

# Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I want to start by taking the opportunity to tell you once again what an amazing job you all are doing supporting your child's learning at home. We are very proud of our school community and the extremely high engagement of children and parents in our remote learning offer. Almost every child is accessing learning, which is of an incredibly high standard, and staff are thoroughly enjoying seeing their classes in the daily lessons that children and staff are engaging in.

As you will have heard in the media, the government have announced that they are hoping to start reopening schools from 8th March. As yet, we do not know the format that this will take, but as soon as we are made aware of the new guidance, we will communicate this to parents at the earliest opportunity. Please keep an eye on the website where we will update parents as necessary. We are really hoping that we will all receive a positive government update on wider school re-opening on February 22nd when the government intends to present a road map out of lockdown.

A reminder that one of our governors Steve Cooke, is available to support any parents with Microsoft Teams. If you feel that you would benefit from a drop-in session with Steve, please contact us to arrange this on 02476 501736 or email [technical@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:technical@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) Steve will be very happy to help you with any technical queries that you may have.

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day when all children in school will focus on the importance of keeping safe online. This area of safeguarding practice is more relevant than ever, as our children are spending more time than usual online. Please can you take this opportunity to discuss this important topic with your child. There are lots of resources which will be shared with children by staff in school next week and many more which can be accessed online.

School will close to all children on Thursday 11th February for the half term holiday as Friday 12th is our staff training day. There will be no remote learning during the holiday. School re-opens on Monday 22nd February for vulnerable children and those of key workers who have been attending school during this lockdown. Remote learning will resume on this day for all other pupils.

As at the start of previous holidays, staff are being asked to be on-call for a set time during the first part of the holiday for contact tracing purposes. This will be where a pupil or member of staff develop symptoms within 48 hours from their last attendance at school. If you or any member of your household develop symptoms, then you should book a test immediately and not leave the house until the results are received. If the result is positive then the result will need to be reported to school on the school Covid email, so that a rapid risk assessment can be carried out and parents/staff notified of any requirements to self-isolate if required, as the individual may have been infectious whilst at school.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents for your overwhelming support over what has been an incredibly challenging half term. It has been greatly appreciated by us all.

Please remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn, or you need any other support from school, please do get in touch by emailing the school.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery



The nursery children have enjoyed learning all about the jungle this week, both in school and at home. We created our own handprint monkey painting in the jungle and had so much fun learning all about the animals that live there and some of the plants that grow in a jungle. We've also been using the number 6 and letter 'd' in our counting and writing activities.

## EYEP

This week, we have been searching around the school grounds to find different jungle animals...



## Year R



This week in Reception as part of our topic, Trains, Planes and Automobiles we have been focusing on buses. The children have enjoyed sketching our own London school bus and creating models of it.

## Year 1

Year 1 are becoming amazing readers! They have been reading aloud for pleasure at home and uploading their fantastic videos onto seesaw. The children are using super expression and are talking about the stories too. Well done!



## Year 2



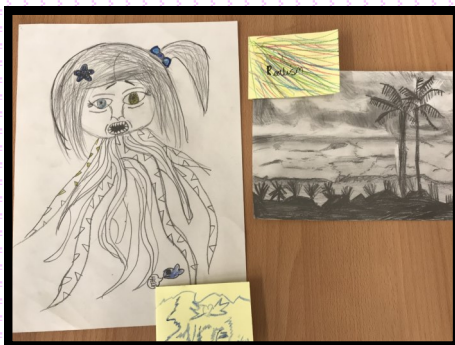
In D&T, Year 2 children have been busy preparing delicious tea party food, fit for the Queen! They have been developing their slicing, chopping and grating skills to make finger sandwiches and fruit salads. They certainly enjoyed eating what they had prepared too!

## Year 3



As part of our Creative Curriculum this week, we have been learning about Italy, its major cities, landmarks and what it's famous for. The children learnt Italian phrases at school and some children at home got in the spirit and cooked some Italian food. Bellissimo!!

## Year 4



In Creative Curriculum this week, Year 4 have looked at Realism and Surrealism art, and created pieces for both styles of art.

## Year 5



Collage heads made in the Year 5 art lesson. We were looking at the artist Brianna McCarthy.

## Year 6



This week, Year 6 have been researching and creating beautiful artwork inspired by the famous Inuit artist, Kenojuak Ashevak. The children at home have used a variety of medium to follow the step-guide-step guide and create one of her most famous pieces: The Vigilant Owl. Super work Year 6, we have been so impressed by your creativity this week!



# Every little helps

If you need us, give us a call



As stated in last week's newsletter, we have a limited number of food parcels donated to us weekly by a Coventry charity called Khalsa Aid. If you feel you would benefit from one of these parcels please contact [d\\_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:d_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk). You do not need to prove eligibility or be entitled to free school meals.



We have had our first delivery of food parcels as seen in the photos!



CHAMPS are pleased to announce we will be implementing a new pricing structure to meet the ever changing needs of our families and following on from feedback form parent's.

The change will take place from next week and will be phased in fully by September 2021.

New pricing:

3.30-4.30pm- £4.50

3.30-5pm - £6.75

3.30-5.30pm -£9.00

3.30-6pm - £11.25

For more information please contact Karen Buckley via the following email:

[K\\_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:K_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)





We are excited to share with you the new 'Go Park: Active Schools Challenge' that you can take part in and win points for the school. We have posted more information onto Seesaw and you can follow this link below to find out more information from Coventry City Council.

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/3685/go\\_parks\\_hosts\\_active\\_challenge\\_for\\_coventry\\_schools](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/3685/go_parks_hosts_active_challenge_for_coventry_schools)



The poster features a dark blue background with a large, stylized illustration of a woman in a pink shirt and orange cap running, and a child in a blue shirt and blue helmet riding a white bicycle. The text 'go parks' is in green, 'SCHOOL GAMES' is in white, and the main title 'Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge' is in white on a pink banner. Below the title, it says 'Scan QR code in your local park to gain points and be in with a chance of winning great prizes for Coventry Schools'. The bottom section contains logos for Coventry City Council, The National Lottery, Sport England, and Coventry & Warwickshire Wellbeing City Life, along with social media handles and the website URL.

**go parks** | **SCHOOL GAMES**

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[www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks](http://www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks)

# ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

## THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

### HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT  
[WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK)



COMPLETE THE ONLINE  
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: [www.bigdiff.co.uk](http://www.bigdiff.co.uk)

