

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



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

Newsletter  
27th November  
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that baby Sahota arrived on Wednesday, weighing 6 lbs 3 oz. Mrs Sahota and her baby boy are doing really well and he is absolutely gorgeous.

We have had a great week, with happy children and amazing learning evident across the school. We are delighted that the whole school is back, as our reception children were able to re-join school after a period of isolating. They were so happy to return to school with their teachers and friends. I am pleased to inform you, that although we have some children isolating, all staff have been in school this week and there have been no serious symptoms from those isolating. Let's hope this very positive picture continues.

We were randomly selected to have a health and safety inspection by the Health and Safety Executive on November 18th. We were very pleased that the report was extremely positive with no immediate actions for us to implement.

This is due to the efforts that everyone is making to implement our Covid procedures and risk assessment. Thank you again for the part that you are all playing in keeping the school community safe. The Covid school e mail is working well. It is essential as we enter Tier 3 on Wednesday, that we all follow the government guidelines for Tier 3. Children must stay off school immediately if they or any member of their household display Covid symptoms, until such time that a negative test is in place. There is a real sense of community, as parents and carers are following the guidance and notifying us immediately of any incidents so that we can ensure online learning is in place and anybody affected is informed immediately. Thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in school, albeit in a different way to normal. It is very important to us that the children and staff enjoy what is such a popular time of the year. We will unfortunately not be able to operate our Christmas school post-box, and to prevent unnecessary spread of infection we are asking children not to bring in cards for friends or staff. It is for this reason the children will not be able to make the usual range of cards, calendars and crafts to bring home. Do not worry, normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!

All children will be taking part in a science Let's Investigate Day on Monday 14th December and a RE day on Tuesday 15th. The remainder of the final week will be focused on Christmas, with our Christmas meal and Belgrade panto on Wednesday 16th, which is our Christmas jumper day. We are asking children to bring an item of food on this day to support Coventry Food Bank which is really struggling to feed people in need in our city during the pandemic. I am certain you will all want to support this very worthwhile charity to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

A reminder that school closes on Thursday 17th December for the holiday.

I expect you are all looking forward to coming out of lockdown next week and I sincerely hope you will enjoy some of the facilities that we have not had access to during this second lockdown. I am certain that like us, you will be delighted that schools can remain open. The academic progress and well being of children is phenomenal and I cannot wait for the time when you can come into school again and share their wonderful books and learning. Prepare to be amazed!

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

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have had lots of fun learning about 'people who help us'. We have enjoyed pretending to be policemen, firefighters, doctors, dentists, and engineers.



## EYEP

This week we have been exploring shapes! The children have used different shapes to build their own towers!



## Year R



This week in Maths, we have been learning about symmetry. We have enjoyed making our own symmetrical patterns.

## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been busy in the outdoor area making dens, we all had so much fun!



## Year 2



This week, Year 2 have been learning about directions in Maths. We practised clockwise and anticlockwise on the playground!

## Year 3



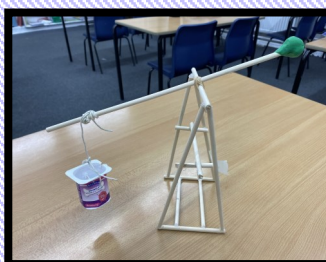
This week Year 3, were super scientists and investigated which shapes made the strongest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows!

## Year 4



This week, Year 4 used their creative skills to make Roman Busts from clay.

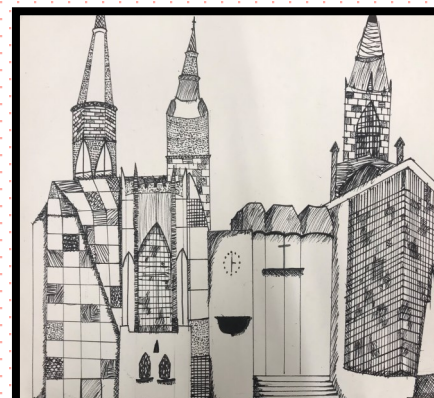
## Year 5



After designing an irrigation tool, the children made and evaluated their Egyptian shadufs this week.

## Year 6

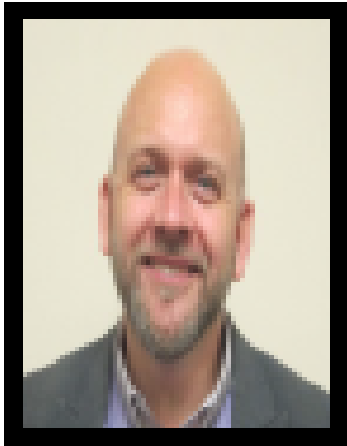
This week, Year 6 have been creating Coventry cityscapes using pen and ink. They have used a range of techniques to add tone and shading and have created some amazing artwork!





## Spotlight on: THE GOVERNORS

Local Authority  
Governor



**Mr Matt Potts**

I am the local authority appointed governor for Manor Park Primary School. I have a daughter at Manor Park with another daughter having previously attended 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. My areas of interest within governors are leadership, early years and networking with other schools. As part of my governance role, I am also the vice chair of governors.

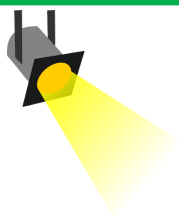
## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

A big 'Thank You' to all those that applied to become our Anti Bullying Ambassadors. We had a huge response of applications and really enjoyed reading through them all.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have attended their first meeting this week and they are all looking forward to starting in their roles. Each one of our ambassadors understands what bullying is and how we can all work together to make school a kind and caring place for us all to enjoy.

More news to follow over the coming weeks.

The Learning Mentors



## Spotlight on: Our Environment

Reading  
Caravans





# COVID-19 Keeping You Safe



For Covid-19 related matters contact: [covid@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto: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.



## Cheylesmore Food Hub

Struggling to feed your family? Need help? We are offering food support to families in Cheylesmore and Earlsdon Wards.

Membership costs £4 per week and you will receive approximately £20 worth of food

Due to COVID-19, the food will be delivered to your address

To sign up or to donate, please email [cheylesmorefoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:cheylesmorefoodhub@gmail.com) or call 07305154869

## Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant - 2 Vacancies

Salary scale pro rata term time only: Grade 1 which is £9.24 per hour.

Hours of work: 6.75 per week term time only.



We currently require two additional lunchtime supervisors. The role involves helping and supervising children during the lunch period. Our lunchtime supervisors play a very important part in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children at the school. This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

For an application form please email [admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications to be received Friday 11th December 2020