

10th December 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

School will close at the end of the day next Friday December 17th for the Christmas holiday and will re-open on Tuesday January 4th. Please note that Monday January 3rd is a public bank holiday, and all schools are closed on this day.

We have had an exciting, extremely busy and very successful term, with Covid cases remaining consistently low and the school community keeping well. Again, our thanks to you all for continuing to follow guidelines and school procedures to enable this strong position to be maintained. We are really hoping that things will once again settle down in the new year and school life will be able to continue to revert to more normal routines.

Thank you to all the parents of our reception children for supporting your children and the school by attending our nativity performances this week, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We were so proud of the children who rose to the challenge and were amazing! It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents into school for what is always a very special event.

A reminder about our Christmas activities next week. Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 15th December and is now available to book on Pay 360. This will also be the day of our Christmas Jumper Day, with children and staff invited to come to school in Christmas jumpers or other seasonal outfits. Children will be taking part in a Christmas science Let's Investigate Day on Tuesday 14th and they may come appropriately dressed as scientists if they would like to. It is RE week and children will participate in RE activities linked to Christmas throughout the week.

Christmas cards can be posted in our post boxes every day next week.

Finally, children will be involved in making up gift boxes in their classes which will be distributed to children in Gambia as part of our work with the charity Project Gambia.

SDH Academy will be running a holiday club in our school over the Christmas holidays as part of the Holidays Activity and Food Programme. Places can be booked directly with SDH Academy for any children in school if this were something that your child would like to get involved in, or to support families who would benefit from holiday care for their children.

Staffing News

Miss Danielle Coope, one of our HLTA's, will be leaving us next Friday as she has recently relocated quite a distance away from Coventry. Tegan Allen, our EYFS apprentice, will be moving on to a new position at a local school, as her apprenticeship with us has now been completed. Our thanks and best wishes are extended to both these members of staff for all their amazing contributions to Manor Park. Good luck in your new pursuits.

Congratulations to Katy Wakefield who is getting married during the Christmas holiday and will return as Mrs Moore next year. I am also delighted to inform you that Mrs Jelley is expecting her second baby in June 2022. Our best wishes are extended to these staff at such special times in their lives.

I hope you are all enjoying the exciting build up to Christmas and are keeping safe and well.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

We've had a very exciting week in Early Years! Reception children have been busy performing their fantastic Nativities and it has been wonderful to invite families into school to see the children acting and singing on stage - a special moment indeed. Reception have also been super readers this week! I have been popping into phonics lessons and seeing the amazing progress children are making! Please continue to support with hearing your child read and by reading them lots of stories, it makes such a difference. It has been lovely to be in Nursery this week and get to know the children. They are certainly entering into the Christmas spirit - children have been very creative, making beautiful cards and wreaths. They have also been making a santa train and in their imaginative play they travelled to Lapland! As well as this, children have been on an exciting adventure walk around school and singing lots of new songs on our big, red bus!

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me on:

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Learning in Nursery

This week the children in Wrens & Robins have really enjoyed playing outside on our fabulous outdoor area.

This week in Kingfishers nursery we have been doing lots of Christmas crafts and singing Christmas songs, we even went to see the Christmas balloon arch in year 1. We can't wait to share our Christmas crafts with you!

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have shared the story 'Stickman' and thought about him floating in the sea and how we could help keep him afloat. We tested different materials and made a raft to help him.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

The children in the Lower Phase are still hard at work on the run up to Christmas! I have been so impressed with the amount of house point tokens that the children have been earning. The Year 1 children have created some amazing woodland habitats in shoeboxes using a range of art materials and natural resources from the outside area. They used a slider to move a woodland animal, which they designed, around the habitat. They have also been working hard on understanding capacity, volume and telling the time in maths. In Year 2, the children have written some fantastic acrostic poems and have been working on their performance skills to an audience. In English this week, the Year 3 children have written some informative non-chronological reports about ancient Greek gods and goddesses. The children across the phase have spoken really highly about their topics this term and are looking forward to the next one!

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Learning in Year 1

Year 1 children have designed and made a woodland habitat complete with a moving woodland animal. They followed a project plan, chose suitable materials to represent woodland features and evaluated their final product. Well done Year 1; we think your woodland habitats are amazing!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have started to learn about habitats and how animals adapt to their homes. This week we went hunting in our wonderful school grounds for micro habitats. We found lots of homes for different animals such as foxes, birds, spiders, ant and centipedes. We love learning outdoors!

Learning in Year 3

This week as part of their Meet the Greeks topic, Year 3 designed and made our own Greek style sashes. We threaded our own needles, tied knots in our thread and sewed two pieces of material together using a running stitch to create our sashes.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

All of the children were very excited on Tuesday morning to see their classrooms decorated for the festive season. Lots of sparkly lights and Christmas music could be heard throughout the corridors! It has been a very 'Arty' week in the Upper Phase this week with the children practising lots of previously learnt skills. Year 4, were mosaic printing and produced a beautiful class print for their displays. The Year 5 children have been very creative and made their own scarab beetle out of soap. The final result was fantastic and the children really enjoyed using a different media to carve in to. Finally, Year 6 designed and created some pen and ink drawings based on the new and old cathedral. We have some very talented artists in the Upper Phase and love sharing this learning with you all. Please have a look on Seesaw and Twitter for some of the children's wonderful pieces of work.

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Learning in Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning about coordinates. The children completed a practical lesson where they had to create their own quadrants out of masking tape, label the axis and plot different classroom objects for their partner to then calculate the coordinates of each one.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard on their sketching, carving and sculpting skills to create a beautiful scarab beetle. Last week, they learnt the different carving skills and worked on observational drawings to ensure they knew the key details that a scarab beetle needed. This week, they've applied their learning to sculpt their beetle. The Year 5 children have blown us away with their incredible dedication, focus and creativity.

Learning in Year 6

As we approach the end of our topic- Rising from the Rubble- Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon taking part in a VE- Day street style party. We played 40's Bingo, WWII musical statues, designed celebratory bunting and enjoyed some sweet treats too! Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about WWII this term, and have really impressed us with all their fabulous work! We are really looking forward to moving to our new topic, Frozen, next term and are certain our wonderful children will continue to work hard and be brilliant then too. Great work, Year 6!



Sky Blues Free Mental Health Sessions

Sky Blues are currently offering FREE activity sessions to support men and women with their mental health. The sessions are open for people to turn up to as we can sign people up on the day. The activities are largely decided on by participants, and we are able to facilitate: Badminton, Football, Table Tennis, Basketball, Indoor Archery, Bowls and multiple other indoor sports. We are currently giving free ticket vouchers for Coventry City FC fixtures to any new members.

Please encourage any friends, family or service users you feel might benefit from our sessions to come along to any of the following:

MENTalk

Warwick session: St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre (CV34 4QY) - every Tuesday, 11:00 - 13:00pm.

Coventry session: Moat House Leisure Centre (CV2 1EA) - every Thursday, 12:00 - 14:00pm.

Nuneaton session: Jubilee Sports Centre (CV10 7EZ) - every Friday, 14:00 - 16:00pm.

WOMENTalk

Warwick session: St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre (CV34 4QY) - every Wednesday, 11:00 - 12:30pm.

Nuneaton session: Jubilee Sports Centre (CV10 7EZ) - every Friday, 12:00 - 13:30pm.

Again, participants are able to come along and sign up on the day - they do not need to be referred or contacted prior to sessions.

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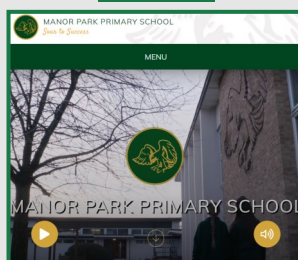
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6th December 2021

Cleaners (2 vacancies) as soon as possible

Salary scale pro rata term time only: Grade 1 Point 1 @ £9.24 per hour.

Hours of work: 10 hours per week 38 weeks term time only:

Monday – Friday 3.30 – 5.30

We wish to appoint hardworking, enthusiastic, trustworthy, and committed cleaners to join our team of premises staff to ensure the delivery of a high-quality cleaning service.

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.

To apply for this position please apply online using the apply button or download an application form below and return this to: admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk Interview date will be determined once in receipt of a completed application form.

Closing date 9th January 2022 – midnight

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