

18th June 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. The summer term continues to be an extremely busy one, with staff working hard to ensure that children thoroughly enjoy the final few weeks in their current year groups.

Year 5 had a particularly exciting and enjoyable space camp this week. We were so proud of their amazing attitude and behaviour throughout the event. Next week Year 6 will be heading off to Wales for their residential at Dol y Moch, which as you are aware is always a firm favourite with children and staff.

As expected, there will be no changes to the operational organisation of school for the rest of the term following the government announcement on the delay to step 4 restrictions being lifted. As we had planned for this, it will not cause us any disruption. We are once again creating videos for every year group which will go onto the website to support children and parents with transition information. I hope you enjoy them. If you have any questions relating to transition do not hesitate to contact phase leaders for further information.

We will be holding sports day on the final Tuesday of term for all year groups. This will take place within year group bubbles and unfortunately will not be open to parents to attend. Staff will ensure you are kept as fully informed as possible about end of year activities through posting work and photographs onto Seesaw for your information.

Governors have now set the new training day dates for the academic year 2022-23 which I am attaching to the newsletter and placing on the website for your information.

We will be holding virtual induction meetings for new reception parents on Wednesday June 30th at 2pm and 5.30pm and for nursery parents at the same times on Thursday 1st July. We hope that parents with children due to start nursery or reception with us in September attend these meetings to ensure you receive all the necessary information. Our reception classes are full and currently oversubscribed, and we only have a few nursery places available. Do please contact us if you or any of your friends require a nursery place, as we will be very happy to help you. Thank you to all those families who have selected our nursery and reception classes for your child. We are delighted that you have chosen Manor Park for your child's education. We will do everything possible to welcome you and your child to our school and ensure that their time spent with us is happy and successful. Please get in touch with any of the team if we can help you in any way.

We will be offering an opportunity for parents to meet with staff virtually on Wednesday 14th July between 4pm and 6.30pm to discuss your child's report. If you would like to meet any of the staff, appointments will be able to be made in the usual way. Further details to follow.

Finally, our new CHAMPS entrance is now in place, with children and parents now able to access CHAMPS through a gate just through the KS 2 entrance on the LHS. Can I remind parents that for safety reasons, the staff car park is not to be used by parents for dropping off or collecting children or for children or parents to walk through at any time. Thank you for your understanding in this.

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured an outside provider SDH Academy, to run a holiday club at Manor Park throughout the summer holiday. The manager of the company is well known to us, having worked here previously leading our sport provision. This is an exciting opportunity for parents who would benefit from holiday childcare and for children who are looking for fun-filled days over the holiday. Please book places directly with the company which are being offered on a first come first served basis, with financial support for FSM families through the government led Holiday and Food (HAF) programme.

Have a wonderful weekend

Best wishes to everyone

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EFYS Phase: Nursery & Reception

The children in Early Years are continuing to be eager and enthusiastic to take part in a range of exciting learning across all areas. They are enjoying their new topics 'Mad About Minibeasts' and 'Let's go on Holiday!' where they are sharing their knowledge and learning new skills every day. They are using their imaginations to role play and to create beautiful art work. It is always a pleasure to hear about their own experiences and to extend their learning by following their interests.

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

The children in Nursery have been exploring their outdoor learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. They have been busy creating large art using paint, printing tools and natural resources. Sharing stories, rhymes and songs is something they also love to do. They have been using their physical skills to build models using the construction equipment and a range of transport using the larger construction toys to imagine they are going on holiday to imaginary places.

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about worms. We have found out lots of exciting facts - Did you know that worms breathe from their skin! We have also enjoyed creating our own wormery and sock worms using a range of tools and mixed media.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

There has been lots of fun and excitement in school this week with lots of practical learning opportunities. We have been delighted with the quality of learning in the children's creative curriculum books and they have loved sharing their learning with us. Our Manor Park University sessions are continuing to be a highlight for children who are having weekly opportunities to explore a range of skills including cooking, languages, orienteering, sport and outdoor learning. As well as adding photos to Seesaw, we will be adding information and photos via our school Twitter feed so make sure you follow us @mppscoventry.

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

In maths this week, Year 1 have been using their outdoor area to learn about capacity and volume. We compared the capacity of different containers by pouring water to see how many of the smaller containers filled the larger ones.

Learning in Year 2

In maths this week, Year 2 have been learning about statistics. We have learnt about tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. We made a block graph practically using cubes to show our favourite topics from this year. In Class 11, we found that most people liked our topic 'Around the World'.

Learning in Year 3

This week, in outdoor learning, Year 3 learnt about what birds in our school eat, and then linked it to food chains. We had a great time and showed wonderful teamwork!

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had a very busy week in the Upper Phase this week. We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children who have been completing their MTC tests. They have shown such determination and have made very impressive progress with their times tables this term. Well done Year 4! Year 5 spent Thursday evening camping in school as part of 'Space Camp'. The children had a fantastic time taking part in astronaut training, star-gazing and junk modelling their own rockets. If you see any of our Year 5 children, please ask them all about this event as it is one of the highlights of the year and I am sure they will be keen to share everything they have learnt.

As well as adding photos to Seesaw, we will be adding information and photos via our school Twitter feed so make sure you follow us to find out all of the exciting activities that the Upper Phase have been doing @mppscoventry.

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 4

This week, Year 4 have been out and about around the school grounds practising their map reading skills like grid referencing and using an eight-point compass as well as their code breaking skills to discover hidden messages.

Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been enjoying Space camp this week. We have designed and created our own Space bags to use whilst at Space camp. We also attended a virtual space presentation and we learnt about the training for astronauts, the hazards of going to space and what astronauts must wear in space. Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their topic this term.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about nutrition and seasonal produce. They learnt different chopping techniques and applied their new skills chopping courgette, onion and tomatoes. Then, the children combined their ingredients to make a tasty soup, inspired by the Ancient Kingdom of Benin, and cooked it over a campfire in the forest school. Finally, they tasted their soup - it was delicious! Well done, Year 6.



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.

- How to access and order your class photos online:

Use the following link starvision.gotphoto.co.uk and enter the personal access code that was provided to you. If you order before the 27th of June deliveries will be free.

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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.

7.45 - 8.45AM £4.50 per child, per day.

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.



Manor Park Careers Week

During the week of 21st June, Manor Park will be having their careers event. For that week, children across Manor Park school, from Nursery to Year 6, will be learning about different careers on offer and exploring our career aspirations for the future.

However, to do this effectively, we need your help! Unlike last year, due to Covid restrictions, we cannot have visitors into school, therefore we are having our event within our year groups virtually.

We are looking for volunteers with skills and careers to spark intrigue, curiosity and ambition in our children here at Manor Park to get in touch and send in a video to show the children why it's brilliant to do the job you do! Videos do not need to be long, but just an overview of what you do and maybe a look around your workplace.

If you, a relative or a friend, is interested in participating in this, then please contact me (I_scott@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) with details.

Many thanks,
Mrs Scott