



This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been very busy getting to grips with our debating skills and being "Prime Minister" for the day. We looked at some of the big issues in our country and at possible solutions for improving them as part of our "British Values Project." We impressed ourselves and Mrs Johnson with some of the ideas we produced and worked on the skills of looking at topics from varying viewpoints, putting our arguments across in a clear and coherent way and most importantly, listening to each other! We have been developing our skills of working with complex numbers and operations in mental arithmetic lessons and challenging ourselves to work out all the parts of the sums in our heads without writing anything on paper - and they were very big numbers!

Year 5 - in Maths we have been working on the addition and subtraction of decimals to three decimal places. We have also been comparing, ordering, rounding and relating decimals to fractions. In our Language lessons we have been revising lots of tricky and challenging aspects of grammar and punctuation. In our Music lessons we have now learnt SEVEN chords. We are using these chords to help us play tunes on the ukulele. In History we are learning about Georgian society.

Year 3/4 - in English, we have been researching about the amazing characteristics of the barn owl. Next week we will use the information to create non-chronological reports. In Maths we have continued our work on division, becoming more confident with our understanding of the 'bus shelter method'. We revised hard for our Science test and Mr Brown was very impressed with our knowledge of food groups, teeth and the skeleton. We also enjoyed all of our work as part of e-safety week and we are now more aware of how to stay safe when using technology.

Year 3 - We have been busy this week preparing for our Class Assembly. We have been discussing the qualities of a good friend, reading different poems about friendship and writing our own poems about how to be a good friend. We have also typed up our poems on the laptop computers. In Maths, we have been drawing our own pictographs and interpreting data. In our Art lessons with Mrs Baldwin, we have been creating wonderful flower prints and in our ICT lessons with Mr Brown, we have been learning about Internet Safety.

Year 1/2 - we've been in Antarctica learning about the windiest, coldest continent on earth. We have been fascinated by emperor penguins, Ernest Shackleton and scientists! We have also been looking at traditional tales in English with some fantastic drama skills displayed. In Maths, Year 2 have started on fractions and Year 1 have been looking at greater than and less than with the help of crocodiles!

Pre-Prep - we have been working hard in our number work - finding 1 more and 1 fewer with numbers to 20. We've also been working on our independent writing skills, trying to remember to use finger spaces between words. We've also been building igloos using a rather unusual building material can you guess what it is? Here's some cubes - it's a cube, it's edible, you can put it in your cup of tea!?



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep	Year 3/4
Reeva	Agatha
Year 1/2	Enzo
Zahra	Year 5
Jonty	Osi
Year 3	Eason
Dieter	Year 6
Kanisha	Holly
	James

MARK: 246

MATTHEW: 248

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Bake Sale

Thank you to everybody who supported today's bake sale. We will confirm how much we raised next week.

Wear Red for Valentines

Our next fundraiser is on **Thursday 14 February** when pupils can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation to PTA funds. If possible if they could incorporate some red into their outfit that would be brilliant!

PTA Funds

Funds from the PTA are funding the transport for next week's trips to Chinatown and Gusto.

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 superstars are Ruslana and Theo. Ruslana passed her next grade in ballet at the Royal Academy of Dance and was awarded a gold medal and a distinction! Theo got busy in the kitchen with grandma making cakes - he's a fantastic chef!

- Email: office@stellamarisschool.co.uk with details of what your children are up to outside of school.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15
Speech
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
Multi sports (Yrs 3-6) 3.05 - 4.30

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

Final call for the swimathon team - Saturday 23 March. If you would like to get involved please let Mrs Farrelly know.



All of this week we have been focusing on staying safe online. Pupils have been learning about what constitutes personal information and what information they should never share online. They have also been looking at the concept of cyber bullying and discussing case studies to decide if they constitute cyber bullying.



Pre-Prep had a lovely visit from Leyla's nanna today who brought them some homemade Irish soda bread to try. As part of their topic on family heritage through food they have been trying different foods that are family favourites. Read more about it on our website.



Pupils in Years 3 and 4 produced some amazing floral prints this week in their art lesson with Mrs Baldwin. They are getting to grips with some interesting techniques - this week using an ink tray and roller.



Promoting Healthy Living

At breaktimes we encourage healthy snacks so either fruit or vegetables. Please can children bring a bottle of water (not juice) each day to school.

If you have not yet paid for this term's speech lessons please can you arrange payment as soon as possible.

On Thursday mornings we are serving toast or smoothies this term to give the children an opportunity to try spreading margarine and other toppings and for them to try making their own smoothies. If your child wants to get involved they need to be in school before 8.30.

Well done to our junior sports club who narrowly beat St John's in a basketball match this week.



No birthdays in school this week.



Diary Dates

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 - Yr 3 Assembly

15 Feb - break up for half term

24 Feb - school reopens

27 Feb - Pre-Prep Tesco Farm to Fork Trail

1 Mar - CiST Assembly

2 Mar - Open Morning

6 Mar - Yr 1 and 2 Tesco Farm to Fork Trail