

21st May 2021

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well.

As we have entered the next step in the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, I want to once again remind parents about the procedures that we will continue to follow in line with the Local Authority for the management of schools, both now and over the next few weeks.

As a school, our prudent risk assessments have proved to be invaluable in keeping everyone safe. Collectively, we have all worked hard to keep transmission low, ensuring we have not had to isolate any bubbles and we have had no Covid related staff absence. I cannot stress enough the importance that we all continue to do so, so as not to jeopardise or undo everything we have all tirelessly worked to achieve.

Although there is a steady relaxing of social restrictions outside of school, it is important to note that guidance around group sizes and social distancing remains. All DfE guidance indicates that limiting group sizes and maintaining the integrity of bubbles is still essential. This impacts on plans we would usually be sharing about induction and other summer term events. I appreciate that this may be confusing and can seem contradictory to some of the wider media messages. Please be assured that as soon as we can safely begin relaxing our COVID measures, we will. We are looking forward to being able to welcome you back to school events as soon as it is safe to do so, although early indications are that the restrictions will continue to impact on summer events and at the moment we don't believe we will be able to invite any parents or new children into school for face to face events over the summer term.

In the interim, the school will continue with the procedures we have in place. We request that you as parents/carers/grandparents/members of the community understand and respect that these will continue to be in place for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your continued support in working with us as we continue to work within these Government restrictions.

It was lovely for staff to meet you, albeit remotely, for our parent consultation meetings this week. Feedback from staff and parents has once again been very positive.

The photographer will be in school on Thursday taking traditional and fun-themed class group photographs. There will be no opportunity for individual or family groups on this occasion as we offer this opportunity in the autumn term.

There will be online parent meetings on Thursday at 5.30pm led by Abi Hart for RSE and a DYM meeting on Friday at 6pm for Year 6 parents led by Tracy Brown and the staff who are attending the residential. Please do attend these meetings if you feel they would be beneficial for you.

Keisha Crosby will be completing her Early Educator apprenticeship in May and she will be leaving us at May half term. Good luck to Keisha in her new pursuits as she is planning to relocate to Japan with her family.

Finally, a lot of children are bringing Pop It fidget toys and Rubik's Cubes into school which are causing several problems. In line with our policies, can I kindly request that children do not bring these into school please. The only exception to this would be for vulnerable children who need them to support any additional provision in school they need, with permission to do so given by the inclusion team. Please contact Mrs Healy directly if you would like to discuss this provision for your child with her.

School closes on Friday 28th May at the usual time and we will return on Monday 7th June. Have a wonderful half term holiday when it arrives.

My very best wishes to everyone. Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

At last we've had a bit of sunshine and a little rain too! The children have enjoyed learning lots of new and exciting skills both in the classrooms and outdoor areas. They are keen to explore whatever the weather. Let's hope we have some more sunshine and warmer weather soon.

Mrs. Bygrave EYFS Phase Leader

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

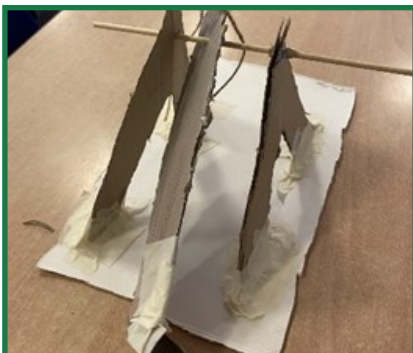
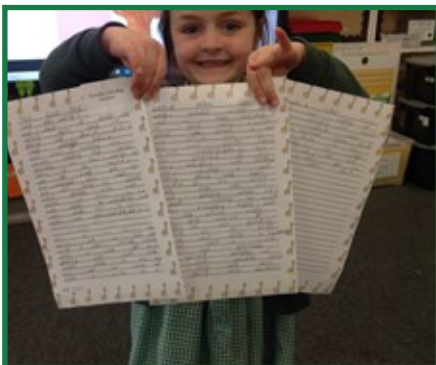
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Learning in Nursery

The children in Nursery have been having fun with their friends in the outdoor area. They have been playing tea parties with their favourite toys.

Learning in Reception

This week Reception have been learning all about explorers. We went on an adventure around the school and learnt about what we would need to help keep us warm whilst we are exploring.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It was so lovely for the teachers to be able to meet with you to celebrate the children's learning and progress; we hope that you have found the parents evenings appointments to be valuable.

We have been lucky enough to meet with some children from across the phase who have shared their learning with us. With only a week left at school until the half term break, we are so pleased with the resilience and continued effort that the children show; we are so proud of them.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or positive feedback. Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs A Healy

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Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been working really hard in English. All week we have been looking at a story called Lost Toy. It had no words in, so we became the authors and wrote the story using our best handwriting, the correct punctuation and adjectives for description. The children have written excellent stories.

Learning in Year 2

The children in Year 2 have been building their own trebuchets as part of their Design and Technology Day. We have done some research about what a trebuchet is and how it works, designed our own and made it. Once we had made it, we tested it to see if it would work. Well done Year 2!

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 completed their D&T project: to build a Stone Age shelter. The children used a variety of materials: paints, felt and cardboard to decorate them and make them look authentic. This is Albert and Maria's (C13) completed shelter.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We are coming to the end of term, and it has been lovely to see the progress that the children have made since their return. Things are certainly returning to normality – slowly but surely! Parents' Evening was a huge success this week and we thank you for all of the support that you give your children with their learning.

The children in Year 4 this week have been learning all about tribes of North America and have used their presenting skills to showcase their learning. Year 5 have produced some stunning moon artwork and Year 6 have also been practising their art skills by learning about the work of Cyprien Tokoudagba.

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

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Learning in Year 4

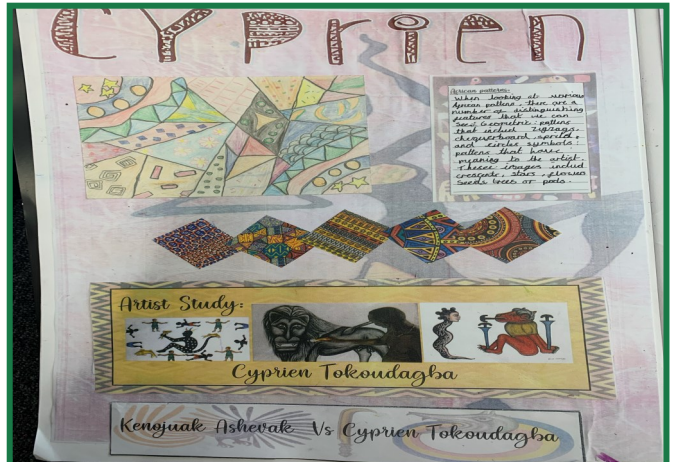
This week, Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the digestive system. They did a practical demonstration to show the journey food takes and to help them to understand the functions of organs.

Learning in Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been learning about the phases of the moon. In art, we used different tone and shading skills to create sketches of the full moon. We added detail using different types of pencils. We have also learnt how to create a gradient and have applied this to create a phases of the moon cycle.

Learning in Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been learning about a famous Benin Artist: Cyprien Tokoudagba. We have been looking at the various patterns in his art work and designed our own, inspired by his wonderful creations. Excellent work this week Year 6!





This week, we have launched in school that we will be learning about the UNICEF Global Goals.

The Global Goals are a set of 17 sustainability areas that have been agreed by world wide leaders to help create a better world by 2030.

To start this, we learnt about Earth Day on Thursday 22nd April and each year group learnt about a different climate issue. Across the school, the children explored litter pollution, recycling at home, biodiversity, renewable energy, global warming as well as about our own carbon footprint.

Our goal is to become change makers to make our world a better place.

Many thanks,
Miss Ingram
Global Awareness and Outdoor Lead



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CHAMPS
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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.



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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

3.30-5pm £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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