

5th November 2021

## Manor Park News



### A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday spent with families and friends. We are all delighted to be back in school for another very exciting half term. I am pleased to inform you that positive covid cases in school have dropped significantly following the holiday. It is important that we all continue to work together and follow public health advice during the winter months so that we ensure cases remain low in our community.

I am pleased to inform you that over the holiday we had the path by the upper phase gate installed, along with a tarmac waiting area for parents. This has significantly improved this entrance for our upper phase children. Can I thank you for all getting behind our new admission arrangements and parking buddies' scheme which are a great success and are creating a much safer experience for our community at the busy times of the school day.

As the clocks have now been set back an hour and the nights are drawing in, we are reminding children about keeping safe in the dark and, in particular, road safety. Sadly, road crashes are a major cause of death and injury among the young so teaching road safety is crucial. Visibility is key to keeping our children safe. Think! offer some child friendly resources to help your child to understand the importance of road safety and the need to 'Be Bright, Be Seen1.

Reception and KS1: [https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B0%5D=3-to6&resource\\_type%5B%5D=game](https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B0%5D=3-to6&resource_type%5B%5D=game)

KS2: [https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B0%5D=7-to12&resource\\_type%5B%5D=game](https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B0%5D=7-to12&resource_type%5B%5D=game)

The following website have some good tips for keeping children safe in the dark including when on scooters and driveways:

<https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Let us all continue to work together, allow a little more time at drop off and collection times and most importantly think about others during these cold dark months, to ensure everyone stays safe and that we create a school community that looks after each other and we are proud to belong to.

This year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 14th November 2021 at 10.50 a.m. in the War Memorial Park. Each year the Royal British Legion service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. Children and their families are all invited to this event.

Congratulations to Miss Bradley who got married in the holiday and has returned to school as Mrs Hill.

A reminder that Nasal Flu Immunisations will be administered to children in school next Wednesday November 10th, 2021.

Have a lovely weekend. Remember to look out for the free parades which are scheduled to take place this weekend as part of Coventry City of Culture to mark Diwali and enjoy the fireworks!

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been a very busy first week back. We have had Diwali celebrations across Early Years and Reception have had a bonfire with hot chocolate and smores. We hope that you are enjoying sharing the books your children are bringing home, if you have a child in Reception can we please ask that you write in their reading record once you have read with them. We will be celebrating Christmas in school during December and we are hoping to be able to invite parents in for a sharing opportunity, further information will follow shortly.

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. Have a fantastic half term break.

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### Learning in Nursery

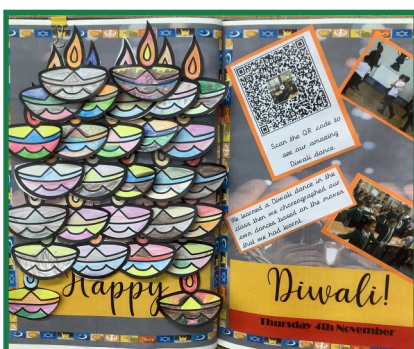
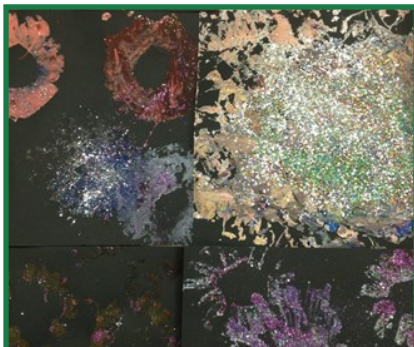
The children in Wrens and Robins have settled back into nursery and been extremely busy doing all things creative. They have been enjoying using all different materials to make their masterpieces. Well done everybody.

Happy Diwali everyone! The Kingfisher children have listened to the story of Rama and Sita this week and decided to make puppets of the characters to retell the story. They been busy creating mendhi artwork and sculpting salt dough diva lamps.

We really enjoyed dressing up in traditional clothes, tasting Indian foods and learning new dances as part of our Diwali celebrations. What a busy week!

### Learning in Reception

Today in Reception we have celebrated our Wow Event by talking about fire safety, toasting marshmallows, making smores and drinking hot chocolate. Happy Bonfire Day everyone!



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

I hope you all had a wonderful break and Happy Diwali! Children across the school have really enjoyed taking part in Diwali celebrations this week. The children in the Lower Phase have made a brilliant start to this half term. In Year 1, the children have been embracing the outdoors as part of their new topic 'The Wild Woods'. They started the week with a trip to the Memorial Park and have thoroughly enjoyed making boggarts from clay, twigs, leaves and conkers. The Year 2 children have been using their compass and map reading skills in geography to find hidden words around the school grounds. This week, the children in Year 3 have been coding. They have used Scratch to design their own original animations linked to their Ancient Greek topic. There is lots of fantastic learning in store for the remainder of the half term.

As always, please contact me with any positive feedback, questions or concerns:

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### Learning in Year 1

In RE this week Year 1 have been talking about how people celebrate key celebrations and how this makes them feel. The children learnt about the Diwali story and created Diwali firework paintings. They cut and fanned out cardboard rolls to create firework effects in different colours and the results were stunning! Well done Year 1.

### Learning in Year 2

In Year 2, we were explorers and used compass points to direct us around the school to find clues. We loved being geographers!

### Learning in Year 3

Year 3 celebrated Diwali by making colourful Diva lamps, learning a Diwali dance in class then using the moves that they had learnt to choreograph their own dances.



### Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The children in the Upper Phase have had a fantastic first week back at school and I have really enjoyed hearing about the exciting adventures they have been on over the holiday. They have been busy this week immersing themselves in their new learning and it has been lovely to see so many of the children receiving their first house points. In Year 4 and 6, it has been poetry week and they have written some poetry based on their topics. Year 6 will be sharing this poetry next week when they attend a memorial service at The War Memorial Park as part of the Remembrance Day celebrations.

All of the children this week have also been learning about the festival of Diwali and have enjoyed finding out more about this special occasion. From all of us here at Manor Park we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Diwali which is filled with happiness, prosperity and joy.

If you have any questions, positive comments or concerns, then please contact me on:

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#### Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have learnt all about Diwali. We listened to the story and thought about the message that it gives us - how good can triumph over evil. We discovered that Diwali is the festival of light and children in our class shared how they would be celebrating. To finish off we made beautiful Diwali cups.

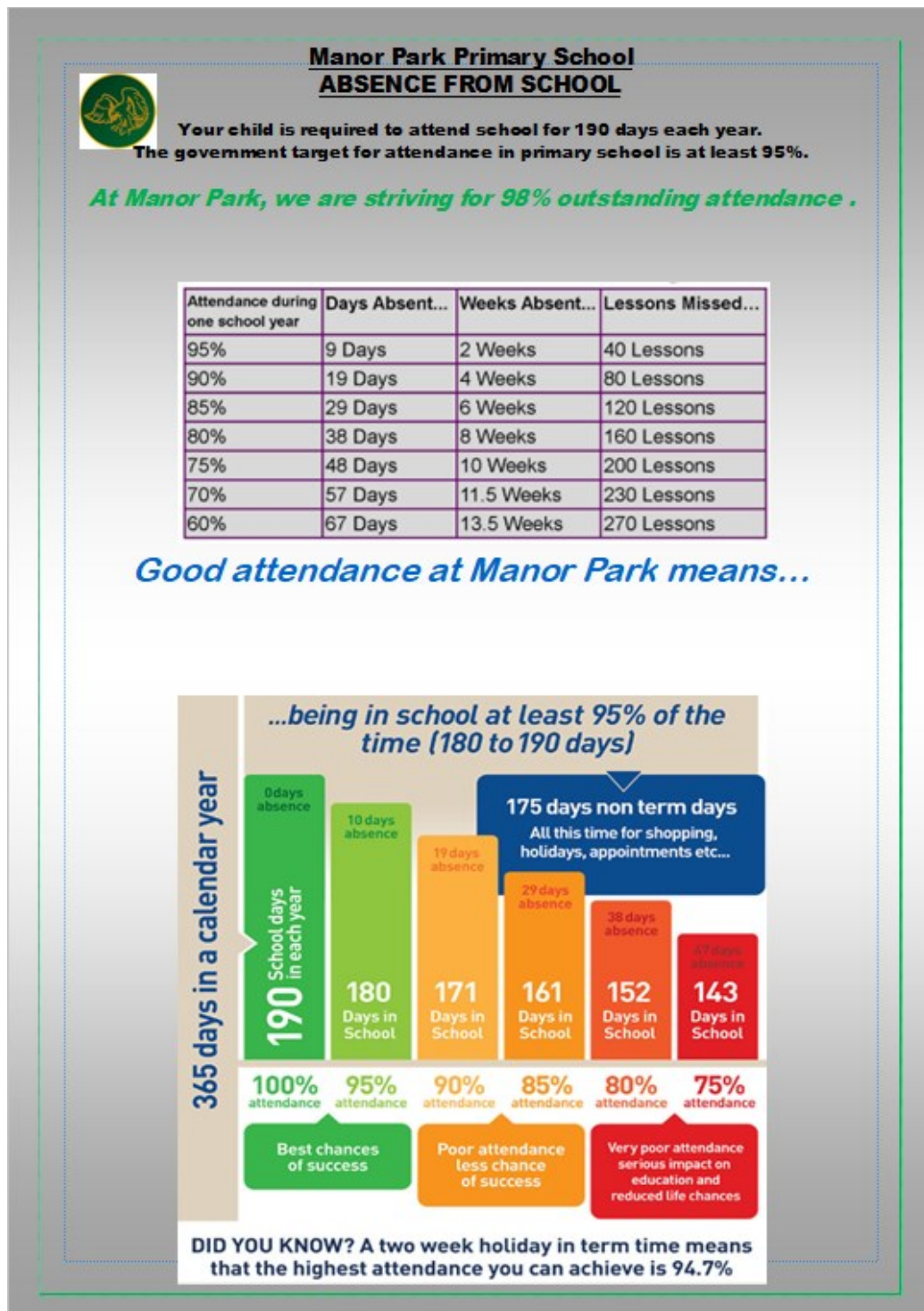
#### Learning in Year 5

This week, year 5 have learnt about the celebration of Diwali. The children thoroughly enjoyed making these lanterns to represent the festival of light. Year 5 had a discussion around what people do to celebrate Diwali and some children shared their experiences of this celebration.

#### Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning all about British and German Propaganda. We learnt about the importance of Propaganda during WW2, why it was effective and how it was distributed to the public, during this time in History. Year 6 then created their own Propaganda posters, detailing the purpose of their posters within the picture or motto they chose to create. Excellent work this week, Year 6!





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In partnership with SENDIASS, Coventry Educational Psychology Service (EPS) are running a FREE session for parents/carers on **'Childhood Anxiety'**

Anxiety is a common experience for children and young people. Associated difficulties may have been exacerbated as a result of the pandemic - either during lockdown or on return to school.



In this session we will think about what anxiety is and what parents can do to support children and young people to overcome their fears and worries.


**Key areas we will explore in this session**

| Understanding Anxiety   | Supporting Children and Young People |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| · Normalising anxiety   | · Supporting children at home        |
| · Types of anxiety      | · CBT approaches                     |
| · Anxiety and the brain | · Toolbox of strategies              |
| · What to look out for  |                                      |

**VIDEO LINK SESSION**  
**EITHER Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - 10am-12pm**  
**OR Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 10am-12pm**

\*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date.

To book a place or for further information please contact: SENDIASS Tel: 024 76 69 4307 or email: [jass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:jass@coventry.gov.uk)



WELCOME TO SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS, MEETING LIKE MINDED PEOPLE AND LEARNING NEW SKILLS...


# OUTDOOR SKILLS

16-25 YEARS OLD?  
INTERESTED IN NATURE AND THE OUTDOORS?

**JOIN OUR 5-WEEK COURSE, EVERY TUESDAY, STARTING 16 NOVEMBER 2021, 10:30AM - 2:30PM AT LOCAL WOODLANDS**

Call 02476 920025 OR TEXT us at 07432 528007 to book your place.

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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 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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: [jass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:jass@coventry.gov.uk)



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