

19th March 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Life in school continues to go extremely well. There is a vibrant, positive buzz everywhere, as children continue to enjoy learning and socialising with their friends.

Thank you for all your support for our Red Nose Day activities today. We will let you know the final amount we have raised when it has all been collected, with all donations going directly to this amazing charity.

I am delighted to inform you that following two days of interviews, we have appointed a new deputy headteacher to join us in September. Mrs Rebekah Hodt is currently working as vice principal in a very large school in the UAE. She is bringing a wide range of senior leadership expertise with her and will hopefully be back in the UK in early July when we can all meet her. Mrs Sanders is reducing her working week to three days after the Easter holiday, when she will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. This working pattern will support her as her family are due to move to Cumbria any time soon.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Scott is expecting her first baby which is due in late summer. Our best wishes are extended to Lianne and her husband at this exciting time.

If you have not already done so, please register for the Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme which can be accessed by all children who are eligible for free school meals. This exciting programme will provide children with access to a range of activities, online resources and food. This is in addition to the FSM vouchers which all eligible children will receive for the 11-day Easter holiday period. Details of the programme can be found on [the website link here](#).

We are continuing to rapidly roll out our 1:1 and small group support for children across school through the National Tutoring Programme. The first sessions have successfully taken place this week. We are actively recruiting more teachers to work with us on this programme, with some sessions taking place in school as part of the school day, alongside other after-school remote sessions. All these sessions will be in addition to maths and English lessons which every child will be taught daily by their own class teacher. Staff will contact parents directly if they feel their child would benefit from this work. I would strongly urge you to take the offer up if you possibly can, as it is very much aimed at supporting children's confidence and well-being in areas where they may feel they would benefit from some recap or reinforcement with their learning.

A reminder that school will be closing on Wednesday March 31st as Thursday 1st April is our training day.

Thank you for your continued support. My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Today! - Manor Park Red Nose Day
- ♦ 22nd April - Earth Day

Red Nose Day

Manor Park is raising money for Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March! We are asking everyone to wear as much red as possible and donate £1 to Comic Relief. Please donate in the events section on SimsPay. We can't wait to see all of you in red!



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EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

The children in EYFS have been amazing this week again. They are all working so hard and achieving amazing things in all areas of their learning. Our outdoor learning activities are very popular with the children and they have loved visiting the forest school to observe signs of spring, collect natural objects for their creative work and to share songs and stories.

Please get in touch if you have any queries, positive comments or questions.

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Learning in Nursery

We have shared the story of 'Zog' in Nursery and the children have been creating beautiful pictures of the story character. They have enjoyed taking part in singing and rhyming activities with their friends and teachers. We have been exploring music and sounds through dancing, singing and performing. It has been fun searching for Zog's golden numbered stars in the outdoor area. The children have been using their mark making and early phonics skills to write some simple words and have been talking about their work with growing confidence.

Over the past few weeks, lots of windows in houses in the local area have been decorated by families as part of Coventry City of Culture. Please send us a photograph if you have decorated your window as we would love to share these on our newsletters and website.

Learning in Reception

In Reception, the children have enjoyed sharing the traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. We are so impressed by the creative work, role play and writing that the children have been doing in class, based around the story characters and settings.

They have also enjoyed investigating which material is the strongest to build the pig's houses out of including straw, sticks and bricks.

Learning in EYEP

To celebrate Comic Relief, we have been exploring the colour red whilst having lots and lots of fun!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

Another fun week of learning at school for the children in the Lower Phase. We are so happy with how much the children support and care for each other and they are really impressing us with the quality of their work across the curriculum.

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

It has been such an exciting morning in Year 1. We have been using the BeeBots to code and debug. The children have had great fun working together to follow and write their own codes.

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about Russian artist Kandinsky as part of our Around the World topic. Here are our Kandinsky-inspired works of art! We were only allowed to use the primary colours so created all secondary colours ourselves.

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 learnt about the process of a cocoa bean being turned into a chocolate bar. As part of their learning, the children ate - and reviewed - chocolates based on their cocoa content. Interestingly, lots of the children preferred the chocolate with the highest content, but it had the most bitter taste. Finally, the pupils listed the chocolates in order and wrote a reflection about their most and least favourite.'

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had another fantastic week of learning in the Upper Phase this week. Year 4 and 5 have attended virtual workshops with UK Parliament and Year 6 have this to look forward to next week. The children have been extremely enthusiastic towards our new whole school writing project all around the book 'Tuesday' and have enjoyed writing diary entries, setting descriptions and alternative endings based on this picture book. A super week of learning in the Upper Phase, well done everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns around your child's learning, please contact me on the following email and I will be happy to help.

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Learning in Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy coding with Scratch. They used different pitched notes to code a nursery rhyme and created a game using the event, control, sensing and sound commands.

Learning in Year 5

In maths this week, the children have been learning about fraction and decimal equivalents. They consolidated their learning today by making a dominoes game and challenged themselves using mixed numbers and improper fractions. They thoroughly enjoyed playing their game with their friends.

Learning in Year 6

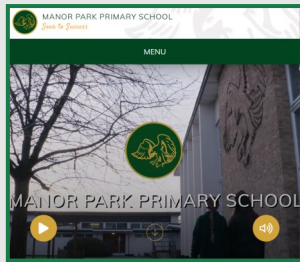
This week, Year 6 have been learning about classification. To help further our learning we made our own classification keys with sweets!



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With the news schools will reopen on the 8th March, we are looking forward to welcoming children back to CHAMPS.

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

3.30-5pm £6.75 per child, per day

3.30-5.30pm £8.50 per child, per day

3.30-6pm £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.

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FRIDAY 19 MARCH

A huge thank you to everyone for dressing up and donating to Comic Relief today. Everyone looked incredible dressed head to toe in red!

Our grand total will be announced in next weeks newsletter so there is still chance to donate on simspay if you haven't.

You can also donate through our new Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/manor-park-primary-school-rednoseday21>

Well done everyone!









EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

6th – 16th April 2021

9.00am – 3.30pm

@ Allesley Hall Primary School

Only £15 a day

Open to all children aged 4-14

My Activities Holiday Club gives children a wonderful opportunity to participate in 6 fun filled activities a day. With over 150 different activities including: Sports, Outdoor Adventures, Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Dancing, Movie Making, Inflatables, Giant Board Games, Team Challenge, Circus Skills, Roller Racing, Special events and many more.

Themed Days

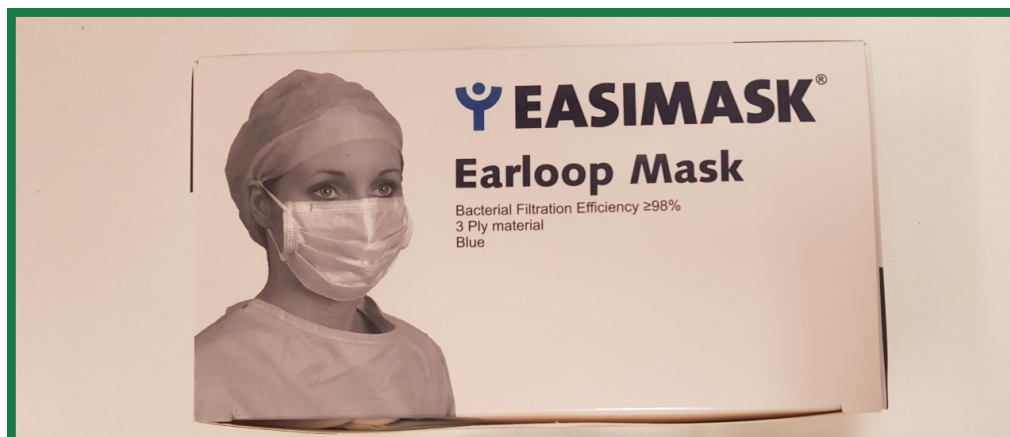
Easter Themed Day - Tuesday 6th April 2021

Olympics Themed Day - Friday 9th April 2021

Outdoor Adventure Day - Wednesday 14th April 2021

Mask Donation

A big thank you to FULLSUPPORT for their donation of face coverings. These are available to staff & visitors from reception. Thank you for your generosity & support.





Coventry UK City of Culture (May 2021 – May 2022).

As we prepare for Coventry's year in the spotlight, we will be sharing some exciting events that are happening across our city and in our school.

From 20 Feb – 19th March, streets across Coventry and Warwickshire have been lighting up their front windows to create magical walking trails through our communities. This week, please make sure you get chance to take a wander and enjoy all of the amazing window displays in our local area. Please visit <http://coventry2021.co.uk/windows> for more information. If you have decorated your windows at home, please send some pictures in so that we can share them with the children. This stunning display was created by Freddie (Year 1) and his family.

