

This week's superstar is Alys who make a beautiful owl at a recent pottery making session. Well done Alys! Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email: office@stellamarisschool.co.uk



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15
Choir - 12.15

Tuesday

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

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

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 are enjoying working with our Art Teacher, Mrs Baldwin. Each class enjoys half a term of lessons with Mrs Baldwin each year. Years 3 and 4 are focusing on the artist, Georgia O'Keefe, and are using different techniques to create floral artwork.



The local Rotary Club are again organising a charity swimathon on Saturday 23 March and we are hoping to be able to put a team in. A team can have 4-6 members who take it in turns to swim as many lengths of the pool as they can in 50 minutes. If any children or parents/friends of Stella Maris would like to take part please email Mrs Farrelly asap



Pre-Prep enjoyed nalesniki - Polish pancakes courtesy of Mrs Herok!

Next week we will be focusing on internet safety. Mr Brown has devised lots of different activities for the whole school. On **Thursday 7 February** he will be hosting an internet safety awareness session for parents/guardians in his classroom at 3.15pm. Please do come along to learn about the latest safety warnings and tips to keep children safe online.

Unfortunately the bad weather stopped our trip to Tesco. We are trying to rearrange and we will let you know the new date.

We managed to stay open despite the snow - well done to all of our staff and families who were able to get into school on Wednesday. We will send a text message if we have to close due to weather so please do make sure we have the correct mobile number for you. If you haven't received any text messages from school this week then please let the office have your number.



We made yummy smoothies in before school club this morning using frozen pineapple, orange juice, banana and water. Next week we will try a different fruit combination.



Happy birthday to Thomas who turned 8 on Monday. We hope you had a lovely day!



On **Thursday 7 February** pupils who attend the junior sports club will be going to St John's School to take part in a friendly basketball game. Consent forms will be sent home to parents on Monday - please can you return them asap.



Diary Dates

- 4 Feb - Internet Safety Week
- 7 Feb - Basketball v St John's
- 7 Feb - internet safety talk for parents/guardians
- 8 Feb - PTA Bake Sale
- 13 Feb - Years 1 and 2 - Gusto

- 14 Feb - Pre-Prep - Chinatown
- 14 Feb - Wear Red for Valentines
- 14 Feb - CiST KS2 Project
- 15 Feb - Year 3 Assembly
- 15 Feb - break up for half term
- 24 Feb - school reopens