



This week in school...

Year 6 - we have been looking at revision techniques and how to increase our concentration during revision lessons. Some of us are busy preparing for the final 11+ exams in Trafford this weekend and from next week the focus will be on preparation for the January 11+ exams for the Manchester and Stockport Grammar Schools. However, as well as all the detailed Maths, English and Verbal Reasoning practice we are very engaged in our Creative Curriculum lessons too. During Music lessons we are continuing to make excellent progress with the ukuleles and we produced some fabulous artwork for a classroom display during our recent Art lesson.

Year 5 - we have been working on setting our personal targets in English and Maths. In Language we have been reading 'Time Trouble' by Penelope Lively. In Maths we have been revising square and cubic numbers, understanding them and being able to remember them at speed and out of order.

Year 3/4 - we have been working on our Maths targets. The children can round numbers to the nearest 100. We are also improving our speed of recall with the three times tables. In English we have been sharpening up our use of capital letters. We have also learned what a preposition is and when we use them.

Year 3 - in English, we have been learning about homophones and we enjoyed making a poster about them for our classroom. In Maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and finding 10 more and 10 less than a number. We enjoyed going on a leaf hunt around the school grounds then creating leaf rubbing pictures using wax crayons which are now on display on our classroom wall. Finally, we have developed our map reading skills by identifying different countries around the world.

Year 1/2 - we have continued looking at the story 'Not Now Bernard!'. We created 'what next' scenarios and acted them out. We have also written our own 'monster' stories! We have started making 3D Tudor houses for our Great Fire of London topic. We also wrote our own newspaper articles all about the Great Fire. There are some budding journalists in our class!

Pre-Prep - we've had a lovely week thinking about the story of the Gingerbread Man. We had fun designing our own gingerbread men and practising our counting skills by putting the correct number of buttons onto them. We also made gingerbread men biscuits—what a delicious smell and yummy taste too!

STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Amelia

Year 1/2

Clementine

Maisie

Year 3

Dieter

Zoha

Year 3/4

William

Lily-Mae

Year 5

Osi

Uzair

Year 6

Sonia

James

MARK: 197

MATTHEW: 213

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER - WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Bake Sale

Many thanks for your support today, we'll confirm how much we raised next week for PTA Funds and McMillan.

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. The choices are Finding Dory, The Incredibles, Lego Ninjago and Aladdin. Tickets are just £4 and you can pay at the office. They include a hot dog (meat or veggie) drink and chocolate treat.

Dads and Mums Nights Out

The first Dads night of the year will take place on **Wednesday 3 October** in the Elizabethan. Contact is Clive 07974 568 219 The Mums night will be on **Thursday 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!

SUPERSTARS

This week we feature two beautiful ballerinas, Reeva and Alys, at their ballet and tap lesson. We can't wait until the talent show when they can wow us with their dancing!

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



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

Our new speech teacher will be popping into school next week to meet Mrs Johnson and the pupils. More details on this next week.

Parents from our Year 6 class of 2018 have been in touch to tell us how well their children are settling into life in secondary school. Lots of them have been off on residential trips already and we understand that, after their experience of residential at Stella Maris, they were brilliant at packing their bags and throwing themselves into the activities with enthusiasm! We suspect a few of them will return to say hello at the Halloween disco but, until then here's a few photos of them in action!



Can you spot Lily?



Can you see Tom?



Rameen

We are delighted to tell you that next Friday we will be welcoming the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress to formally open our new playground. The children are very excited to meet them and want to know if they will be able to do the monkey bars?!



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.

Invoices have now gone home for activities and after school club. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the PTA for funding some new breakfast club toys. We are still on the hunt for more toy cars.

There is a scarecrow festival and market coming to Heaton Mersey this Saturday with activities going on from 11am until 3pm. There will be lots of stalls outside St John's Church, a bake sale in the Community Centre and lots more!

To find out about events across the Heaton visit the [4HTA Events page](#)



No birthdays in school this week.

Art Club with Mrs Baldwin starts on Tuesday lunchtime for pupils in Years 1 to 6. There are still places left if you would like your child to join. The cost is £63 for nine weeks.

COATS



Please can all children bring a coat to school everyday. We are experiencing colder, wetter weather now so it is important that the children have waterproof coats. Please can you ensure they are labelled with their name.

Diary Dates

Our key dates document can now be downloaded from our website and a hard copy will be sent home on Monday.

28 Sept - PTA Movie Night

6 Oct - Open Morning come)

9 Oct - Individual school photos

11 Oct - Yrs 3 and 4 trip to Gusto

12 Oct - Harvest As- ssembly (parents wel-

17 Oct - Bag2School collection

17 Oct - Year 1/2 Library Trip

18 Oct - Halloween Family Disco