

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



Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
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2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the necessary adjustments that we have had to make to Christmas activities in school this year, we have all thoroughly enjoyed a fun final week. I would like to thank you for your very generous donations to Coventry Food Bank and for all the wonderful gifts you have sent in for local children in need. We are overwhelmed with the number of gifts that have been placed under the Christmas tree and which will be collected today. They will make a real difference to the most vulnerable members of our city this Christmas.

School closes tonight for the Christmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 4th January for the start of the spring term. A reminder that you do not need to report any infections, contacts or positive cases on our Covid email from December 23rd until Sunday 3rd January. We would ask that you let us know on the e mail address on Sunday 3rd January if your child will not be in school on Monday 4th due to Covid related reasons. This will support us on the first day of term. The school Covid email address will then become fully operational going forward for all Covid related cases.

We are delighted that we can run our usual range of after school clubs for all children as well as swimming lessons for Year 3 children next term. Please make a booking for your child if they would like to join in one of our fun clubs which are always very popular. Information about Year 3 swimming lessons has been sent directly to parents.

Speak out. Stay safe.

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme

I am pleased to tell you that next term we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their Speak out. Stay safe. programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the Speak out.

Stay safe. messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can find more information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. These include 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline has a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year to everyone. We are sincerely hoping that 2021 will be an amazing year for everyone and hopefully will be the year when normal life can resume.

My very best wishes to everyone. Stay safe and have fun. I sincerely hope Santa comes.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery



This week in Nursery, we had lots of fun investigating candy canes and making them fizz up. We found out that vinegar made them fizz! We've also enjoyed singing Christmas songs, making decorations and Christmas cards for our books.

EYEP

This week, the children have been taking part in lots of Christmas activities and crafts. We all wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year R



This week, Reception have been taking part in lots of Christmas themed activities. We have enjoyed taking part in RE day and have shared the Bethlehem story. We have created our own stable scene by carefully choosing the right materials and tools.

Year 1

For RE day, Year 1 learnt all about celebrations and why they are special. Each class re-enacted a Christian wedding ceremony and the children took on different roles.

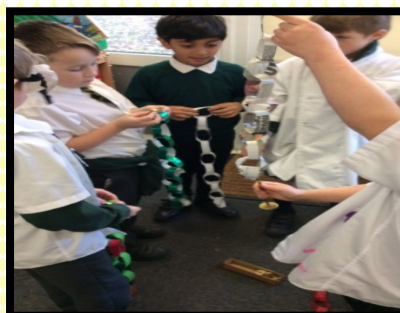


Year 2



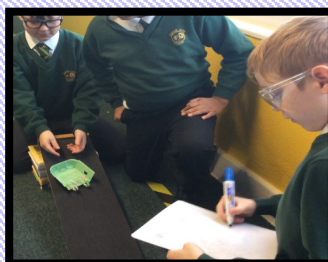
Year 2 enjoyed investigating properties of different materials to see which material would keep Santa warmest!

Year 3



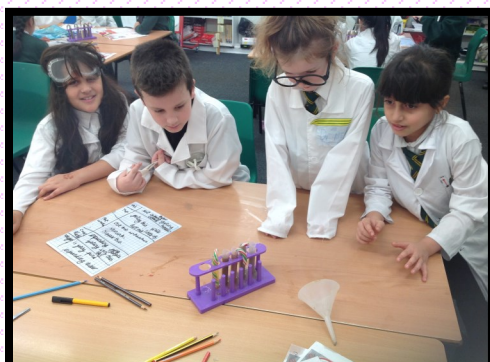
During Science Day, Year 3 investigated which materials were best for Santa's reins. We tested different materials and then tested them by adding different weights to add a downward force until they broke.

Year 5



The Year 5 children tested the speed of Santa's sleigh on different materials and linked this to their understanding of friction.

Year 4

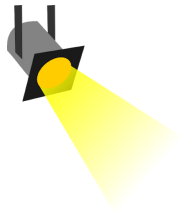


For Science Day, Year 4 investigated what happens to candy canes when they are put into different types of liquids.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 investigated the properties of different types of paper to work out which ones made the best shadow puppets. They then used their findings to make a shadow puppet show retelling the Christmas story.

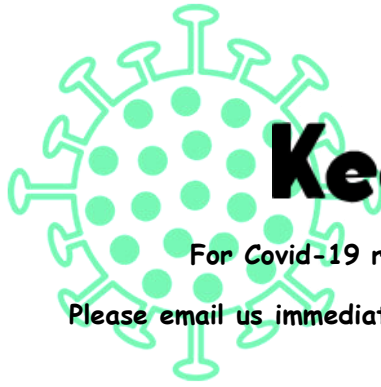




Spotlight on: *Our Environment*



A huge thank you to all of those who supported the Food Bank this year, by gifting presents and food for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our very own Santa and his Elf.



COVID-19

Keeping You Safe



For Covid-19 related matters contact: covid@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Please email us immediately if your child or any member of your household is displaying any symptoms or has received a positive test

In your email, please provide the following information which we require to enable us to follow up any cases:

Who has symptoms in your household?

Who has had a test & what is the result

Exact date & timings of symptoms & testing

Reminders

All parents are required to wear a face covering/ mask when on the school site & must adhere to the school one-way system.

All children must attend school everyday unless they are clinically extremely vulnerable, ill or they or a member of their household are displaying symptoms or have had a positive test. They must not attend school until a negative test is received.

School must be informed of their absence through the covid email, including evenings, weekends and holidays.

All staff will wear face coverings when outside of their classrooms.