

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



Manor Park
Primary
School



Newsletter
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2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a very enjoyable holiday. Children and staff are delighted to have settled back into our usual, exciting routine. It is wonderful news that school can remain fully open during the month-long national lockdown which started yesterday. We will continue to offer all our before and after school and nursery wraparound provision to support families and children. Unfortunately, we have been instructed by the Local Authority that we have to now cancel all extra curricular clubs which are not registered as childcare provision. All fees already paid for these clubs will be reimbursed fully. All children are expected to be in school every day, unless they are clinically extremely vulnerable, ill or isolating.

Attendance remains very high at around 98%. This is due to the huge efforts that everybody is making to keep themselves and others safe. Thank you and well done to everybody. I am sure that you will agree, that seeing the smiles on our children's faces, make all the extra efforts that we are having to take to enable them to stay in school full time, worthwhile. We continue to work very closely with the Local Authority and unions in ensuring that our updated risk assessment and Covid secure systems are robust, to keep everybody safe. Can we remind parents that they unfortunately cannot speak to staff on classroom doors.

Please email admin if you need to contact staff or do this through Seesaw.

Positive cases reported to us on our new Covid e mail were extremely low over the holidays. I would like to thank parents for using this method of communication to inform us of any positive cases in their household. The school Covid email address is fully operational every day including weekends and school holidays, as we have to report and respond to any positive cases every day as they occur. Please follow the guidance that we are providing each week on the newsletter if there is a positive case in your household, as we cannot proceed in actioning cases without this essential information needed by Public Health England and the Local Authority.

If a child is off school isolating, we will provide learning for them to complete at home through Seesaw. We are working really hard in researching supplementary systems of blended learning for children who are having to work from home, as ensuring there is minimum disruption to children's learning at these times is a school priority.

We have been informed that we cannot offer prospective parents visits to school to look at our provision at the moment. We are happy to take calls from parents and we have created a video and placed detailed information that you may need on our website, as you consider making a school application for your child.

Please remember that we are all here to support you through these difficult times. Do not hesitate to call or email any of SLT or the learning mentor team if you need any help or advice.

Take care and stay safe. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have enjoyed learning all about our families and our homes. We have learnt about many different types of buildings and their names and loved exploring materials and textures during the week

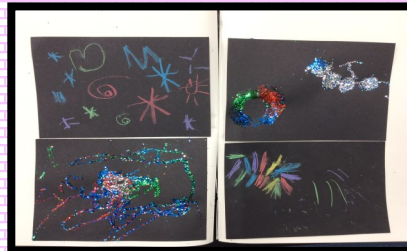


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This week, the children have been exploring different outdoor areas and using their senses to feel the different materials we use to make buildings!



Year R



This week in Reception, we have learnt how to stay safe on bonfire night. We then enjoyed creating our own firework pictures using mixed media.

Year 1

Year 1 have created some land art displays in the style of British Artist Andy Goldsworthy.



Year 2



Year 2 have had so much fun in DT this week. We have designed and made our own vehicles by carefully measuring and sawing the wooden dowels and attaching them together using hot glue.

Year 3



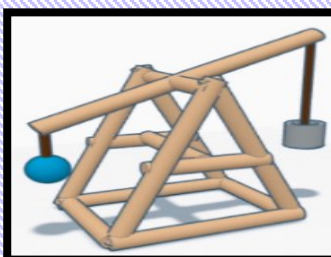
This week, Year 3 have been learning about the origins of the Olympics, and even took part in their very own mini-Olympics.

Year 4



This week in Science, Year 4 experimented to see if the different temperature of a liquid would affect the dunkability of different biscuits. We discovered that the biscuits lasted longer in a cooler liquid.

Year 5



The children used Computer Aided Design to design an Egyptian shaduf on Tinkercad. The teachers were so impressed with their skills!

Year 6



This week, Year 6 had the honour of experiencing some primary sources from WW2; Harvey generously brought in some of his families relics including a kit bag, badges and even bullet casings! It was absolutely amazing.



Spotlight on:

THE GOVERNORS

Staff Governors



I am proud and honoured to be the headteacher of this wonderful school and feel privileged to work with such a strong team of dedicated staff, governors and supportive parents and families. I am absolutely committed to giving our amazing children the very best education and life chances that we possibly can and to continue to build on the very strong reputation that the school has in the community.



After completing my training at Warwick University, I started Manor Park in 2016. No two days in the classroom are the same, and I feel extremely privileged to be part of such a dedicated, supportive, and hardworking team. I have recently been appointed to the role of staff governor and I'm very much looking forward to being involved with a different element of school life.



Originally from Kent, I moved to Coventry in 2001 to study for my degree at Warwick University. I have taught in three schools across Coventry and been a senior leader in two of the schools. I came to Manor Park in 2015 as Assistant Headteacher and became Deputy Headteacher in 2017. I absolutely love my job as a teacher and will always strive for the best for our children at Manor Park.



I have been working at Manor Park as the School Business Manager since March 2017 and I have to say it continues to be a most interesting job, no two days are the same, and that's what I love about it! I am one of those lucky people who enjoys going to work and working to ensure that your children get the very best a school can offer. The school has fantastic facilities and grounds, and it is my job to ensure that they are maintained and improved which benefit the children of today and the future.

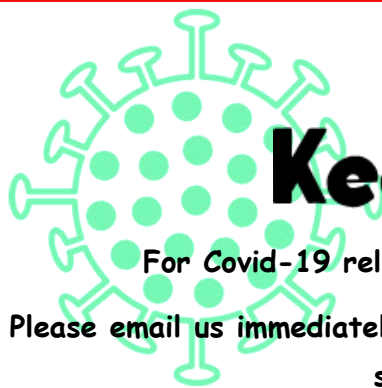


REMINDER



Can we please remind parents/carers about the importance of not sending nut products into school. We have a number of children who have severe allergies and would respectfully ask if your child has packed lunches, do not send in any nut products. This includes chocolate spread in sandwiches. The reality is that a child could have a severe reaction to any of these items, sometimes with devastating consequences. If you are in doubt about any of these products, please speak to a member of the Learning Mentor Team.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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.



Spotlight on: Our Environment

YEAR 5/6 CORRIDOR

