

2nd July 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It has been another very busy week in school. You may be aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of Covid positive cases and outbreaks in schools and universities in the city. The increase in positive cases is with younger members of the community and so schools are particularly vulnerable during this period. It is for this reason that the local authority has instructed schools to ensure all mitigations remain in place for the rest of the year. Can I reiterate the importance of following all the current guidelines for isolating and seeking a Covid test should anyone in your household develop symptoms. We want to do everything we possibly can to ensure that the end of term is a happy and safe experience for everyone and that all members of the school community have a safe and relaxing start to the summer holiday when it arrives. A number of end of year activities are planned for children across school with details being sent to parents through year group Seesaw correspondence.

We are aware that July 19th has been indicated as the date when the final stage of restrictions could be lifted. We do not know what this will look like, however as this date is so close to the end of term, we will not be changing any aspects of our routines or risk assessment this academic year. The September position for the school return is uncertain, as must wait for updated DFE guidance which will not arrive until much nearer to the start of the new academic year. We will of course keep you fully updated as we find out more information.

We have been approached by AIP our catering company to be a show school to launch their new signage. AIP are refreshing their marketing collateral, including creating a fun and informal video that explains what they are passionate about and their values. They will undertake some mini interviews about school meals with pupils, staff, on-site catering team and parents, as well as filming pupils at lunchtime to showcase their school meal experience. Over the last few months, they have updated the look and feel of their Food Smart branding so they will work with us to implement this at Manor Park prior to the filming which will take place on Friday 16th July. This will involve us having our nursery dining room and part of our kitchen area redecorated and uplifted free of charge, including the installation of new serveries and salad carts. To enable this essential premises work to take place, we will have to release our nursery dining room and part of the kitchen service area for two days next week. We have ensured that disruption to service has been kept to a minimum, however we will only be able to offer a cold lunch service on Tuesday next week due to this disruption. Normal service of hot and cold meals will resume on Wednesday. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but I am confident it will be worth it when we see these updates to our catering provision.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor

EFYS Phase: Nursery & Reception

This week in Early Years the children have been enjoying sharing stories and poems related to their topics 'Mad About Minibeasts' and 'Let's Go on Holiday' and they have been creating some fabulous pictures and models. We are so proud at how the children persevere in their daily challenges and they are working so hard to use their developing phonics skills to explore their early writing. It's lovely to see how helpful and friendly the children are in their classrooms towards their friends and teachers.

Well done children and keep up the fabulous work!

Mrs. Bygrave EFYS Phase Leader

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

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Learning in Nursery

In Nursery this week the children have had lots of fun exploring different natural materials during our messy play day. Digging, searching for worms and making muddy mixtures are some of the activities the children have tried. They have also been creating large art in our outdoor creative area using mud, water, sticks and leaves. The children have been busy using their fine motor skills to follow tracks with cars in the small world area and they have been reading for pleasure with a range of stories and books.

Learning in Reception

The children in Reception have been busy using their amazing creative skills to make models of minibeasts. They have been cutting, joining and sticking materials together with growing control and co-ordination. The children are helpful towards each other and share the resources and their ideas beautifully. It is wonderful to see how independent and engaged they are. Well done Reception.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It's been a busy week both in school and for those children working from home this week. We are so impressed by the resilience and dedication of our teachers, children and families who are ensuring that all children are receiving the best possible education. We have had lots of conversations in school about the football and I'm sure a great many of you will be continuing to enjoy the tournament and will be cheering England on at the weekend.

As those of you in Year 1 are aware, Miss Spicer has been training with us for the last 12 weeks. This has been her last week in school and she has had a successful placement with us. We wish her all the best in her new job in Bristol in September.

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 have enjoyed their D&T project this week to design and make their own Tudor house linking to our learning of the Great Fire of London. We even used real straw for the roofs! We had great fun making them!

Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been reading about heroes and villains of the oceans! The children's research on pirates, Captain Cook and Dame Ellen MacArthur has been fantastic, leading on to them producing some wonderful non-chronological reports. Well done Year 2!

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 had a virtual school trip to the British Museum to learn about prehistory. The children got to learn about different artefacts, homes from the Stone Age and took part in a history quiz, on Kahoot.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

All of the children in the Upper Phase have worked incredibly hard this week. As we approach the end of the year, they are proving that they are more than ready for the next stage in their learning journey. Year 6 had a fantastic time in Dol y Moch and really couldn't have wished for better weather. They were resilient, respectful and above all demonstrated superb team work - well done Year 6 we are very proud of you all. We have some very exciting projects lined up with Coventry City of Culture over the next couple of weeks so keep checking this section of the newsletter for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please contact me on:

t_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 4

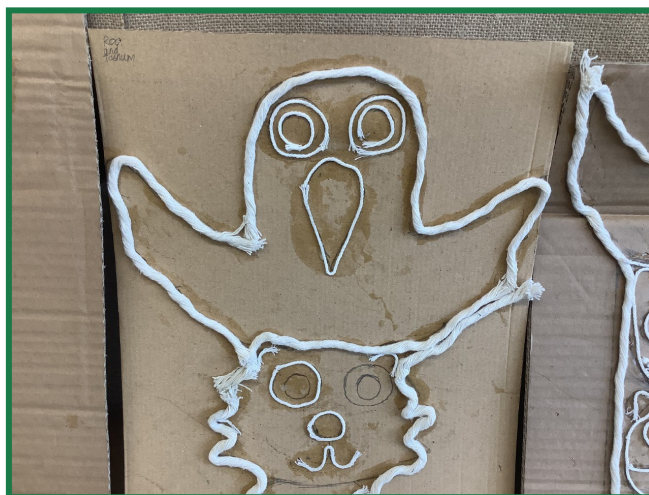
Year 4 have been designing and making Native American totem poles as part of their creative curriculum lessons.

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about craters in Science. They've researched and presented their information, then completed a Science experiment to understand impact of meteors to create craters.

Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about African music. We analysed a piece of music thinking carefully about timbre, rhythm and tempo and then composed our own piece using *Garage Band*. Well done Year 6, you really showed how well you understand the different musical elements and created fantastic African inspired music!



Updates

- The school phone options have changed to the following:
Press 1 to report an absence.
Press 2 to contact our Nursery team.
Press 3 for the main office.

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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.



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.



HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs \$4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs \$9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.



RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.



STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



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Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BE WARY OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>



2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.



3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.



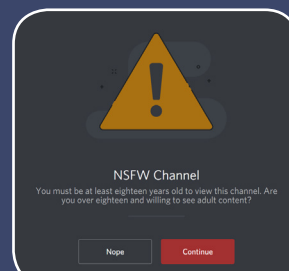
4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.



5 BE WARY OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).



6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines



7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.