

24th September 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope everyone is keeping well. We have had several positive Covid cases over last weekend and in the early part of this week. I am pleased to report that these incidents have now slowed right down, and we are pleased to welcome isolating children and staff back as their isolation period ends. Most of our cases have been in Key Stage 1. All positive cases are reported to the LA and PHE who monitor the situation continually. They are very happy with our risk assessment and mitigations that we have in place to keep everyone safe. Thank you for continuing to support us with following government and school Covid protocols and for reporting any positive cases of children with symptoms or positive test results. All children isolating can join live teaching from their classroom through Teams so that any disruption to their learning is kept to a minimum.

We have had another exciting week in school with visits from a Roman soldier for Year 4 and a Portals to the Past Workshop which was enjoyed by Year 5. Check out the Twitter feeds to capture these events. Year 6 will be making a visit to Coventry Cathedral next week to launch their new topic.

We are in the process of confirming bookings with Coventry Music to begin an exciting music offer for children to start this term. Year 4 will shortly be starting a whole class teaching music lesson, where they will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Extra- curricular and individual music lessons will be offered, along with a Manor Park University choir course after half term Further details to follow.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Entitlement to free school meals is processed as part of housing benefit/council tax support claims by the Benefits Service. Free School Meals are a statutory benefit. Applying for a free school meal could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school (funded by central government). This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).

All children in Reception to Year 2 automatically receive a free school meal. However, if your family also meets the eligibility criteria to enable a free school meal to be awarded ([see attached](#)), it is important to make an application in order that your child's school can receive this pupil premium. It takes less than two minutes to apply and submit your application on the Coventry City Council website. To do so, please [click here](#). Please contact us if you require any help in doing this.

Morrisons 'Good to Grow' vouchers'

Our school has registered with Morrisons to take part in their offer of vouchers towards gardening equipment and resources. For every £10 spent in store or online, Morrisons will give one token. Vouchers will be greatly received and can be brought into school by pupils to put in our collection box.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life which we greatly appreciate. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any way.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

What a wonderful week we have had in Early Years. The children in Wrens and Robins have been exploring, experimenting and sharing, with the children in Kingfishers working hard on turn taking and creative play. It was lovely to see some families this week in our after school session and we look forward to seeing more next week. If you would like an appointment then please contact the school office. Those families who stay all day should be receiving nursery genie updates about your child's nappy changes, food and sleep patterns. If you are not receiving these and think that you should be then please get in touch. We still have a large number of our Kingfisher children in nappies or pull ups and we would like to get them nappy free as soon as possible. We would encourage you to send in plenty of spare clothes and try them in pants and we will then be able to support this transition. Please speak to a member of the Kingfishers' team if you have any concerns or questions about this.

The children in Reception have begun their phonics teaching this week. We use Read Write Inc. as our phonics scheme and there are lots of links and YouTube clips available for you to help support your child at home. This supports our English curriculum and links to writing. We have been challenging the children to write their names and also to hear, say and write the initial sounds in words. As always, feel free to get in touch with us if you have any queries, concerns or positive comments, we are always happy to hear from our families.

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Learning in Nursery

We have been very curious this week in Wrens & Robins! We have been exploring our very own dinosaur swamp in our outdoor area, and we found some interesting mini beasts in our Curiosity Corner!

This week in Kingfishers, the children have been exploring their outdoor area through roleplay. We have been "painting" the walls and making our very own boat!

Learning in Reception

Reception have had an amazing week of creative learning all about bears. We retold the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' at the forest school and have built dens and caves for the bears to hibernate in over winter. Fantastic work Reception!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

The lower phase children have been extremely busy this week! As part of their Super Humans topic, Year 1 have been learning all about heroes from the past and modern day including Mary Seacole and Sir Thomas Moore and they have created their own medals and remedies. In Year 2, the children have been using drama to re-enact the story of Lady Godiva and produce a news report. The Year 3 children have been on an exciting fact hunt around the school, searching for information about life in Sparta and Athens including education, women's rights, power and luxuries. This has culminated in a spirited debate between the two city-states! The children are thoroughly enjoying learning more about their engaging topics.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on:

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Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about a real life hero - Sir Captain Tom Moore. They learnt about his amazing achievements and then made medals that could be awarded to everyday superheroes such as police officers, care workers and NHS staff. Each medal is unique and inscribed with words such as excellent, good job, well done and hero. We think your medals are amazing Year 1!

Learning in Year 2

In science this week, Year 2 explored healthy and unhealthy diets and investigated the sugar content of various drinks. We used a refractometer to check how many grams of sugar were contained in each drink. We learnt that Coca Cola has the most sugar. It was so much fun!

Learning in Year 3

This week in maths, Year 3 have been using practical resources to add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The Upper Phase children have had a very exciting week this week. Year 4 had a visit from a Roman soldier and had an amazing day learning all about why the Roman's invaded Britain and the impact of this on society today. They also took part in a gladiator battle and experienced what it was like inside 'The Colosseum'. Year 5 also celebrated their WOW day this week with a visit from an Egyptologist. They had so much fun playing Egyptian board games, learning about mummification and even took part in a pharaoh's burial parade. Please visit Seesaw and Twitter for photos of these events and ask the children about their learning from these WOW days. Year 6 are now eagerly awaiting their trip next week to Coventry Cathedral to learn all about the impact that the night of the blitz had on Coventry. All of these visits have further enhanced the children's knowledge of their topics and they have had so much fun in the process!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on:

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Learning in Year 4

Year 4 had their Invaders topic 'Wow Day' this week and thoroughly enjoyed a visit from a Roman soldier.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 had an incredible day on Wednesday this week when Portals to the Past came into school and we were taken back to 1923, the year after Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. Over the course of the day we deciphered hieroglyphics, measured with cubits, mummified a body, took part in an Egyptian burial parade and went hunting ancient Egyptian style! We all had the best time learning more about ancient Egypt!

Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about world leaders who had key roles in WW2. We researched what the catalysts were for them joining the war effort, how popular they were in their countries and how they led their armies. Using their computing skills, we creatively presented our work Keynote and iMovie.



Nursery 'Meet the Team'

We have been delighted to see how well our nursery children have settled into the environment and adapted to our nursery routines. It has been lovely to welcome our families into our nursery this evening, the children were excellent tour guides!

Mrs Kavanagh-Byrne



Nursery Photographs

The school photographer will be back in school on Tuesday 28th September to take photos of the nursery children who have not yet had an individual photograph. He will also be taking sibling photographs for the nursery children.

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- Qualified and experienced staff
- 2 and 3 year old private and funded places. Full and part time vacancies available
- We offer fully flexible hours from 7:45am-6pm including breakfast and a light snack - meeting families needs
- 2 year old and 30 hour funding accepted
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Contact:
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Extra Bank Holiday

Extra bank holiday announced for Queen's 2022 platinum jubilee

The nation is set to be treated with an extra day off to mark the Queen reaching 70 years on the throne.

As part of what is being billed as a "blockbuster" celebration for Her Majesty's platinum jubilee in 2022, people will enjoy a UK-wide four-day weekend in recognition of the first time that a British monarch reaches the milestone.

The May bank holiday weekend is being shifted to the start of June and an additional day is being added to the bank holiday calendar, allowing four days of events that the government promises will "mix the best of British ceremonial splendour and pageantry with cutting edge artistic and technological displays".

Celebrations will recognise the 94-year-old monarch's impact over the course of her historic reign, which has featured 14 prime ministers since she took the throne aged only 25 in 1952.

As the additional bank holiday falls within school's half term holiday, all schools are requested to close to children and staff at on some other day in lieu of this additional bank holiday.

Manor Park will be adding this missed day onto the half term break and will be closing on Monday 6th June 2022.

We will be covering this historic event with children in school in the run up to this important event.

We have made changes to our term time calendar for 2022 to reflect these changes.

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Photograph Orders

Please place your school photograph orders by Sunday 26th September if you would like your photographs delivered to the school by next week. Any orders placed after this date will be delivered during October.

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VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?
HOW ARE YOU DOING?

Get in touch with us if you would like an invite to our Virtual Coffee Morning using Microsoft Teams App (we can help you with this). Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS and Carers Trust Heart of England.

VIDEO LINK
COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2021
(10:00AM -11:30AM)

To request an invite and for further information contact:
SEND Information Advice and Support Service
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

SENDIASS logo: Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service

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