

This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been exploring difficult number sequences and looking at how our recognition skills can be implemented when facing complex examination questions. We have also been developing key Verbal Reasoning skills and investigating how the same questions can be asked in different formats. We are polishing up our examination techniques and gaining lots of confidence. In our Music lessons we have also been busy practising the ukuleles for a guest performance at our Harvest Assembly next Friday.

Year 5 - we have been writing stories based on 'The Moon' for a classroom display. Our focus was to write creatively and descriptively to engage the reader. In class we have been working hard on challenging Non-Verbal Reasoning questions; learning the different question types and developing strategies to find the correct answers. Lots of mental arithmetic, especially the familiarisation of fractions, has been taking place in our Maths lessons.

Year 3/4 - In Maths we have been learning about subtraction. We are now more confident dealing with larger numbers. The story writing skills we have been practising are beginning to show in our improved stories in English. We are really enjoying planning and writing our own creations. In Geography we have been learning about capital cities using our atlas skills. In History we have learnt about Roman mosaics and started creating our own in class.

Year 3 - we have been working hard at finding 10 and 100 more/less than a given number in our maths work. In English, we have come to the end of reading the 'Fantastic Mr Fox' which we have thoroughly enjoyed and we have started to learn about fronted adverbials to give more information to our sentences. In Geography, we have been locating major cities in the world and in History, we have started to learn about Roman mosaics.

Year 1/2 - we have moved into the land of Fantasy in English. We've been looking at the story of 'Croc and Bird' - two unlikely friends. We have started planning our own Fantasy story about two unlikely friends! In Maths we've been thinking about addition and we've been using part, part, whole models to help us work out calculations. In topic we have carried on with our Tudor houses and we've been learning how to sing in a round by using the song 'London's Burning'.

Pre-Prep - we have been thinking about the season of Autumn. We went on an autumn walk, finding and collecting leaves, conkers, beech nuts and lots of other treasures! We are going to use these in our autumn sculpture and to do some Maths work on sizes, shapes and making sets. Keep a look out over the weekend for more things to add to our autumn collection.



Robot fun at Before School Club

STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep	Year 3/4
Konstantinos	William
Year 1/2	Cara
Elizabeth	Year 5
Jake	Oscar
Year 3	Eason
Lily	Year 6
Charlie	Holly
	Bella

MARK: 173

MATTHEW: 183

**MATTHEW IS THE WINNER
WELL DONE!**

PTA NEWS

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Halloween Family Disco

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 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.

Movie Night

We raised over £100 at our recent movie night.

Mums Nights Out

The Mums night will be on **Thurs 11 October** at the Heaton, contact is Sarah 07712 589 782.

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!

New Toys

PTA funds have recently been used to buy some Lego, cars and mini figures for Before School Club.

SUPERSTARS

This week we feature Max who has been taking part in a climbing club and, by the look of how far up the wall he is, he's definitely got the hang of it already!

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

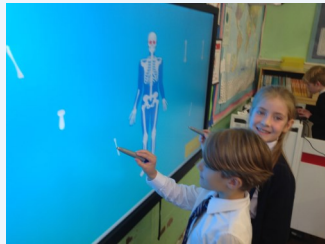
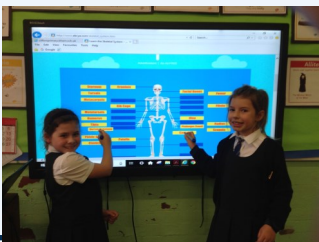
Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6



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

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about the human skeleton and the correct names of the bones using an online game.



We use your child's Reading Record Book as a communication tool for teachers and parents/guardians. Please can you make sure that you read it and sign it each evening and that it is returned to school each day. You can also use it to pass on information to your child's teacher.



A BIG thank you to Alys and her mum for putting together our superb Harvest display. Please help us fill the table with produce, we are collecting for the Wellspring. Donations can be dropped into school **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.



All this week in Before School Club we have been producing lovely pictures of our favourite day over the Summer to submit to the colouring competition run by kitchen and joinery specialists, Howdens. Mrs Farrelly dropped our entries in yesterday and they are now nicely displayed in the Howdens showroom on Whitehill Industrial Estate in Reddish.



To Holly who turns 11 on Sunday.

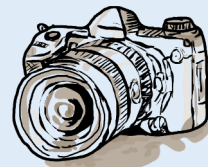
VOLUNTEER



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.

Say CHEESE

On Tuesday we will be welcoming a photographer from Tempest to take individual school photos. Please can all pupils have the correct uniform with them and can hair be neat and tidy.



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



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