

19th November 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep everyone safe in our school community and not sending your child into school if they are ill. We have had a few new cases of children and staff reported to us this week, but thankfully overall positive cases remain low, and attendance is very good. The overall attendance for last week was 96%.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the parental questionnaire which we circulated last week. If you have not already done so and feel you could complete it, would you do this through the link below please. It should only take a few minutes of your time and will help us in determining priorities for the school going forward. The questionnaire will close on Monday 22nd November at 9.00am.

Parent Feedback Questionnaire

A reminder that our school day starts promptly at 8.55am, with the first lesson beginning at 9am. It is for this reason that staff are not able to admit children into classrooms after 9am as they are teaching. We are bringing forward the times that gates are closed each morning to enable a prompt start to the teaching day to be maintained. From Monday 22nd November Gates 1 and 3 will be locked at 8.55am and Gate 2 at 9am. This will allow time for any parents arriving on site close to 8.55am and entering through gate 1 to walk around and leave school by 9am.

We are delighted to be supporting the community this Christmas by hosting a Holiday, Activities and Food Programme run by SDH Academy with a wide range of activities including football, lacrosse, hockey, arts, craft, science experiments and much more. The club which is open to all Manor Park children will run from December 20th to 24th and December 29th to 31st. Please book places to avoid disappointment if this is something your child would like to get involved with. A booking form is attached for your information.

We are all looking forward to a range of exciting activities to support learning across the rest of this term in the lead up to Christmas. Details of specific events will be shared with you at year group level by phase leaders.

Have a lovely weekend. Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

Another busy and fun packed week for the Early Years this week. Reception children are enjoying sharing their reading books with you at home, can we please urge you to write in your child's reading record once you have heard them.

The Nursery children are exploring the environment and enjoying messy play, please can you make sure that your child has a change of clothes in school at all times so that we can change where needed. If you have any clothes from Nursery can you please return them to us. We would encourage all of our Kingfisher children to wear school uniform wherever possible.

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 the children in Wrens and Robins have really enjoyed making fabulous monsters with the play dough. They used all different materials to make their creations. Wow what wonderful monsters!

The kingfisher children have celebrated nursery rhyme week. We have learnt the actions to some songs the children were less familiar with and sang lots of Nursery Rhymes we already know and love. The children have also been making and decorating headbands as we learn about Children in Need. We love to get creative!

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning all about space. We designed and created our own space vehicle out of junk modelling and decorated it with mixed media.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

We have had another fantastic week of learning in the Lower Phase. Children in Year 3 have been consolidating their learning of the epic story of the Trojan Horse using drama to bring the story to life. The Year 2 children have been getting very creative turning their car design into a final product. They have used saws and glue guns to construct their vehicles and have chosen from a range of materials to make their cars original and attractive. In Year 1, the children enjoyed a well-earned hot chocolate after searching the school grounds for leaves from a variety of common trees using an identification key. They successfully used their prior learning to decide whether the leaves belonged to deciduous or evergreen trees. We are looking to more brilliant learning next week!

Please get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback:

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Learning in Year 1

The children in Year 1 explored the trees and nature around the school grounds in their Science lesson this week. They had a bright and curious attitude when identifying the different trees and making some interesting observations. Then they enjoyed a warm hot chocolate in Forest school! What a lovely afternoon we had Year 1!

Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning the design and technology skill of sawing! We used a bench hook, clamp and saw after measuring dowel to make a chassis for our cars inspired by the cars that have been made historically in Coventry.

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 had an outdoor learning session where we played some team building games then we searched for and found the materials to build birds.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

It certainly has been a busy week in the Upper Phase! Earlier on in the week, it was lovely to see so many children engaging in 'book talk' whilst choosing their new AR books. Reading has so many benefits and is an essential skill that will help prepare our children for their future learning. It helps develop imagination and creativity, improves vocabulary and research has found that it can also help reduce stress! At school, we actively encourage the children to read a wide variety of genres and are always asking for their own recommended reads so that we can constantly update our reading areas based on their interests. We were very lucky this week to have had a virtual visit from Jeff Kinney (author of the Dairy of a Wimpy Kid). Jeff spoke about his inspiration behind his books, his life, his childhood and we even had a tutorial on how to draw our own story characters.

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

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Learning in Year 4

During our English lessons this week, Year 4 have been gathering information about three famous scientists - Edward Jenner, Alexander Fleming and Louis Pasteur as well as learning about the features of a non-chronological report. We will be planning and writing our own reports about these scientists over the next week. We discovered that in 1770 Edward Jenner went to London to become a doctor. After returning from a holiday once, Alexander Fleming accidentally discovered the growth of mould on one of his bacteria samples in his laboratory. Louis Pasteur discovered that heating substances can remove bacteria. Although we are doing this work during our English lessons, it also links to Science too.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the virtual visit from Jeff Kinney, the author of Diary of a Wimpy kid. The children learnt a lot about the steps it took for him to become an author and illustrator. During the visit, they participated in a draw along with Jeff learning how to create some of his famous characters. As part of the talk, Jeff told the children about different fun memories and his plans for his future books.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been so creative, and created some wonderful pen and ink art pieces of the Coventry landscape. The children developed their drawing techniques at the start of the week, and used these skills to help them produce their final piece. The children used a range of hatching, cross-hatching, stippling and random line techniques to complete these beautiful pieces of art- well done to all our brilliant Year 6 children!



Medical Appointments

The school has a large number of children attending medical appointments during school hours. We understand it may not always be possible to book or attend an appointment out of school hours, however we do encourage parents to do so whenever possible to minimise disruption to the children's learning.

Thank you

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Attendance

A huge congratulations to Class 16, who achieved 99.3% attendance last week!



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BilinguaSing

During Manor Park University children in KS1 and KS2 have been participating in language learning as they explore different countries around the world. Through games, song and other fun activities an expert from BilinguaSing is spending time with them in the classroom teaching them French and German.



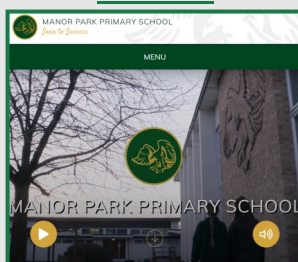
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