

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 what has been the most unexpected term we have ever experienced, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for the support that you have all given to your wonderful children and our school. It has been a magnificent full community team effort and, through the anxiety and sad moments, so many positives stand out, as we have all had to adjust to a new way of working together and learning.

We have already said goodbye to most of our pupils in school and online. We are very proud of the maturity and selflessness shown by all our children during the last few weeks and months. They have shown incredible resilience and adaptability which is a credit to them. As parents and carers, you have risen to the new daily challenges that you have had to face, whilst supporting your child's learning and introducing them to a range of new skills.

We wish all Year 6 children, nursery children moving to other schools and any other children leaving us today, the greatest happiness and success in their new schools. They are always welcome to come back and visit us. Goodbye and good luck also to Miss T and Mrs Curtis as they leave Manor Park. We will miss them and would love to hear from them in their future.

I would like to express my appreciation to the PTA who have kindly funded money boxes for every child this year to mark the school's 70th birthday. We will be holding a belated party when we can to mark this occasion, when all children will receive their money boxes. Our Year 6 have had theirs given to them today, along with a leavers hoodie, which PTA have subsidised for the children.

I would also like to thank all our staff, who have been exceptional throughout the whole lockdown. They have offered their services unconditionally to support the ever-changing needs of the school, including working voluntarily on bank holidays and at times weekends, to support our key worker families. We know that this has been appreciated by so many parents. Many staff have taken on new roles and have moved to work in different parts of the school. Admin and IT services have been continually available to ensure communication for parents has been prompt and they have enabled everyone to remain in contact with each other, albeit in a virtual way. Our site team have worked every day and you will see evidence of their efforts upon your return to the building. They have also taken on additional cleaning duties and have volunteered to open the building on weekends and bank holidays. I feel so blessed to have them all, and my heartfelt thanks are extended to all our outstanding staff for making such a difference to our children and families whilst dealing with their own challenging home situation.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children online into their new classes on Monday and Tuesday next week. These two days will be a mix of zoom meetings and Seesaw chat. A timetable for both days will be sent out to children and parents on Seesaw including zoom links where applicable. This should help you to plan the parts of the day you wish to access if you cannot commit to all of it with your children. In line with our safeguarding policy, all videos must remain off when children engage in their zoom meetings. They can however chat to their teachers and class. Our year group welcome videos are all on our website for you to revisit when you wish to. Staff are trying to create as much live coverage from classrooms and chat as they can on these two days, to replicate children's induction experience in their new classes.

We are ready to welcome back the whole school community on Wednesday September 2nd, if we are given permission to do so. I have written to you today and re-circulated our parent handbook, explaining the procedures that we will implement to ensure that this is possible. Please ensure that you read this information carefully. We have also issued the Coventry outbreak document that will guide the necessary actions that Coventry City Council will take to address any regional outbreaks. Details of a summer breakfast and activity scheme are also available on our website to support parents who are eligible to use this service.

All that remains for me to do is to wish everybody a wonderful summer holiday. I hope the sun shines and you all manage to have a rest and an enjoyable time with your families.

I will update you as necessary over the holiday if I receive any information at all that you need to know, so please keep an eye on the website. Mrs Coyle is working over the holiday and she is available through e mail at admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk. Do not hesitate to contact her if you need anything at all, as she can then address any enquiries to the appropriate staff if necessary. School will close on Tuesday 21st July for all other staff and children.

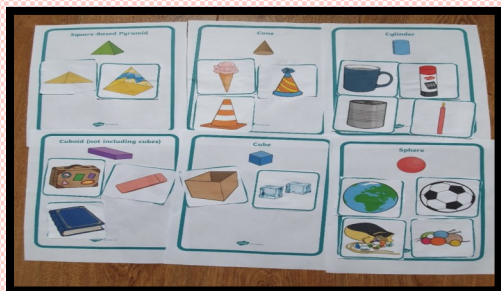
My very best wishes to everyone. Take care and stay safe. Let's all look forward to a safe and happy school return in September.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about where food comes from and how to make cheese. We had lots of fun learning about 3D shapes and sorting objects.



EYEP

This week in EYEP, we've been really creative and made mice from junk modelling!



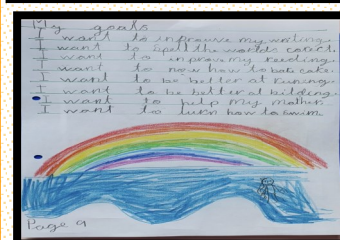
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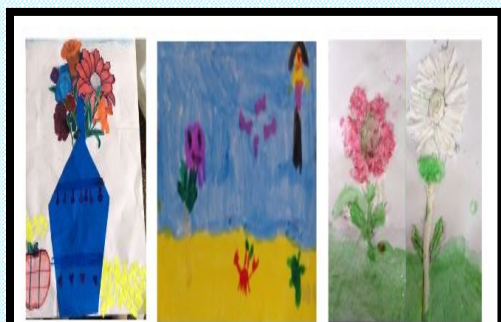
This week in Reception, we had lots of fun exploring different mini-beasts and making potato masher spiders. We've been doing lots of reading and counting too.

Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at their goals and aspirations for next year. The children have all been amazing. A huge well done everyone!



Year 2



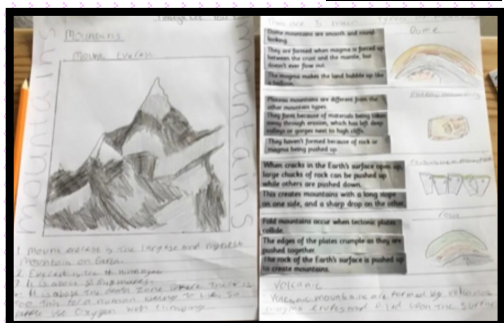
Year 2 have been getting creative at home by creating their own collage of artwork using different materials.

Year 3



The Year 3 key worker bubble spent their last day at school doing quizzes, sports and arts & crafts.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been learning about mountains. Some children created their own mountain at home using different resources including a cushion mountain!

Year 5



The Year 5 children at school and at home have been trying out different artistic techniques.

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have been learning about the Black Lives Matter movement. Look at their inspirational art work

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Our theme for this week is:

'Take notice'

The summer holidays are finally upon us. Things seem to gradually be getting back to a new 'normal', but it is important that we recognise and draw upon the positive things that lockdown has shown us. Being aware of what is taking place in the present directly enhances your well-being and savouring 'the moment' can help to reaffirm your life priorities. It enhances your self-understanding and allows you to make positive choices based on your own values and motivations. Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you. Think about the things you have enjoyed most, whether that be a family games night, local walks, spending time in your garden or linking with friends for virtual events. Keep supporting each other, have an amazing holiday and keep safe.

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

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

Challenge of the week: Keep a positivity diary, what has been amazing about your day?



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We had scheduled an information session with Louisa McGivney from Complex Communications Team for this summer term, following previous successful sessions. However, this has not been possible.

Undeterred, Louisa has kindly created a presentation for parents and carers aimed at supporting children and young people back into their education settings.

This includes some of the changes we have experienced to our daily lives through the COVID-19 lockdown; the emotional impact and ideas of things we can put in place to support our children and young people as they return to their education settings, including transition between primary and secondary schools.

There is also a "parent pack" to accompany the information, which includes downloadable materials, links and articles.

All the information and links are located at www.coventry.gov.uk/back2school


If you have any queries or thoughts about the presentation, then please just let us know! We hope that you find it helpful in preparing for a return to education in September.



MANOR PARK NOTICES



Year group	Designated drop off point	Start time	Finish time
Nursery	Main Nursery door on Ulverscroft Road	Times to be advised	
EYEP	KS2 Gate on Ulverscroft Road and through EYEP door	Individual timings to be allocated based on family need	
Reception	KS1 Gate on Ulverscroft Road	8:45-9.00am	3:15pm
Year 1	KS1 Gate on Ulverscroft Road	8:45-9.00am	3:30pm
Year 2	Office Gate Children to enter through Lower Hall Door	8:45-9.00am	C9 3:15pm
			C10 3:20pm
			C11 3:25pm
			Mrs Sahota 3:30pm
Year 3	KS2 Gate CHAMPS Door	8:45-9.00am	3:15pm



Year 4	KS2 Gate CHAMPS Door	8:45-9.00am	3.25pm
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Year 5	Field Gate	8:45-9.00am	3.30pm
Year 6	Field Gate	8:45-9.00am	3.40pm