

16th July 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school operating a blended teaching and learning approach due to the number of staff and children that have had to isolate. I have been incredibly impressed and proud of the fantastic attitude and resilience of children and staff as they have adapted to these new ways of working. Well done to everyone. We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Sahota back following her maternity leave and extend a very warm welcome to Miss Earle who is due to return to school on Monday as her maternity leave also comes to an end.

We have now appointed our new nursery manager Sarah Mole, who will lead nursery provision for our younger children. A very warm welcome to her. Following the confirmation of our new staffing structure for September, we are in the process of setting up the website to reflect the school organisation for September. Please use the website to support your child with transition, by discussing the staff and curriculum maps with them which are on the year group pages.

We will be holding sports day on Tuesday for all children from Reception upwards. Ice creams are available for children to enjoy on this day, priced 50p. If you would like your child to purchase one, please send 50p in on the day or pay online in the usual way. It has come to our attention that payments can only be made online when they are £1 or more, so this is not an option for parents who only wish to pay for an ice cream, hence why we are facilitating a cash option in this situation. Ice creams will be distributed to children at the end of the sporting events.

School will close on Wednesday 22nd July for the summer holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th September which is the first day of the autumn term for children, as Friday 3rd is a staff training day. A summer holiday club will be operating on our site run by SDH Academy throughout the holiday. Please contact them directly if you would like to book a place for your child. I am attending a meeting with the local authority in August to receive an update on the way schools will be able to operate in the new academic year. I will write to parents on September 3rd to update you on these arrangements ready for the start of term. We very much hope that we will be able to return to a more normal operation and we are fully intending to offer our full CHAMPS wraparound provision. Please contact Mrs Buckley if you would like to book a place for your child for the new term.

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I would like to thank each and every one of you for the overwhelming support that you have given to the school and our wonderful children over such a challenging year. It has once again been a magnificent full community team effort. As parents and carers, you have risen to the ever-changing challenges that you have had to face in supporting your child's learning. My appreciation is also extended to our wonderful staff, who have all excelled this year and have worked relentlessly to offer our children the best possible teaching, learning and pastoral experiences. Despite the pandemic, we have had an incredibly successful year and we are in a very strong position to begin a new chapter in September.

We wish all Year 6 and nursery children moving to other schools and any other children leaving us the greatest happiness and success in their new schools. They are always welcome to come back and visit us. We are so proud of the Year 6 cohort who have been exceptional in every way. They will enjoy a big send-off next week as they leave us to begin their new adventures. Goodbye and good luck also to those staff leaving at the end of term. We will miss them all and would love to hear from them in the future.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, all that remains for me to do, is to wish everybody a wonderful summer holiday when it arrives. I hope the sun shines and you all manage to have quality family time, and dare we even hope for possibly a holiday away from home!

My very best wishes to everyone. Take care and stay safe. Let's all look forward to a safe and healthy return to school in September. It continues to fill me with pride to be the headteacher of our incredible school. My heartfelt thanks to the whole school community for your ongoing support which I really appreciate.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

What a fun packed week it's been in Early Years this week. We have loved taking part in fun science activities with bubble experiments, floating and sinking and sorting of materials. Next week we have more fun activities planned and we would like to remind you to come in your PE kit on Tuesday for our sports and activities day.

This year we not only say goodbye to some of our children from Early Years, but we also say goodbye to Mrs Bygrave who has been the phase leader. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for the care and compassion she has shown to our children and families for a number of years. Myself and Mrs Kavanagh-Byrne will be taking on the leadership responsibility for Early years so 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.

We hope you have an amazing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all return to school in September.

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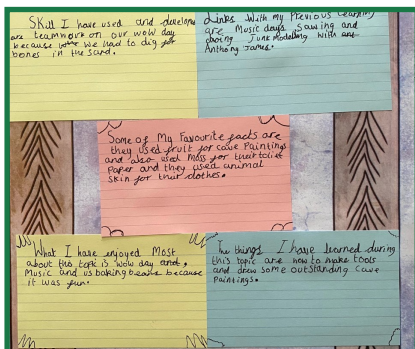
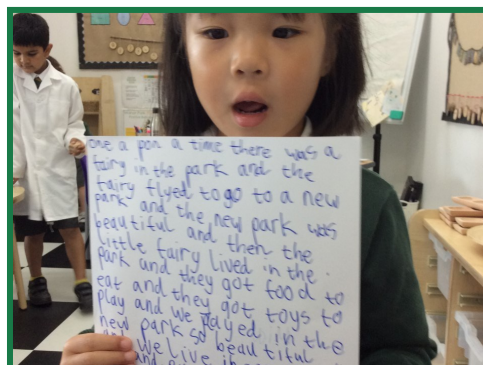
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Learning in Nursery

For Let's Investigate Day, the children in Nursery have been exploring how bubbles are made. They have chosen a range of resources such as tubes and hula hoops to create many bubbles of all different sizes. As you can see, the hula hoop proved to be very successful!

Learning in Reception

Reception have been using their phonetic skills and their imagination to create their own stories using story language.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

Science day has been a real highlight this week with so many practical opportunities and such amazing costumes! Your children's books will be sent home today and we hope that you enjoy sharing their learning with them. We have some fun learning planned for next week and we would like to remind you that your child should come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday as we have some sports activities planned for them to take part in.

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

As part of their City of Culture work Year 1 learnt about famous Coventry landmarks. They studied the Coventry coat-of-arms and then made their own flags to represent their city. Well done Year 1; we think all of your flags are fantastic!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have loved taking part in an egg-citing science experiment during Let's Investigate day! We tested a range of materials to see which one was the best in protecting poor Humpty Dumpty. Great investigating Year 2!

Learning in Year 3

Year 3 got the opportunity to evaluate their topic and showcase all of their learning from the Through The Ages topic. We have had so much fun learning about this time in history!

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had a wonderful week in the Upper Phase learning all about Coventry City of Culture. We had a special visit from Emilie Lauren Jones and have produced some fantastic art and poetry which can be found on our year group Seesaw pages.

As it is our Year 6's last week next week, we have some exciting activities planned for them during their last few days at Manor Park. We are so proud of you Year 6 for being so hard-working and resilient this year - it hasn't been easy, but you have been amazing. We all wish you every success in your new schools and will be very sad to see you go.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful summer and get to spend lots of quality time with your families. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on:

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Learning in Year 4

This week to celebrate Coventry City of Culture 2021, Year 4 used different techniques to create 3 pieces of art to show varied images of the Godiva statue.

The finished pieces will be revealed next week.

Learning in Year 5

We had a visitor this week that works with the City of Culture and the Positive Influence festival to create poetry with children. We used writing from newspapers and picked out key words or phrases to build a poem. We drew pictures that related to the poem and blacked out the rest of the text, so our key words and phrases stood out. This is called Black out poetry.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been creating memory boards, to celebrate the wonderful memories that they have shared throughout primary school. We have been so impressed with the work that has been produced, and have loved hearing of all the cherished memories that our children have of their time at primary school. Excellent work Year 6, we have been so impressed with the boards we have seen!



Updates & Notice

- Please can parents let us know **in advance** if they are observing Eid on Tuesday 20th July so as the absences can be authorised.



- Langer Aid will be providing FREE breakfast and food hamper provision during the summer holidays

Free breakfast (given out in pre packed containers) every Tuesday at Langer House between 10-10:30am

Free hampers given out every Thursday at Langer House between 10-11am

Langer Aid House, 6 Doe Bank Ln, Upper Spon St, Coventry CV1 3AR

Please visit their website to find out more about this organisation at
<https://langaraid.org/>

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Manor Park
Primary School

Let's Investigate



Our Scientists

Year 1

Ever wondered why umbrellas are made from certain materials? Well this interested us. We investigated the best material to use for an umbrella.



Nursery

In Nursery, we have been exploring how bubbles are created using a range of different resources, such as hula hoops and tubes. We found that hula hoops make the biggest bubble, even bigger than us!



Reception

For Receptions Let's Investigate Day we have been comparing and describing properties of materials and investigating whether they float or sink!

Year 2

We are doing some eggcellent, eggciting eggsperiments today, to test materials and the properties needed to protect an egg from smashing!



Year 3

Wondering how to protect yourself in the sunny weather this weekend? Year 3 have been investigating the effects of different sun creams on UV beads today. Their advice is to wear a hat, sunglasses and plenty of high factor sun cream.

The children used UV beads and 3 different SPF sun creams to see the effects of the sun, and it's UV rays, on them. After completing the investigation, the results showed that the highest SPF was the most effective.



Year 5

We have been investigating how the surface area affects air resistance within a parachute. We've discovered that the larger the parachute the more air resistance and the slower the parachute falls. We've used and applied our knowledge from our learning about gravity this term to help us understand why objects are pulled down.



Year 4

For our 'Let's Investigate Day' Year 4 made Harry Potter wands complete with LEDs. We have been testing different batteries to find out which is the strongest to create the most light.



Our Scientists



Summer Activities

Click the images below for more information



Information for parents

Children's reading skills tend to dip over the Summer holidays and research shows that the Summer Reading Challenge can help to prevent this trend

Why is reading for pleasure important?

Reading for fun improves literacy

Summer Holidays at Coventry Museums 2021

Herbert

Art Gallery & Museum

Crafting Coventry's History
Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays | Saturdays
24 July – 3 September
10.30am – 12.00pm & 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Designed for age 5+, but all are welcome
Book online in advance | theherbert.org | £5.98 per child, including one accompanying adult
Discover Coventry's diverse and

Art Masterclasses
10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Designed for age 8-14. Book online in advance theherbert.org | £11.37 per child including one accompanying adult

Oil Painting
Thursday 29 July
Explore various sketching techniques before working with oil paints. Take a new set of skills and a fantastic piece of artwork home!
Book online in advance | theherbert.org | £11.37

COVENTRY ROCKS™

JULY 2021

THINGS TO DO IN COVENTRY

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA
www.coventryrocks.co.uk

FIND YOUR FUN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

HUNDREDS OF IDEAS FOR FAMILIES
Coventry Rocks is a website made especially for families to find things to do in the local area.

Coventry School Nursing Newsletter

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Summer Holiday Edition 2021

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Asthma awareness

The end of the school term is near and with it the possibility that the government may be relaxing some of the restrictions. This means that there is an **expected surge in coughs, colds and asthma this summer**. We want you to have as much information as possible to help you manage and treat your child/children's asthma, so that they can enjoy their summer holiday without worrying about them getting ill.

Why are we expecting this surge?
We have all been very careful to avoid catching Covid-19 and any other infections over the past 16 months, many of our children and young people have had very few coughs and colds during this time. This means their immune system has not been exposed to the viruses

How is asthma diagnosed?
If your doctor thinks you have asthma, you'll have to get checked. One test that helps doctors diagnose asthma is spirometry. A spirometer is a device that measures how well your lungs work (see picture above on the right). It's as easy as blowing out your birthday candles!

How is asthma treated?
Caring for your asthma means doing two things: avoiding things that cause flare-ups and taking medicines if your doctor prescribes them.

What's an asthma flare-up?
Asthma doesn't make your breathing harder all the time – just sometimes.

Who We Are
When your child first enters school, health advice is transferred from the Health Visiting Service to the School Nursing Service. This service continues until your child leaves education. The School Nursing Team provide an accessible service to children, young people, families, carers and members of the local community.

Confidentiality
Whilst we offer confidentiality, members of the School Nursing Team work in partnership with other agencies, where information may need to be shared in the best interest of your child.

Consent
The School Nurse Team will obtain consent from parents and carers before supporting children and young