

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



Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
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2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another week, I sincerely hope that you and your families are staying safe and well. You will no doubt be delighted that the hospitality sector and hairdressers are re-opening this weekend. This has been a great week all round. Most important of all, there has been no pupil or staff sickness linked to covid which is fantastic news.

The virtual parent induction meetings and parent consultations that we have held this week have been a huge success and we have had a lot of very positive parental feedback. If you have not already booked online for a parent consultation meeting please do so. Unfortunately, staff do not have the capacity to re-book meetings for any parents who have failed to attend their meeting as this time had been blocked out. Each staff member is giving over at least 10 hours for after school parent meetings and we unfortunately do not have the capacity to reschedule any missed meetings.

We are holding new nursery induction meetings for parents on Tuesday 7th July and Thursday 9th July both at 2pm. Letters with meeting codes have been sent to all new nursery parents but do contact us if you need any help with this.

The Local Authority has informed us that all our reception classes are now full for September and we have a waiting list in place, which is amazing. Thank you to all our families who have chosen Manor Park for their child's education. We will do everything possible to ensure that your child's experience with us is a happy and very successful one.

We have had just over 300 children in school this week from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6, with arrangements of admitting many new children being seamless and there is a lovely buzz in school. It is wonderful to see the children's smiling faces and to hear their chatter, which has really brought the school to life.

Videos are all ready for our online induction days on 20th and 21st and all our new staff are joining us on these days. Thank you to all parents for the ongoing positive feedback which you are giving staff, during parent's meetings which is greatly appreciated by the staff who all continue to work tirelessly for our children and families. I am extremely grateful to them all. Planning for next year is progressing well. Be prepared to be amazed at our wonderful learning environment and creative curriculum projects which we will be delivering across school from September!

Following the Government guidance issued this week, school will be closing on Tuesday 21st July to all children including children of key workers for the whole summer holiday. We have been informed by Epic our summer holiday club provider, that they will not be running a summer holiday provision in our school this year. They have contacted parents who have made bookings directly with them to inform them about this.

Although we are still awaiting further guidance, we are planning for a full total return to school for all children and staff on September 1st with Tuesday September 1st being a training day. I am hoping to receive further guidance from the Local Authority this week, following which I will inform parents in detail about the way the school will be operating in September.

We are intending to offer before and after school wraparound provision in September, but we anticipate that this may have to be a reduced facility due to the imposed staffing and bubble restrictions. We will send out details next week to parents to book sessions that you may want with Mrs Buckley.

Have a lovely weekend. My very best wishes to everyone.

Kind regards, Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about dumper trucks and how to stay safe when crossing the road. We made our own dumper trucks using lolly sticks and loose parts.



EYEP

This week in EYEP, we've been exploring colours and writing our name with loose parts.



Year R



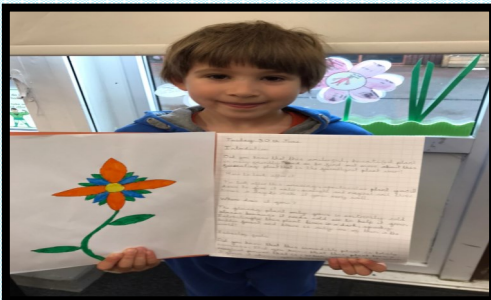
This week in Reception, we have been learning all about mini beasts in our amazing story: 'The Teeny Weeny Tadpole'. We've learnt all about a frog's life cycle and made some creative bouncy frogs.

Year 1

This week in science, Year 1 have been demonstrating their learning about the seasons and have created some beautiful season wheels..



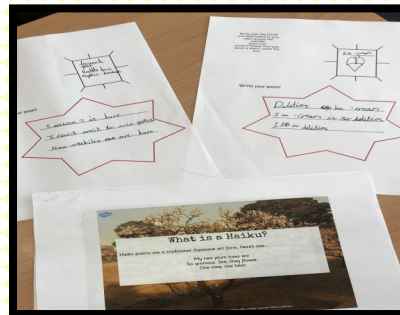
Year 2



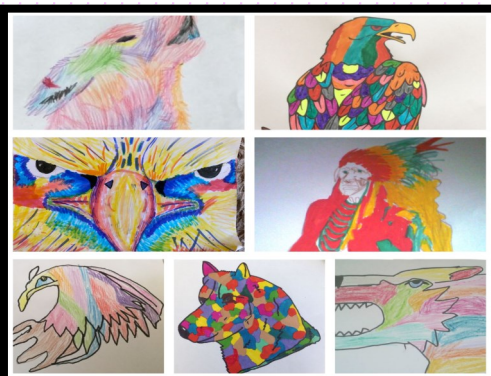
This week, we have welcomed back some Year 2 children to school, we have been writing a non-chronological report about our own made up plant!

Year 3

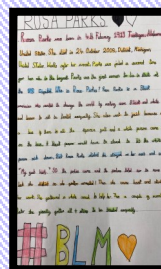
This week, Year 3 have been writing their own Haiku poems. Haiku poems only have 3 lines. The lines must have 5 syllables, 7 syllables and 5 syllables in them.



Year 4



This week in Year 4, we have been creating Pop Art pictures of Native American animals.

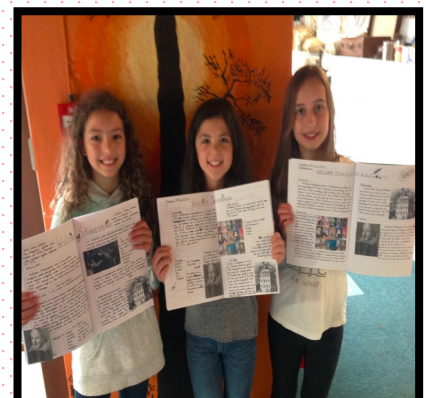


At home, the children have drawn some impressive portraits of William Shakespeare in the Tudor style. Children in school have researched an inspirational person of their choice.

Year 5

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been writing non-chronological reports on William Shakespeare. The children had to research who he was, plays that he has written and what 'The Globe' was. The children also enjoyed reading comic strips of Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth. A wonderful week of learning Year 6- well done!



MANOR PARK NOTICES



Our theme for this week is:

'Keep learning'

As we near the end of what has been the strangest year I have ever known, it's important to keep learning. It gives us a sense of accomplishment and helps to boost our self-confidence and resilience. There are so many ways to learn and things we can learn together; these go much further than just academic style learning. During this time, it's become so important to think about things beyond traditional learning. It's become a time to share a skill, learn to sing, play a new sport, grow vegetables and to find time to lose yourself, learning new things that you love.

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

A full list of useful websites can be found on the SEN page of our school website.

Challenge of the week: Find a new recipe and cook something delicious.



**Extra WOW
work from
Year 6 this
week.**

