

9th July 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another very busy week, I sincerely hope that you and your families are staying safe and well. Whilst the school community is keeping well, we have had a few confirmed positive Covid staff cases and one positive pupil case, with none of these thankfully resulting in any serious symptoms. We were very sorry that one Year 2 class had to isolate last week, and we were delighted to welcome them back today. We have also, like so many other organisations, had a significant number of staff who have been made to isolate for 10 days due to track and trace contacts. This is causing us some organisational issues, however we are endeavouring to keep the school fully open, with all staff who are isolating teaching full remote lessons all day into classrooms, an experience which the children are thoroughly enjoying as they can see their teacher on a large screen all day! We have however, unfortunately decided to cancel transition week for all children next week. As some children would not have their new teacher in school, and in response to the increase of positive cases in our community, we feel it is the best model to keep all children in their current bubbles. We will hopefully create an opportunity for the children to meet their new teachers during the last week of term.

You will no doubt be delighted to hear that the government is planning to remove most restrictions in school from July 19th. As this date is so close to the end of term, we will need to wait for detailed LA guidance on new operational plans for schools, which I don't think we will receive until August. We will therefore maintain our current systems fully for the rest of this term. I am attaching a letter for your information outlining the school position from July 19th when restrictions are lifted.

You will all receive your child's report today. I hope you enjoy reading your child's report and celebrating their many successes this year with them. We are so proud of the resilience and attitude of the children and the very high standards that they have achieved. We have just compiled our end of year data and we are delighted that most children, in almost every year group, are achieving in line with previous years. This is due to the determination and hard work of children and staff, throughout what has been an incredibly challenging year. It needs to be recognised that the support you have given to your children and the school has been immeasurable and has played a significant part in ensuring the learning of children has been of the highest possible standard. Thank you to you all. Everybody should feel incredibly proud.

We have now finalised our staffing structure ready for the new academic year. A few staff will be leaving us to pursue new endeavours. Sophie Sanders our deputy headteacher, has already relocated to Cumbria and has been commuting to Coventry each week. She will be joining a new school in September with a shorter commute! Amanda Bygrave our EYFS leader, will be leaving us to enable her to spend more time with her family and to pursue some new exciting endeavours. Lianne Scott is leaving to begin her maternity leave. Lara Hall is leaving us to relocate and Caroline Bredin is beginning her well-earned retirement. Jamie Berry one of our sports apprentices is leaving to start a university course, as working with our children has convinced him that training to become a teacher is the best possible profession to join! We will miss them all. Our appreciation and best wishes are extended to all these staff and we wish them the very best of luck in their new pursuits. They have all played a huge part in the ongoing life and development of the school. A huge thank you to them all.

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We are delighted to welcome several new staff to our team. Rebekah Hodt our new deputy, has recently returned from overseas and she will be coming into school to meet everyone this term. Jo Isherwood is taking on a position as assistant headteacher as we have restructured the senior leadership team into three phases, with assistant headteachers taking responsibility for these phases. Emma Goddard and Amrit Manak are joining our teaching staff team. We have significantly increased the number of support staff we will have in school next year to strengthen teaching and learning and support any individual programmes that children may benefit from next year. A very warm welcome to our new learning support assistants Aloka Sudiwala, Emma Jones, Erin O'Sullivan, Thea Pargeter, Josie Ellis, Gemma Hughes and Kris Roscoe. Kris will already be known to parents and children as he has worked with us this year as a sports coach. To replace Kris and Jamie in their sports apprentice roles, we are delighted to welcome Tom Bourton, Sophie Shale and Joshua Wishart to work alongside Casey Burden in delivering our extended exciting sporting extra-curricular offer which we will be sharing with you before the end of term. Maintaining the highest levels and quality of staffing is our highest priority, and I am very confident that we have an outstanding staffing model and a great deal of expertise to begin the new academic year with. I am attaching a full staff list for your information.

The children will all be told their new class and teacher today. Most year groups are moving up in their current classes. You will be aware that our transition policy is that we only mix children in year groups where we believe it is the best option for the children. As always, I am not anticipating any problems with the class groupings, as staff always work very hard to maintain friendship groups and ensure that every child will be well supported in their new class. Do not hesitate to contact me immediately however if you feel you need to do so, as the happiness of children (and parents) is our priority in this process.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy watching the big game on Sunday. We have enjoyed a great non-uniform day in school today as a token of our support for the England team on Sunday. Contrary to Facebook notifications, I can confirm that school will be open as normal on Monday with no delayed opening time.

Thank you for your continued support which we really appreciate. Have a wonderful weekend and good luck England!

Best wishes to everyone

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

What a fun packed week it's been in Early Years this week. We have had lots of outdoor learning with a real highlight in Reception being the release of our butterflies.

We are so amazingly proud of our children and we can't quite believe that very soon they will be moving to their new classes. Time flies by so quickly but we know that our children are ready for their new challenges as they continue to flourish and grow. We know that some of our Nursery children will be moving to new schools and we wish them every success as they move on.

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.

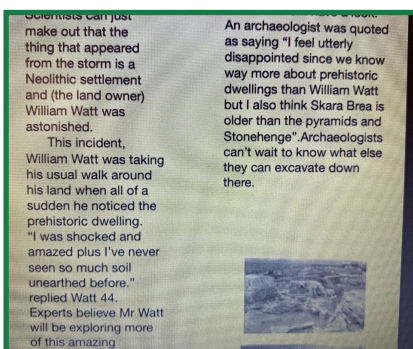
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Learning in Nursery

This week Nursery have been getting excited and ready for Reception! We have been exploring outside and creating pictures using nature, and have been learning how to write our name for our books!

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have had so much fun learning all about capacity and weight. We also enjoyed releasing our butterflies that we have been looking after this month, into the wild too.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It's been another fun-packed week with lots of exciting learning opportunities. It has been great to welcome the Year 2 team back into school following their isolation. The children have shown their growing maturity; adapting well to changes and really throwing themselves in to the situation they found themselves in. Today they have enjoyed their previously postponed pirate day which has been great fun. As we prepare for the end of term can we please urge you to ensure your child has all of their personal belongings; we have a growing amount of lost property.

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 Year 1

Year 1 are super excited for the England final on Sunday! We have come to school today in football kits and colours of our favourite team to send good luck to the England players for Sunday! Come on England, it's coming home!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing Pirate Day where we all came in dressed up, had an exciting treasure hunt and sang lots of sea shanties. We all learnt how to do a running and overlay stitch to make our very own pirate purses! Shiver me timbers Year 2!

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 have become newspaper reporters and written an article about the discovery of Skarra Brae. The children typed up their final drafts and created their own headlines and added pictures.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

It has been a very busy week this week in the Upper Phase. The children have shown fantastic resilience and flexibility, adapting to the changes in school. Next week, the Upper Phase children will be getting involved in a number of Coventry City of Culture projects. In Year 5, the children will be welcoming in Emilie Lauren Jones who will be creating some art poetry with them. Look out for this work as it is going to be published online - link to follow shortly. In Year 4, the children are participating in the 'My Carbon Family' project. They will be learning about the 3 R's of reducing, recycling and reusing and will also have their work displayed locally. Very exciting!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on the following email address:

t_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 4

As part of our Totems and Tepees themed art lesson this week, Year 4 painted their totem designs. They look fantastic!

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about conditional loops in Computing this week. The children created their own game on scratch with the objective to collect points between platforms. They used different coding algorithms to build their game.

Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been using their creative skills this week by making African-style masks. They used collage techniques to embellish their masks made of cardboard. Using their research on African patterns, they then decorated them using a variety of painting techniques. Excellent work, Year 6!



Updates

Next week, the whole school will participate in our Science Let's Investigate day, when the children will have the opportunity to practise the skills and knowledge they've gained this term. Children are allowed to dress up as Scientists if they would like to.

Our Let's Investigate day will take place on Thursday 15th July.

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Manor Park
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With summer fast approaching, we are opening our lists for our September sessions.

If you need to extend your child's day, either before or after school, please get in touch for more information.

All sessions need to be pre-booked, which can be done by emailing:
k_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Sessions and costs:

7.30 - 8.45AM £5.50 per child, per day.

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Breakfast is served during this session (a reduced menu is available during covid restrictions)

3.30 - 4.30PM £4.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.00PM £6.75 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.30PM £8.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 6.00PM £10.50 per child, per day.

Currently, we are offering a pre-booked sandwich as a snack option after school.

Fruit, milk and water are available daily during all sessions.