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HAPPY
Diwali

Manor Park
Primary
School



Newsletter

* 13th November

2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday the whole school community participated in Remembrance Day activities, reflecting on the impact war has had on so many lives in our country and across the world. It has been particularly poignant this year, as we have thought about the incredibly difficult times that previous generations have endured and how they recovered from the national devastation that this caused. We are creating a remembrance

day path at the front of school where the decorated pebbles that everyone has created, make a permanent memorial so we never forget this important part of our history. Please do check out our school blog which showcases some of the activities we have immersed ourselves in.

Katie Earle will be leaving school on Friday 20th November to begin her maternity leave. Our best wishes are extended to Katie and her partner at this very special time. We will of course update you with baby news as we receive it. Lin Lomas one of our CHAMPS playworkers has made the decision to begin her well-earned retirement and she has left school this week. We are very grateful to Lin for over 27 years of service to the school. She will be greatly missed by us all.

As we continue to navigate our way through the challenging times that we currently find ourselves in, can I thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding. Unfortunately we have had to isolate two reception classes this week due to two separate positive staff cases. The children and staff are safe and well and they are all keeping themselves and others safe by continuing with their learning at home. This is obviously completely out of our control and we continue to work closely with Public Health England in working through the children and staff we need to isolate when these positive cases develop. I am certain that you will be reassured that the national news has given us all hope of a vaccine coming in the not too distant future, when hopefully our lives can return to some level of normality. In the meantime, it is important that we all remain positive and optimistic. Can I remind parents that adults should wear a mask on site and move swiftly through the school grounds, not spending any longer than necessary on the premises. Could you also ensure that your children do not play on the KS2 play equipment or on scooters, as they know that this is not possible at the moment to enable everyone to stay safe.

We are all really excited about our Diwali day which we are holding on Monday to celebrate Diwali, which this year falls tomorrow, 14th November. On Friday 20th November children can come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week International Day of Tolerance which is celebrated on 16th.

Advance notice that the PTA are generously funding the Belgrade panto which will be streamed into every classroom on the afternoon of December 16th. This will also be our Christmas lunch and jumper day.

Further details to follow.

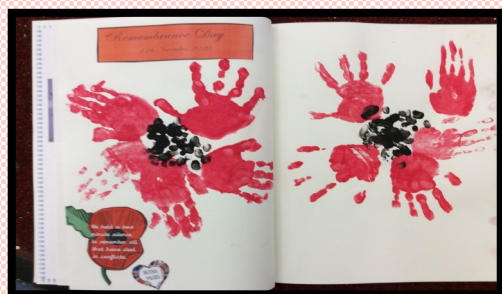
Have a lovely weekend. Take care and stay safe. Happy Diwali to everyone.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we talked about why we wear poppies and learnt that we wear them to remember the brave soldiers. We had so much fun hand printing our poppies altogether.



EYEP

This week, the children have been getting creative and have made poppies for Remembrance Day!



Year R



This week, we have been thinking about and discussing Remembrance Day and the significance of a poppy. We enjoyed creating our own poppy using a variety of materials, the children enjoyed painting their stones too!

Year 1

Year 1 wrote on poppies, something that they remember that is important to them. We also painted some beautiful poppies on pebbles to create a whole school Remembrance path.



Year 2



Year 2 have been painting beautiful poppies for Remembrance Day, and discussing what peace means to us.

Year 3



In Year 3, we looked at the reason why we wear poppies and reflected on why we celebrate Remembrance Day.

Year 5



During our Remembrance afternoon, the children reflected on the special people in their lives that they will always remember, and they painted some beautiful Remembrance pebbles.

Year 4



For Remembrance Day, Year 4 painted poppies and created Remembrance art that included quotes from the poem 'What are we fighting for?'

Year 6

Year 6 read the poignant and touching story 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' about two friends who grew up to fight together in WW1. We also looked at the impact that war still has on children today.





Spotlight on: THE GOVERNORS

Chair &
Vice Chair



I have been governor at Manor Park since January 2011, when I was elected as a parent governor. I became a co-opted governor in 2015 and was elected as chair of governors in July 2016. As a governor my focus is on performance management and pay review committees and supporting the senior leadership team in underpinning the school's vision. In my professional life, I ran my own IT business for 12 years but chose to return to education and completed my PGCE at Warwick University.



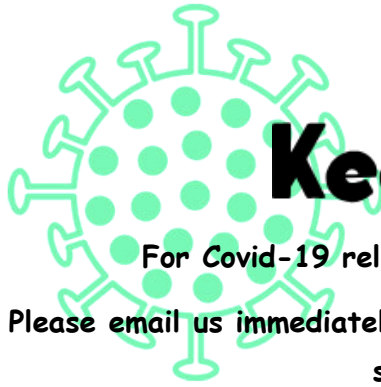
I am the local authority appointed governor for Manor Park Primary School. I have a daughter at Manor Park with another daughter previously attending the school. I have worked in the education sector for 22 years having been a teacher, headteacher, school improvement advisor and CEO within this time. It is our job as part of the governors to ensure that all children have the best education possible and ensure that the strategy and finances are running smoothly.



Spotlight on: Our Environment

YEAR 4/5 CORRIDOR





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.