



Weekly Star 2018/19

This week in school...

Year 6 - we have continued to prepare for our senior school interviews and have enjoyed learning about the interviewing process during our literacy lessons. We have practised interviewing each other and prepared lots of interesting questions which we are planning to ask the interviewers at the end of our interviews. Mrs Johnson has taught us what to do and not do during interviews and we had great fun interviewing our parents for a homework activity earlier in the week. We are working on key skills for confident speaking and our focus is on clarity and fluency when speaking aloud. In other subjects we have also worked hard and enjoyed thinking about new starts in our RE lessons.

Year 5 - we have been busy preparing for our assembly. We have practised readings, poems and hymns to tell the audience all about New Year Resolutions and how small changes can create a big difference. We have also been working very hard in our Maths and Language lessons. In Science we have been researching Albert Einstein.

Year 3/4 - we have continued our non-chronological reports all about beavers. We have learnt how to use a range of conjunctions to make more complex, interesting sentences. In Maths, we are becoming more confident with our written multiplication techniques. Regular repetition is allowing us to deal with more complex numbers easily. In geography, we have been learning all about the structure of volcanoes. We have also been monitoring our Science investigation into how liquids affect teeth.

Year 3 - in English, we have been using our senses to write descriptions and we have been looking at how short simple sentences can be used to create suspense. In Maths, we have continued to learn our times tables and we have been practising doubling numbers to help us with the 4 and 8 times tables. In Geography, we have been busy creating a collage of an active volcano for our classroom display to help us to learn the different features of a volcano. We have also enjoyed learning about Georgia O'Keefe in our Art lesson with Mrs Baldwin, producing beautiful pastel flower pictures. Finally,

following our topic on Healthy Eating, we found out about the sugar content in our favourite cereals and made our own healthy muesli at Tesco!

Year 1/2 - we have been getting ourselves into a tangle with tongue twisters and nonsense poems in English. In Maths, we

have carried on with multiplication in Year 1 and we have used repeated addition to help us understand the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 2 we have been looking at word problems involving multiplication and division for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. In topic, we have been in Europe this week and we have looked at the UK, France and Italy. We concluded our tour with a European food tasting on Thursday.

Pre-Prep - we have begun some work on the story of *Handa's Surprise*. We have also been playing in the café we set up last week and have found time to start on a 'winter sculpture'. A big well done to all of the new children who are now much more settled, thanks in part to their lovely Year 6 buddies!



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep	Year 3/4
Angus	Megan
Year 1/2	Enzo
Clementine	Year 5
Dhilan	EVERYBODY
Year 3	Year 6
Eva	Holly
Zoha	James

MARK: 194

MATTHEW: 221

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER
WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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News & Events

Movie Night - Friday 25 January

Children can vote for the movie to be shown from next week. Tickets are £4 each and include a drink and a hotdog (meat or veggie). Tickets on sale at the office from Monday. Children pre-booked into after school club do not need to pay to attend movie night.

Dads' Night Out - 7 February

The Dads will be meeting up at the Elizabethan for this term's night out.

Mums' Night Out - 30 January

The mums' night out will take place at Leoni's in Heaton Moor on Wednesday 30 January at 8pm. If you would like to go along please email the PTA.

Easyfundraising

If you are thinking about holidays log into easyfundraising first as lots of the hotel and travel companies are registered. Visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/

Pop into the office if you are unsure how to register.

SUPERSTARS

This week we celebrate Bradley who has discovered a passion for running and he's also found out that he's really rather good at it! He has been taking part in junior parkrun at Platt Fields on Sunday mornings - last week he finished in fourth place out of a field of 90 runners! He ran 2k in a speedy 8 minutes 24 seconds - WOW! Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email: office@stellamarisschool.co.uk



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

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

Invoices have now gone home for the Spring term activities. Please could you ensure prompt payment, thank you.

Years 3 and 4 had a great visit to Tesco East Didsbury. Using the food scanner app they learnt all about how much sugar was in breakfast cereals. They then made their own cereals using natural ingredients.



Pupils in Miss Maiden's class had fun trying food from different European countries.



Year 5 treated us to a very informative and thought provoking assembly all about New Year resolutions. We have uploaded an abbreviated video to our [YouTube channel](#). If any Year 5 parents would like the full, unedited version please email the office.



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 lindsey.farrelly@stellamarisschool.co.uk



Pupils in Year 6 have been in and out of school this week attending interviews at the local grammar schools - good luck boys and girls!

Our friends at Gusto in Didsbury (www.gustorestaurants.uk.com/offers/january-sale/) and The Heaton Pub on Didsbury Road have asked us to let you know that they are both offering 50% off food throughout January (booking essential, check their websites for T&Cs).

We understand that there have been a couple of incidents around Priestnall Road before and after school where children have had mobile telephones stolen. The police are asking everybody in the area to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity.

We've been busy booking trips for the coming half term. Pre-Prep are the busiest with a trip to Tesco and a trip to China Town coming up. Years 1 and 2 are off to Gusto to make pizza. If you are free to help on school trips please let the office know - it always helps to have a few extra pairs of hands. For details of the dates see the [school calendar](#).

Happy birthday to Sonia who is 11 today, Hadi who was 10 on Tuesday, Matilda who turns 5 on Monday and Alys who turns 5 tomorrow - have fun celebrating!



Diary Dates

- 25 Jan - Once Upon a Smile assembly
- 25 Jan - PTA Movie Night
- 30 Jan - Farm, to Fork Trail (Pre-Prep)
- 4 Feb - Internet Safety Week
- 7 Feb - Basketball v St

John's

- 13 Feb - Years 1 and 2 - Gusto
- 14 Feb - Pre-Prep - Chinatown
- 14 Feb - Wear Red for Valentines
- 14 Feb - CiST KS2 Project