

23rd April 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a very enjoyable Easter holiday spent with families and friends. Children and staff have been delighted to return to school and we are all looking forward to what we anticipate will be a very exciting and dynamic term. Year group new summer topics have been launched with innovative WOW days and it has been wonderful to share the children's excitement as they have engaged in these popular events.

Over the holiday a tremendous amount of work has taken place on our new nursery, which is now fully operational. Reception children have settled very well into their new classrooms and outdoor areas, and nursery children have been relocated into two new nursery indoor and outdoor rooms. We are disappointed that we cannot welcome parents into the environment at the moment, however staff are sharing photographs and news with parents so they can enjoy seeing their children in action. I can assure you that a lot of fun and laughter is taking place! I would like to thank parents for their overwhelming support and positivity as we have all adapted to the new admission arrangements for our EYFS children.

If you have a nursery aged child 2 upwards and would like to enquire about a place for your child, please contact us as we will be delighted to share details of availability with you. Our mission is to offer fully flexible places to accommodate the needs of our families which we appreciate are unique to each family.

The local authority allocated reception places to families last week and we are delighted that our reception classes are full and over subscribed for the new academic year. I would like to thank parents for selecting our school for their child's education. We will do everything that we possibly can to ensure that their learning journey with us is exceptional. We will contact parents directly with further information relating to your child joining us over this term.

A very warm welcome to our new admin staff that are joining us over the next few weeks. Sarah Searis will be joining the nursery team as a full-time nursery admin assistant and Beccy Stokes will be joining the admin team in the main office. A very warm welcome to them both.

We are so pleased to have secured 60 places for our Year 6 children to go to Dol y Moch for a two-day residential experience in June, which the children are thrilled about as this is always a very popular event. Our extra-curricular activities are all in place and attendance at these is very high. Please refer to the website for information on the clubs that we are offering and book your child a place if they would like to join in the fun!

As the weather improves, it is lovely to see the school summer dresses coming out. We have had some queries about the summer uniform. Ties are not needed to be worn with dresses but need to be worn with summer shirts.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 3rd May for the May Day Bank Holiday which I am sure you are all looking forward to.

My very best wishes to everyone. Have a lovely weekend. Jill O'Connor Headteacher



EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

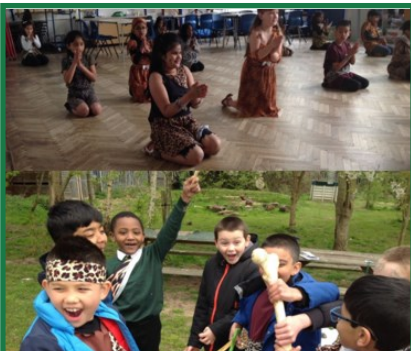
The children in EYFS have had a wonderful start to the new summer term. They are all excited about their new classrooms and outdoor areas. We have seen some amazing work from the children in all areas of their learning and they continue to be extremely friendly, sociable and helpful towards their friends and teachers. Well done everyone.

Learning in Nursery

The children in Nursery have been busy mixing colours together and creating wonderful earth pictures as part of our whole school 'Earth Day' celebration. They enjoyed sharing their experiences about activities they have fun doing during a range of seasons and weather.

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children have enjoyed sharing the story of 'Spyder' and they have created giant spider webs for the story character using their creative and fine motor skills. They also imagined they were special agents and have written secret messages.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. The warmer weather has certainly been something I have been enjoying. This week the children in the Lower Phase have been really busy with Earth Day, Wow days and our amazing Manor Park University sessions. As the weather is getting warmer can I please remind you to make sure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that discarded jumpers, cardigans and coats can be reunited with their rightful owners at the end of break and lunchtime.

Enjoy a weekend of sunshine!

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Learning in Year 1

We have been working hard to develop our outdoor area and have been doing lots of fun activities like den building, assault courses, large junk models and role play. We have also enjoyed soaking up the sunshine during our class reading sessions.

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been focussing on the traditional tale 'Rapunzel' this week. The children performed the story to their friends using their fantastic acting skills and creative story language. Amazing acting Year 2!

Learning in Year 3

This week Year 3 had their WOW event to launch our new topic: Through the Ages. The children took part in different activities, including digging for dinosaur bones, a drama workshop, where they re-enacted different parts of everyday life in the Stone Age and made dinosaur bone necklaces out of salt dough. All of the children dressed up in Stone Age outfits, and we had a brilliant day!

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

Welcome back to the summer term! The children have returned full of enthusiasm for their new topics of Totems and Teepees (Yr4), Infinity and Beyond (Yr5) and Kingdom of Benin (Yr6). Year 4 have started the term with their WOW day and have had lots of fun dancing, drumming and making their own dreamcatchers. Year 5 are busy planning their space camp, which will take place next term, and Year 6 have had some very exciting news as they will be visiting Wales for their residential at DolyMoch. As the weather improves, we will be spending lots of time outside of the classroom exploring and using our school grounds as part of our learning experiences. We look forward to sharing our learning with you this term so please check Seesaw to see what fantastic work your child has been doing in school.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns as I am here to support you and your family.

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Learning in Year 4

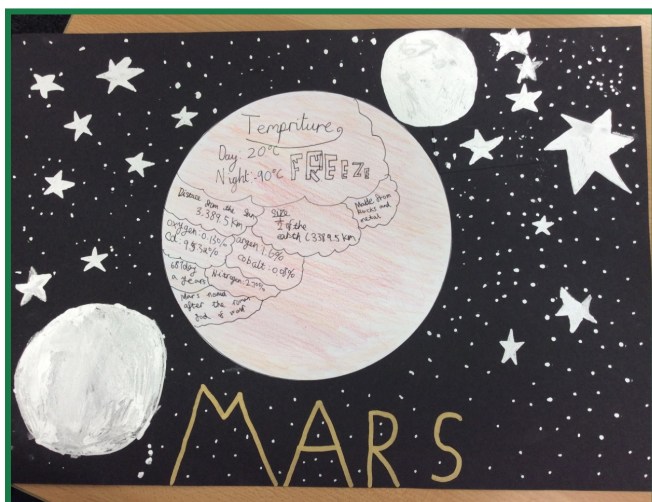
This week, as part of our 'Totems and Teepees' topic WOW event, Year 4 enjoyed making Native American dream catchers and Pow Wow dancing and drumming.

Learning in Year 5

As part of our new topic 'To Infinity and Beyond', the children worked in groups and researched one of the eight planets in our solar system. They created some informative and engaging posters and presented their findings to the rest of the class.

Learning in Year 6

During MPU, Year 6 have been learning about basic life support and the steps that would be required to give someone life saving first aid. We learnt what the term, DRsABC stands for: danger, response, shout, airways, breathing and circulation and how to put someone in the recovery position if they are unconscious but breathing. We also learnt what to do if we found someone unresponsive and not breathing; we discussed the term CPR and how this effective procedure can help to save someone's life. Excellent work, Year 6!





This week, we have launched in school that we will be learning about the UNICEF Global Goals.

The Global Goals are a set of 17 sustainability areas that have been agreed by world wide leaders to help create a better world by 2030.

To start this, we learnt about Earth Day on Thursday 22nd April and each year group learnt about a different climate issue. Across the school, the children explored litter pollution, recycling at home, biodiversity, renewable energy, global warming as well as about our own carbon footprint.

Our goal is to become change makers to make our world a better place.

Many thanks,
Miss Ingram
Global Awareness and Outdoor Lead



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Self-sufficient

Manor Park Job Centre



Opening Monday 26th April!

- « Are you in Years 2-6?
- « Are you responsible and reliable?
- « Do you care for our school and its environment?

If so, Manor Park Job Centre is open from Monday and we would love to see as many of you applying as possible!

Our extremely important and top priority jobs on offer this term are:

- « Y2 - Recycling monitors
- « Y3 - Chicken monitors
- « Y4 - PE equipment assistants
- « Y5 - Accelerated Reader monitors
- « Y6 - Library assistants

Applications close on Wednesday 28th April with interviews being held on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th.

Good luck!

Mrs Scott (Job Centre Manager)

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View our new Nursery and Reception class rooms below!



60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

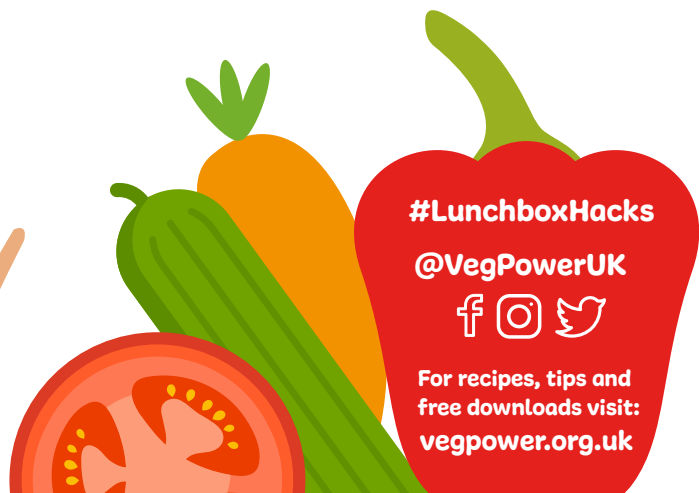
Veg are a key part of a healthy diet but it can be a real struggle to get kids to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. Try these simple ideas to **veg-pack their lunchboxes** with limited faff.

The basic toolkit:

- 🍅 **Containers** (small and lidded for dips, leftovers and more)
- 🍅 **Cutlery** (if needed)
- 🍅 **Thermos** (any heat-retaining flask is great for soups, baked beans, leftovers, etc.)
- 🍅 **Bamboo kebab sticks** (optional, but helpful for making veggies more fun)



Top tip: Know your portions – a child's portion of veg is roughly 50g or what fits into a child's hand.



#LunchboxHacks

@VegPowerUK



For recipes, tips and
free downloads visit:
vegpower.org.uk



5 easy #LunchboxHacks to add more veg in 60 seconds or less:

1. The Salad-on-a-Stick



Get a bamboo kebab stick and thread on different veg such as cherry tomatoes, cubed cucumber, cubed cooked beetroot, chunks of peppers, raw button mushrooms, crunchy lettuce, etc) in fun colours. If your child isn't a fan of veg, try starting off by alternating veg with cooked meat, cubed cheese, etc to ease them into it.

My Favourite veg was:

2. The Lunch Crunch



1 carrot chopped into sticks (or pre-chopped carrot sticks) with a pot of hummus (or their favourite dip) adds a portion of veg.

I ate this many carrots:

3. The Sandwich Slice



Slice 5cm cucumber (about the length of a small egg) and add to a sandwich for an extra portion of veg with minimal effort.

I ate this much cucumber:

4. The Helpful Handful

Add a handful of ready-to-eat snacky veg to a container. Try cherry tomatoes, drained tinned sweetcorn, celery sticks, green beans, cucumber etc.



My Favourite veg was:

5. The Half-Baked Plan






Heat through half a tin of baked beans (ideally low sugar and salt) and stick in a heat-retaining flask for an easy veg portion win.

This week my rating is:

Top tip: Keep trying! If they are not used to veg in their packed lunch, it may be picked out and ignored on the first few days. The more they see it and interact with it, the more the veg becomes "normal".



POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPS FOR CHILDREN

WHAT IS IT?	APP	CONCERNS
 Tik Tok	Video-sharing social networking service (such as videos).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimum age of 13, but no verification- All content is public by default- Inappropriate language & content- Contact with strangers
 YouTube	Video-sharing platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explicit comments on videos- Inappropriate content spliced into videos on the regular and kid's platforms- Known paedophile problem
 Tellonym	Anonymous messaging service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cyberbullying- Threats- Sexual Content- Unmonitored access- Inconsistent age restrictions
 Bigu	Live-streaming platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No age verification needed- Users have to provide age & location<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bullying & Violence- Nudity- Inappropriate language
 IMVU	Avatar-based social platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 18+ areas with nudity/sexual encounters- Sexual behaviour in non-age restricted areas- Chat features pairs random strangers<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All profiles public- Bullying & Grooming



**INSTALL CHILD SAFE VPN:
PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
BY INSTALLING CHILD SAFE VPN ON ALL DEVICES**

All EU and EEA citizens, and their family members or carers, need to make an application to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021. Making an application will secure your right to live and work in the UK beyond this date. EU/EEA citizens with permanent residence should also apply.

Talk to us for free, confidential advice:

1. Email: CoventryEUSS@coventry.gov.uk
2. Call (Wednesdays and Fridays): 07507 726 526
3. Or visit us in-person for support:

New Start 4 U, Bell Green (12-14 Riley Square, Coventry, CV2 1LX)

- April 21st 9am-14:00pm
- May 12th 9am-14:00pm
- June 16th 9am-14:00pm

Carriers of Hope, along from Argos on opposite side (26 City Arcade Centre, Coventry, CV1 1DG)

1. April 30th 12-14:00
2. May 28th 12-14:00
3. June 25th 12-14:00

World Foods Food Hub, Hillfields (St. Marks Church, Bird Street, Coventry, CV1 5FX)

1. April 14th 11am-14:00pm
2. May 5th 11am-14:00pm
3. June 10th 11am-14:00pm