26th March 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor		Upcoming Events
Dear Parents and Carers,	•	Teacher training
I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. We are all looking forward to our last three days in school before the Easter holiday which begins when school closes on Wednesday March 31st as Thursday is a staff training day. We are inviting children from Reception to Year 6 to dress as scientists for our spring science Let's Investigate day on Tuesday 30th.	•	day - 1st April. Easter holiday - 2nd
School will re-open on Monday 19th April for the summer term.		April until the 18th.
Changes to Organisation of EYFS Classrooms		
We will be re-organising our Early Years Foundation Stage provision following the Easter holiday. The development of our outstanding nursery provision continues to grow, as we continue to offer nursery parents total flexibility in the way they can use their funded 30-hour, 15 hour or paid nursery places. We are now delighted to be able to offer children a place from their second birthday, with hours from 7.45am to 6pm term time only, to support working parents who need childcare beyond the school day.	٠	School reopens - 19th April.
We have currently been offering nursery provision over a split site, with some children accommodated in our main nursery based next to the current reception classes and others in our EYEP unit next to the dining rooms. This has understandably caused issues for parents and staff, as some children have moved between the bases to be accommodated with the hours that they require.		
We have made the decision to move the reception classes permanently to the rooms previously used by EYEP, by the dining room. This will enable all nursery children to be accommodated in one nursery which will be housed across the current main nursery and three reception classrooms.		
We anticipate that this move will greatly benefit nursery and reception children as well as their families.		
The new reception classrooms are fantastic, and the children will of course have access to their own outdoor area. The new nursery will offer bespoke indoor and outdoor learning environments with a dedicated two-year-old room for our youngest children. There will be no changes to staffing during this reorganisation.		
If any parents wish to register for a nursery place for the summer term or for the next academic year, please contact Mrs Butlin k_butlin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk for information. She will be very happy to help you.		
Miss Dawdry will be leaving us next week as she takes up a new teaching position at Evergreen School in Warwick. Our best wishes and thanks are extended to Charlotte as she leaves us. Mrs Jacoby will be taking on the position as class teacher for Class 9 after the holiday.		
Thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a very exciting term, particularly as our full wider re-opening to all children has been such a success and has been greatly appreciated by children and families.		
My best wishes to everyone. Jill O'Connor Headteacher		

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

The children in EYFS love to be creative and imaginative and they have enjoyed getting involved in our exciting and engaging musical enrichment activities this week. The sun has been shining and the children are continuing to be excited about their outdoor learning and investigations.

Please get in touch if you have any queries, positive comments or questions. a_bygrave@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Nursery

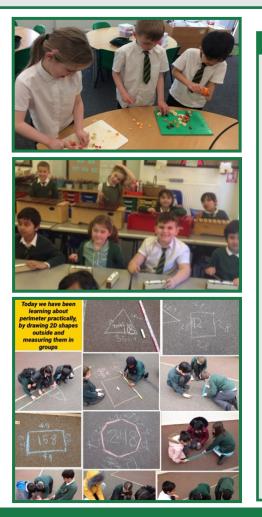
In Nursery, the children have enjoyed taking part in their special musical themed day as part of their learning this week. They have enjoyed listening to a range of music and taking part in dancing, singing and performing to their friends and teachers. They have also been having fun exploring how to make sounds using different instruments and everyday objects. As part of their creative work, they also imagined they were having a fairy-tale party and they wrote invitations. The children enjoyed role playing with their friends on the castle climbing frame.

Learning in Reception

In Reception, the children have shared the popular story 'The Princess and the Frog' and they have done some amazing writing including a newspaper article and a diary entry for one of the story characters. In maths, the children have been learning about sharing and halving using everyday objects, toys and simple recording methods. They have been making a range of beautiful story props using their creative skills.

Learning in EYEP

This week, we have been looking at stories about being mindful as well as discussing the people and the things we are grateful for.





What an exciting and practical week it has been in the Lower Phase. We love how many fantastic creative and practical opportunities our curriculum allows the children to experience. We have been so impressed by the high quality work that has been produced in all curriculum areas; we are so proud of our wonderful children.

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

For our D&T project this term, Year 1 have been learning about the difference between fruit and vegetables. Then we used our skills of chopping and peeling to make our own fruit kebabs. They were really yummy!

Learning in Year 2

It's been shake, rattle and roll in Year 2 this week as the children have taken part in their music day. They have experimented with a wide range of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments and have composed their own piece of music based on the story of Peter and the Wolf.

Learning in Year 3

During maths this week, Year 3 were learning about perimeter. The children used chalk to draw 2D shapes on the playground, measured each of the sides using rulers and then calculated the total perimeter of each shape.







Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had another fun-filled week of learning this week in the Upper Phase. The children have been enjoying accessing the wide range of books that are now available on our Accelerated Reader programme and it has been lovely to hear all of the 'Book Talk' that has been happening around school. As we approach the end of term, we will of course be holding our termly Let's Investigate Day next week and will finish the term with some exciting Easter activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on the following email and I will be happy to help.

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Learning in Year 4

It was RE day for Year 4 this week. We looked at Easter and discovered the meaning behind 'Good Friday', the story of Holy Week and discussed personal, school and British values that are important to us.

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about Carnival, its history and the cultural links to food, dancing and music. On Friday afternoon we took part in our own celebration, tasting fruits, learning some Samba dancing and creating our own routines and to top it off we had a piñata!

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 took part in DT day. Their project was to design a biome terrarium for the new 'Manor Park Zoo' to educate children and visitors about the different biomes of the world.

They researched terrariums and their chosen biome, identifying the physical and human features to include in their work. After that, the children designed their biome terrarium and created it using CAD software: Tinkercad. They then used the technical language they had learnt to explain what they had done and evaluated theirs and a partner's design.

The children worked incredibly hard and had a great time designing a biome terrarium. They loved using CAD and were amazing at it!

Well done, Year 6!





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After School Clubs for Summer Term 2021

