



Weekly Star 2018/19

This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been working hard revising all our key skills in preparation for the Trafford 11+ exams which will be taking place soon. We are also working at polishing our exam technique and strategies to help us prepare well. In other areas of the Curriculum we have been learning about Rainforests in Geography and have prepared a lovely wall display on our ambitions and hopes for the future. What a busy week!

Year 5 - we have been discussing and writing about our ambitions and dreams. In Maths we have been challenging ourselves with lots of oral and mental calculations increasing in speed and accuracy. In Science we are learning about the Solar System investigating the characteristics of each planet.

Year 3/4 - in English, we have written an excellent opening to the story of Rapunzel. We have applied two new and important concepts in our work: Similes and fronted adverbials. In Maths we have improved our counting in multiples extending to larger numbers 4,8,50 and 100. In History we have used ICT to design an exciting front cover for our Roman topic books and performed research into the different parts of a Roman soldier's uniform.

Year 3 - in English, we have continued to read *The Fantastic Mr Fox* and we have looked closely at the text to help us to write wonderful descriptions of some of the main characters in the story. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers and working out the values of each digit within a number. We had a great time learning about Roman soldiers and we developed our ICT skills by inserting text and pictures into a title page for this new topic.



Year 1/2 - in English we've had a fantastic time looking at the very funny story 'Not Now Bernard'. In Maths we have been working on Number Fact Families. We've continued our topic on The Great Fire of London—we created a timeline and in Art we used pastels to create Tudor houses. A great second week for us all!



Pre-Prep - we have been thinking about the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We really enjoyed baking some yummy bread on Thursday and building models of the windmill today. We also had our first art lesson with Mrs Baldwin on Tuesday where we painted a wax resist 'Harvest Night Sky'! A busy but fun week!



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Louisa

Year 1/2

Oskar

Carla

Year 3

Eva

Rose

Year 3/4

Agatha

Enzo

Year 5

Hadi

Zak

Year 6

EVERYBODY

MARK: 204

MATTHEW: 200

MARK IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

Bake Sale

Our bake sale will take place on Friday 21 September in the school hall from 3.05pm. The proceeds will be split between MacMillan Cancer Care and PTA Funds. Cakes/savouries/fruit donations welcome in school on the morning of 21 Sept.

Movie Night

Our first fundraising event is a movie night which will take place on Friday 28 September from 3.05pm until 5pm. Children can vote for the movie they want to watch. Voting will start next week and the choices are Finding Dory, The Incredibles, Lego Ninjago and Aladdin. Tickets are just £4 and will be available from the office next week. They include a hot dog (meat or veggie) drink and chocolate treat.

Playground equipment

We have funded some new sponge and lightweight balls and hula hoops to be used at PE and playtimes.

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!

SUPERSTARS

This week's superstar is William. He was promoted to advanced bambinos at his karting lessons meaning he can now drive on the inside adult track! Well done William - what great skills you have!

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
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



We raise money for school by donating unwanted clothing to Bag2School who pay 40p per tonne. Our next collection is **Wednesday 17 Oct**. To find out what you can donate please [click here](#). We will send donation bags home soon but donations can be made in any bag (even black bin bags) so if you are having a clear out please bag unwanted items ready for the collection.

Speech Update

Speech lessons are scheduled to start after the half-term break. Our previous Speech Teacher, Holley Brown, has decided to pursue her ambitions to become a qualified primary school teacher and for that reason will be leaving us to follow her dream. We will miss her very much and wish her well for the future. We are currently appointing a new teacher to deliver the weekly Speech lessons and prepare the children for the LAMDA exams in the Summer Term. As soon as we have confirmed this appointment we will inform you.

Mrs Johnson

Pupils in Year 6 have been given official roles of responsibility now that they are the oldest children in the school. Taking up these roles helps prepare them for secondary school and they provide excellent assistance to the staff. We are delighted to announce Bella will be our Sports Captain, Lotte and Sonia will be our House Captains, Emma and Holly take the role of Head Girl and Deputy and James and William take the roles of Head Boy and Deputy. Congratulations Year 6 and good luck for the year ahead. We also wish them luck for the 11+ exams that some of them are sitting this month.



Please can all flu immunisation forms be returned to the office by **Monday 17 September**.

If you have unwanted toys we would make great use of them in before and after school club. We would love some cars, jigsaws or play figures. We are fine for games at the moment thanks. 



to Louisa who turned 5 and Reeva who was 4 this week!

ICT Club starts on **Weds 19 Sept** for Years 3 to 5. All children should have received a letter. The club will run from 3.05 until 4.05pm.

Uniform

Please can all uniform items be labelled with your child's name and please can you check the uniform your child brings home to make sure it is theirs! Also, coats and cardigans/jumpers are essential every day please as the weather is very changeable.



Open Morning

Our Autumn Open Morning will take place on Saturday 6 October from 10am until 12noon. Please help spread the word - we have some posters that can be displayed in work places and in your car window if you fancy - please collect one from the office if you can help.

We welcomed Jill Elston from Christians in Schools Trust (CiST) to our assembly this morning. Jill talked about books and how lots of famous stories can teach us lots about morals. She shared with us an extract from her favourite story, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Diary Dates

Next week we will issue you with a schedule setting out key events for this academic year. In the newsletter each week we will include key dates

for events over the next few weeks. All dates are on the website too.
21 Sept - PTA Bake Sale
28 Sept - PTA Movie Night
6 Oct - Open Morning

12 Oct - Harvest Assembly (parents welcome)
17 Oct - Bag2School collection
17 Oct - Year 1/2 Library Trip