



## This week in school...

**Year 6** - we have been busy consolidating key revision topics in both Verbal Reasoning and Maths. We have also been engaged in challenging 10 minute comprehension tasks where we are expected to write a full answer every minute! We do like a challenge in Year 6! Excellent progress is being made in preparation for the January Grammar School entrance exams and the Exam Club is going well. During our Music lessons we have been preparing ukulele pieces for the Christmas Concert and helping the younger children learn the words to some of the more difficult songs and carols, as well as carrying out our responsibility duties around the school.

**Year 5** - in Maths we have been working on levels one and two of adding and subtracting fractions, then converting them into decimals. In Language we have been reading and studying traditional tales, finding key features to help us write our own story based on a well known traditional tale.

**Year 3/4** - we started learning our parts for next week's class assembly. In Maths we are focusing on mental arithmetic skills, quickly working out if a question is addition or subtraction by finding the key word. In English we have learnt how to use speech marks correctly, to make our stories more interesting. Plus in History we're studying Roman Gods and have focused on Pluto, the God of the Underworld, who owns a three-headed dog and a hat of invisibility.

**Year 3** - in English we have been reading different 'Instructions' texts and we have written our own instructions to explain how to make our favourite sandwich. We included lots of time connectives, adjectives, 'bossy' verbs and adverbs to make our instructions interesting. In Maths, we have been working on our times tables and we have been working through lots of addition and subtraction number problems. In our topic work, we have been writing about the Roman Gods and we have produced some beautiful mosaic pictures.



**Year 1/2** - we've had a week that Ariel would be proud of -

'Under the Sea!' Our main focus this week has been on creating our 'Under the Sea' habitats. We researched oceans and deep sea creatures and then used our knowledge to create some truly fantastic habitats!

**Pre-Prep** - we have continued with our 'Snail and the Whale' work. We have made information booklets about snails and whales and we have written sentences about whales. We have made snails from clay and a HUGE whale in our Art lesson from collage materials. We even found time to make snail and the whale counting booklets. Needless to say we have had a 'whale' of a time!!



## STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

### Pre-Prep

Matilda

### Year 1/2

Oskar

Carla

### Year 3

Dieter

Kanisha

### Year 3/4

Megan

Cara

### Year 5

Sonny

Zak

### Year 6

Lotte

Sonia

MARK: 183

MATTHEW: 184

MATTHEW IS THE WINNER

WELL DONE!

## PTA NEWS

[pta@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@stellamarisschool.co.uk)

Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

### Family Sponsored Welly Walk

A big thank you to all families who took part on this or who donated to Once Upon a Smile. There is still time to donate, details overleaf.

### Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 Dec, 1pm-3pm

Please support our Christmas Fair next Saturday and bring your friends and family too! We will have Santa, lots of tombolas, games, stalls and even a slime making station!

### Mums' Night Out - 19 December

The mums' Christmas night out is on Wednesday 19 December at Roost. Please contact Sarah at the PTA email address if you'd like to go along.

### Dads' Night Out - 29 November

The Dads are meeting at the Elizabethan on Heaton Moor Road at 8pm on Thursday 29 November for their Christmas night out. The contact is Clive 07974 568 219.

### Easyfundraising

If you are taking advantage of Black Friday to do some online shopping, please don't forget to log into Easyfundraising before you shop. It's a brilliant way to raise money for the PTA without costing you a penny! Visit

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stellamarisschool/)

# SUPERSTARS

This week we feature Cara who travelled to London with her dance school, Cheshire Theatre Dance School, to take part in a national competition. Cara performed at the renowned Sadlers Wells Theatre - opening the show with 'Revenge of Oz'. Despite being up against strong competition, Cara's group came second and won £1,000 for her dance school - WOW! Please share details of your child's activities outside of school - Email: [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto: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 - 4pm

Exam 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



# CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had great fun wearing our Christmas jumpers today and we managed to donate lots of items for our Christmas Fair. Our Fair is on **Saturday 1 December from 1pm until 3pm** - please come along and bring your family and friends too to help the PTA raise funds for future projects. We are accepting donations for the Fair (bottles/ chocolate/toys/books) all of this week.



We welcomed Jill Elston from CiST to our assembly today. Jill told us about Universal Children's Day and we discussed Children's Rights - focusing on the right to play (which we demonstrated with a game of charades with the assistance of our House Captains), the right to receive an education and the right to healthcare.



# WELLY WALK

We had great fun at our Welly Walk last Saturday and we have already raised in excess of £350 in sponsorship! We are raising money for Once Upon a Smile, a Manchester charity that helps families who have suffered a bereavement. If you haven't had chance to donate yet you can do so online at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stella-maris-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stella-maris-school) or by dropping money into the school office. The Bullas family have been overwhelmed by your generosity in helping them to support this amazing charity.



Please can all children have a dark coloured (navy/black) winter coat in school with them **every** day. Winter hats should be school regulation hats (these are available at the uniform shop on Heaton Moor Road). Please can all items be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Payment is now due for Speech lessons. The cost is £25 for the Autumn Term and can be paid in cash or by cheque (made payable to Mrs H Clark). The girls who missed a lesson when they went to AESG have had an additional lesson this week.

No birthdays in school this week.

We will be welcoming Chaplins again this Christmas to perform a Panto for our boys and girls and children from local nurseries. This year's show is Cinderella and it will be on **Tuesday 11 December** at 1pm. Ticket details nearer the time but we wanted to let you know the date in case you wanted to book time off work to come along.

Our boys and girls are working hard to learn the songs for the Christmas Show. The show will take place on **Wednesday 12 December** at St John's Church at 7pm. We will send out further details nearer the time.



## Diary Dates

**30 Nov** - Year3/4 Assembly  
**1 Dec** - PTA Christmas Fair  
**6 Dec** - Yr 6 - singing carols at Abney Court  
**6 Dec** - Yrs 3 & 4

- CiST workshop	Workshop
<b>11 Dec</b> - Chaplin's Christmas Panto	<b>17 Dec</b> - School Christmas Lunch
<b>12 Dec</b> - Christmas Concert 7pm	<b>18 Dec</b> - Yrs 1&2 trip to Staircase House
<b>13 Dec</b> - Pre-Prep and Yrs 1 & 2 - CiST Christmas	<b>19 Dec</b> - finish for Christmas hols at 12noon