

15th October 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. We have had another very busy week in school. The children continue to be exceptional and are fully immersed in their learning. We are so impressed with the standard of their work and enthusiasm in all areas of school life. I am sure that you will thoroughly enjoy meeting your child's teacher next week to share their wonderful achievements. If you haven't made an appointment for parents evening and would like to do so, please do this online in the usual way. The staff are looking forward to meeting you, albeit virtually, to continue the strong school parent partnership which we all really value and enjoy.

As part of the ongoing problems that we encounter with parking on the road outside school, our PTA have kindly funded parking buddies which are large personalised traffic signs to mark out safe zones for children and families to enter school. These will be in place daily from next Monday outside the upper phase entrance between the hours of 7.30 am and 4pm. The designated area must strictly remain a traffic free zone, as it needs to remain a safe place for children and parents. Eventually we are hoping that the council will continue the yellow zig zags in this area in line with other pedestrian areas outside school. Whilst we appreciate that the road outside school is badly congested at dropping off and collection times, I am certain that everyone will agree that the safety of everyone in our school community has got to be the main concern and responsibility of everyone. I am confident that you will all get behind this scheme and find a safe place to park a little further from school when bringing and collecting children to school in vehicles. Of course, an alternative safer and healthier route to school, is on foot or cycling. We have ample bike sheds if your child would like to cycle to school. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter. Our thanks are extended to the PTA for funding this project to help to keep our wonderful children safe.

Sunday 17th October is UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Children will be learning more about this in assembly on Monday and we are hoping to create links with charities tackling this worldwide problem over the academic year.

We will be launching a new school house point system after half term. Children will be placed in one of our four houses which are all linked to our city. The houses are Artists, Engineers, Athletes and Change -Makers. When your child comes home and tells you the house they are in, their first job is to research the links their house has to the history of the city of Coventry. This research is a good half term project for them to immerse themselves in, with house points to be earned! House points will be awarded to children who display behaviour or accomplishments linked to our personal qualities which are self- sufficient, original, attitude and resilience (SOAR). Coloured tokens will be collected in houses for each quality in large tubes in the entrance hall, which will culminate in a half- termly prize for the winning house and personal quality.

On Tuesday afternoon Coventry Music, our new music provider, is coming into school to present a wide range of instruments to upper phase. Following the demonstration, the children will bring home information about signing up to begin tuition in an instrument of their choice if they would like to do so. We are really looking forward to renewing our work with Coventry Music as they will be also be starting a school choir as part of Manor Park University courses on Friday afternoons.

Have a great weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been pumpkin fun in Nursery and Reception with opportunities to investigate what's inside a pumpkin, seed counting and sorting and even some exploding pumpkins! The children have enjoyed exploring the school grounds and have been observing the seasonal changes. If you are out and about this weekend see if you can collect any autumn treasure to share with us.

We seem to be steadily gathering lots of lost property at the moment. Can we please remind you to clearly label all of your children's belongings so that we can return things to you.

We have a limited number of spaces available in our nursery provision and we can take children from the age of 2. If you have any younger siblings and would like to take a look at what we offer than please get in touch.

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

This week in Wrens and Robins the children have had great fun being fantastic pirates. They have been looking for treasure with their amazing telescopes.

This week in Kingfishers we have had an exciting time looking at different fruits and vegetables that we harvest. The children have been fruit and leaf printing with paint, investigating pumpkins and conkers and we even made a delicious pumpkin soup!

Learning in Reception

Reception have been exploring and carving pumpkins this week. We have been investigating the different parts and made predictions on how to make the pumpkins explode. Super work!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

We have had another fun-filled week in the lower phase! The Year 3 children have been busy painting their ancient Greek amphoras using traditional patterns, colours and styles. In Year 2, following a walk around Cheylesmore, the children have created their own sketch maps and have used their geography skills to showcase their learning of the local area. Our Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed creating leaf drawings using a range of different media in order to explore different textures.

As always, please contact me with any positive feedback, questions or concerns: j_isherwood@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been painting in their outdoor area. They used their learning from science to paint four trees to represent each of the four seasons. The children especially demonstrated our school values of resilience as our paper kept blowing away! Very creative Year 1!

Learning in Year 2

This week Year 2 went on a walk around Cheylesmore. Afterwards we then drew maps and keys of our local area. We are fantastic geographers!

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 completed their Greek Amphoras by adding authentic looking designs and colours to them.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

There has been some fantastic creativity being showcased in the Upper Phase this week. Year 4 have been putting their pottery skills to the test and have made some fantastic Roman busts. We enjoyed seeing their Roman costumes during WOW day and were really impressed with the effort that went in to them – thank you parents for your support with this. Year 5 have been making Egyptian death masks and the outcome of these is incredible. Finally, Year 6 have been using watercolours to paint a cityscape from the night of 'The Blitz'. The colours and images they have used really depict the events from that evening. Please look on our Twitter and Seesaw pages for photos of the art work the children have produced this week as we are very lucky to have such talented artists at Manor Park.

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

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Learning in Year 4

On Thursday, the Year 4 children had a WOW Roman Day! During this day, we developed our D&T skills by baking bread and preparing a Roman style salad. We then celebrated our amazing culinary talents by attending a banquet in the hall so that we could taste the food we had produced. The costumes looked amazing, from Roman warriors to goddesses, there was such a brilliant effort put in by all children!

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been creating their own death masks that pharaohs had in their tombs as part of the burial process in ancient Egypt. The children have learnt how to create texture to add depth to their paint as well as creating different shades to make their mask unique.

Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been creating Blitz inspired watercolour pieces. They learned about various watercolour techniques before washing their background. They finished their paintings with a silhouette of the Coventry outline after looking at the architecture of the city before and after the war. Well done, Year 6!



School Attendance

We want all children at our school to get the most out of their education, and attending school regularly is an important part of your child's education.

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Poor school attendance damages educational achievement and the future progress of young people. Promoting and supporting good attendance at school is essential to learning and attainment.

What can parents do to help?

Make sure that your child comes to school regularly and arrives on time. It's a good idea to start these positive habits at an early age, when your child first starts school.

If your child is ill, contact the school on the first day of your child's illness. We will be concerned if we do not hear anything.

If your child is ever off school, you must tell us why. You can do this by phoning the school office or emailing attendance@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Requests for leave during term time are only considered under exceptional circumstances. Any requests for leave of absence during term time will first need to be discussed at a meeting with the Headteacher, Mrs O'Connor. Please contact Mrs Dhothar to make an appointment.

Take an interest in your child's school work.

If you need any help or advice about your child's attendance, please contact our Learning Mentors on the school number or email d_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

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The children enjoyed creating some beautiful CD mobiles

Free to a Good Home

Items free to a good home, collection after 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



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Photograph Orders

Please place your school photograph orders by Sunday 17th October if you would like your photographs delivered to the school free of charge.

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Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

Salary scale pro rata term time only:

Grade 1 which is £9.24per hour.

Hours of work:

6.75 per week term time only.

We currently require an additional lunchtime supervisor. 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.

Application forms and details are available from the school office and must be returned to the school by **Friday 29th October 12 noon**.

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