

30th April 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy week in school with children and staff immersed in wonderful learning opportunities. I am very pleased to inform you that absence due to Covid from children and staff continues to be at a very low level if at all, and there is a real feeling that school life is gradually returning to more normal routines. Children are all working extremely hard and are making rapid progress. We are so proud of their resilience and wonderful attitude to learning as they have fully adjusted to the new routines in school and are thriving.

A reminder that we will be holding our rearranged parent consultation evenings on May 18th and 19th between 4-6.30 pm. We have recently been informed by the LA that all parents meetings and new induction meetings will have to be remote meetings for the rest of this year. We will therefore be offering a remote appointment booking system in the same format that we operated in the autumn term. Please sign up for an appointment to enable you to meet your child's teacher and discuss their wonderful learning this year.

We are operating a lot of small group tuition for children through the National Tutoring Programme, with many of our own staff delivering these sessions for children in their own class. We are using our Covid catch up money to fund this tuition. I would urge parents to take up this teaching if it is offered to their child. Places are being offered to children where staff have identified gaps in learning or confidence following the period of school closure.

School will be used as a polling station on Thursday as part of the local elections. This will operate from the lower hall with no disruption to school at all.

We appreciate that many of our families will be celebrating Eid at some point this month. Could parents ensure that they inform us if their child will be absent on this day, as it is essential that we can record any absence in the usual way.

School will be closed on Monday May 3rd for the annual May Day Holiday. Enjoy the weekend and bank holiday when it arrives on Monday. I hope the sun shines for everyone.

My very best wishes to everyone. Jill O'Connor Headteacher



EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It has been another exciting and busy week for all of our children in Early Years. They are enjoying exploring the outdoor areas and taking part in physical challenges and investigations. The children are taking part in lots of creative activities where they are using a wide range of art materials and tools to make amazing pictures and objects. Sharing stories, songs and rhymes are always popular with the children and they help to extend the children's learning further in a fun and creative way.

Mrs. Bygrave EYFS Phase Leader

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:

a_bygrave@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Nursery

The children in Nursery have enjoyed sharing the story 'The Colour Monster' and creating amazing pictures of the story character. We have been talking about different emotions and feelings which is also a theme within the story.

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children have been learning about robots and how they are built and operated. We have enjoyed designing, building and painting our own using junk modelling. The children have enjoyed sharing the story 'No-Bot' which is all about a robot called Bernard. They have written about the story and in maths, they have been exploring addition using practical resources and everyday objects.

Learning in EYEP

This week, the children in EYEP have really enjoyed exploring our outdoor area. They have used the tyres and wooden planks to create an obstacle course. They have been using their physical skills to balance, run and jump with their friends.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It's been another busy week for the Lower Phase. Myself and Mrs Kavanagh Byrne have been looking at the wonderful work that the children have been doing and we are so impressed by the high standards we are seeing in both Maths and English.

We look forward to continuing to share our learning across the curriculum with you so please make sure that you check Seesaw to see the wonderful work your child is completing. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or positive feedback.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend

Mrs A Healy

a_healy@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

k_kavanagh-byrne@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 1

There has been some fantastic team work, problem solving and constructing going on in the Year 1 outdoor area this week. The children have been working together to build obstacle courses and dens and have had to solve lots of different problems in their construction along the way.

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been locating castles of the UK and doing some interactive map work. We have been looking at the castles in and around our local area. If you are looking for a fun day out over the bank holiday weekend, then why not visit either Warwick castle or Kenilworth castle!

Learning in Year 3

As part of their creative curriculum, Year 3 have been learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children created a timeline and compared the different time periods to ones that they had learnt about earlier in the year: Ancient Greece and Ancient Maya.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had another busy week in the Upper Phase! We have enjoyed looking at maths and English books this week and have been really impressed with the very high standards in all books across the phase. Year 4 have been busy practising their times tables this week for their upcoming multiplication check. If your child is in Year 4, please continue to test them on their times tables on a daily basis as it will really help secure their knowledge in this area of maths. Year 5 and 6 have been working extremely hard on their new topics and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm towards their learning as I have walked around school this week.

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

t_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 4

This week in their Commando Joe session, Year 4 took part in an invasion game where each team took it in turn to defend their base and try to stop the enemies from stealing their weapons.


Learning in Year 5

In our topic this week, we have been learning about how the Earth rotates on its axis creating day and night and different time zones. In science, the children created videos using a globe and torch to explain why we experience day and night around the world.

Learning in Year 6

Year 6 are learning about the circulatory system this half term. This week we learnt about what blood is made up of and made blood smoothies with a range of ingredients to represent platelets, plasma, red and white blood cells. We also added additional ingredients to show how each blood type is different. Super learning Year 6, well done!






Last week, every child in the school learnt about the global goals and how their actions can make a positive impact on our world.

At home, if you would like to explore this together, why not make three pledges and apply for the Blue Peter Green badge?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>

Please do let me know if you get one!

Many thanks,
Miss Ingram
Outdoor learning and Global Awareness Lead



Max Gartside (C14) with his green badge

S

Self-sufficient

O

Original

Manor Park Job Centre



We have had lots and lots of applications for the Manor Park Job Centre this week, thank you to all of you who took the time to apply and I want to say many congratulations to those of you who have been successful in your interviews.

The Job Centre is currently under refurbishment to get a fresh new look with some extra surprises in store! Watch this space!



A

Attitude

R

Resilient



Manor Park
Primary School

Happy 60th Birthday to our Headteacher



We would like to wish our amazing Headteacher Mrs O'Connor a very Happy 60th Birthday. It's been a day of surprises for her with gifts and messages. I'm sure she will make the most of the bank holiday weekend to extend her celebrations.

