

1st October 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting and productive week in school. Year 6 really enjoyed their wow day immersing themselves in the history of our wonderful city. We enjoyed welcoming nursery parents to meet staff and explore our amazing indoor and outdoor nursery environments. These meetings took place after school and were safely managed by strictly limiting numbers and contact with staff and members of the public. I am delighted to inform you that our Covid cases have fallen significantly this week. Let us all hope that this situation continues to improve by everyone remaining very vigilant in following school and national guidelines to keep everyone safe.

We have had a lot of requests from prospective reception parents who would like to look around school whilst making a choice of school for their child in September 2022. We have risk assessed this, and we will be holding an open day on Thursday 21st October between 9.15 and 11.30 and 1.15 to 3pm. Attendance will strictly be by appointment only and will be limited to numbers of parents who can attend. Please contact the school office admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk if you would like to make an appointment for this event.

We will be holding autumn parents' evenings for parents from Year 1 to Year 6 on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October between 4-6.30pm Reception parents can make appointments for meetings on Monday 18th October and Tuesday 19th October during the same hours. We were hoping to return to face to face parents' meetings, however we are following Local Authority advice and mitigations as part of our risk assessment and we will unfortunately have to hold these meetings remotely. This is due to the volume of parents who need to attend in a tight timeframe. Appointments to meet class teachers can be made online in the usual way.

AIP our school caterers, have recently worked in Manor Park to create a new promotional video for their service. They were overwhelmed with the children on this day. The link for the video is below and is also on the website under 'lunchtimes' for parents to see. We continue to be very impressed with the quality of catering and the wonderful catering team that we have through AIP. The catering staff do everything they possibly can to ensure our children have a high quality and nutritious meal daily, with ample choice and meals catered specifically for our children along with access to a salad bar and flavoured water daily. If your child does not have a catered meal and this is something you are interested in, please contact us for details.

The photographer will be in for his final visit this term on Thursday, where he will be taking photographs of individuals and groups of children across school for our website.

Harvest Festival

We are celebrating harvest on Wednesday, when West Orchard Church will be leading remote harvest services for all children. I would like to thank West Orchard Church for the ongoing support that they give to the school. As in previous years, we will once again be supporting Coventry Food Bank by asking all children to bring in an item of food for this very worthwhile charity in our city. Food donations may be sent in any day from Monday to Wednesday and all donations will be collected by the food bank and distributed to local families in need. Thank you for your support in what is usually a magnificent collective effort in raising food for the charity.

Have a lovely weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

[AIP Promotional Video](#)

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been a busy week in Early Years and we have loved welcoming more of our parents into our Nursery provision at our after school sessions. We hope that nursery families have been able to access 'Tapestry' and are beginning to share their children's learning. If you have not managed to access this then please see a member of the team.

The children in Reception are loving coming to school and are so keen to develop their learning. As part of the curriculum, the children use the outdoor learning environment. Please make sure that they have a pair of labelled wellies in school so that we can ensure that they are suitably dressed.

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 Nursery

This week in Wrens & Robins the children have enjoyed settling into Autumn! We have spent time focusing on maths in our lovely Autumn tray and outdoor area, and have made some beautiful crowns using leaves and glitter! Don't they look fabulous?

This week in Kingfishers, we have been counting, counting, counting! We have been beginning to think about the initial sound our names begin with, and mark making on a larger scale using pens & pencils.

Learning in Reception

This week we have enjoyed learning rhymes and songs all about bears. We all brought in our favourite teddy bear and had an amazing teddy's bear picnic at the forest school.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

In Year 2, the children have been using their recent trip into the city centre to discover more about Coventry's landmarks and have been using cross hatching to sketch the cathedral and Transport Museum. The Year 1 children had a great time designing and creating their own super hero menu using fresh fruit and vegetables. In Year 3, the children have been gaining an insight into life in Ancient Greece by looking at a range of ancient artefacts. They will then be creating their own amphoras using a variety of artistic techniques.

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

j_isherwood@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 1

'We love building.' Year 1 have been having fantastic fun learning in their outdoor area. This week they used plastic crates and tyres to create superhero vehicles. The children demonstrated our school values of self-sufficiency and originality. They were motivated, confident and creative. Well done Year 1!

Learning in Year 2

This week in Art, Year 2 have created some fantastic sketches of Coventry landmarks using different skills, such as crosshatching and shading.

Learning in Year 3

This week in English, Year 3 have been looking at the features of and writing their own instructions. We used imperative verbs (verbs that tell us what to do) and adverbs. Following some instructions, we made and ate jam sandwiches (they tasted pretty good)

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have all had a fantastic week in the Upper Phase! The children have impressed me so much with their fantastic attitudes and it has been lovely to go in to classes to see the wonderful learning they have been doing. Year 6 have been on their WW2 trip to learn all about the impact that 'The Blitz' had on Coventry and also visited the Coventry Transport Museum to learn about evacuation.

The Year 4 children have been busy working hard on their times tables this week and we have seen so much progress in their scores since the beginning of term - thank you parents for your support with this. In Year 5, the children have been learning about the very important pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. The work in their books is stunning and we are looking forward to sharing these with you as soon as we can.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

t_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Year 4

Year 4 had their first ukulele lesson this week! They had an introduction to chords and really enjoyed having a go at playing along to a song.

Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been learning about ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, which was how ancient Egyptians wrote and read. There are some letters that have two different hieroglyphics. Only a small select group of people were allowed to have the knowledge to read and write in ancient Egyptian times, they were called 'scribes'. Scribes were the protectors and developers of ancient Egyptian culture, writing new texts and editing older ones. They were central to academic research, and they copied existing texts to preserve them for future generations. Year 5 learnt how to write their name in hieroglyphics and wrote a sentence explaining something they've learnt this half-term in hieroglyphics.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 had a wonderful trip to the Cathedral and the Transport museum. They spent the day exploring how Coventry became known as the city of reconciliation and discussed the impact on the city after it was devastated by the Blitz. Our guides were very impressed by Year 6's learning so far and commented on the brilliant questions that were asked throughout the day.



Introducing the Manor Park Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

So that the pupils of Manor Park have more of a voice across school, the Manor Park JLT has been formed. Overseen by Mr Reynolds, the team will meet each half term to focus on projects that can improve the school environment.

Children from across each year group were invited to put themselves forward as a candidate for their year and the successful candidates then had a week to campaign for votes. Two candidates from each year group were elected as a representative and a deputy.

Voting took place on Monday with some of the results being extremely close. After counting the votes, the JLT councillors are now confirmed as:

Y1 - Jaimee (Rep) Fakhir (Dep)

Y2 - Nyla (Rep) Dhian (Dep)

Y3 - Paty (Rep) Oscar (Dep)

Y4 - Isla (Rep) Francesca (Dep)

Y5 - Eldad (Rep) Anuj (Dep)

Y6 - Milo (Rep) Asia-Mei (Dep)

Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on the JLT's activities.

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MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

A healthy school meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance

Thursday 7th October

Choose from

Hatters Bow Tie Burgers
Beef Burger or Veggie Burger (v)

Served with

Wonderland Wedges, Curious Carrots
& Pocket Watch Peas

Followed by

Queen of Heart Cookies

OR

White Rabbits Watermelon

Royal Court Salad & Fruit Bar

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Manor Park Primary School ... Open Day

Thursday 21st October, 2021
9.10-11.30am : 1.20-3.00pm
Starting School in September 2022

Welcoming all to come and look around Manor Park Primary School, where you will be greeted by our friendly and amazing staff, to see what we can offer you and your child.

Tours by appointment only

To book an appointment, please contact 02476 501736 or email admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Due to COVID restrictions, appointments are limited to 2 adults .

This is for children who were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 and are due to start school in September 2022.

You can apply for a school place online now at: www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



The school's mantra of "SOAR to success" is prominent, not just visually but also in the way it underpins everyone's work. The excellent provision for enrichment further builds on this, enabling pupils to have a go at learning new skills ...

'... the school is considerably better placed to deliver learning opportunities that effectively meet the needs of pupils and now includes some aspects of excellence, for instance pupils' personal development and welfare and the provision in the early years.'

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Cycling at Manor Park

Thank you so much to Tony at The Cycle Recycler in Kenilworth for providing us with top quality bikes to ensure that our children are learning to cycle safely in Manor Park University and in our after-school club.



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A little bit of mosaic art

The children have all settled well back in to our routine and are enjoying seeing old friends and making new ones. Being able to mix and explore the different areas has been received very well. Outdoors and craft activities are always firm favourites.

Paper craft

There is a very limited number of sessions available, for further [information](#) please contact Karen Buckley via email at k_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk



Manor Park Primary School Alumni

If you are a former student of Manor Park Primary School, we would love to hear from you. We are keen to find out about your career journey since leaving the school and would love to showcase your achievements. Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students and help them to feel more confident in making decisions about their future.

Please contact j_isherwood@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk if you are happy to share your journey.



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HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

UHT Long-Life Milk
Soup in Tins or Packets
Chocolate and Biscuits
Snacks- cereal bars/crisps
Tinned Fruit
Cooking Sauces
Tinned Vegetables
Puddings
Rice
Instant mash potato

Don't forget...
*You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



Coventry Foodbank
Coventry.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1112955)
Is a Project of Feed The Hungry UK

Online Safety

For some children spending time online can bring about new pressures or worries. The NSPCC have some tips and a list of resources to help you support your child's wellbeing online.

[Online Wellbeing Tips](#)



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School Nursing Health Information Sessions for parents/carers

School Nursing are running **FREE** virtual health information sessions via Eventbrite running from September until November 2021 for parents/ carers.

This will include sessions around managing toileting, behaviour, fussy eating and sleep.

See below for booking information:

Name of Session	Date and time of session	Eventbrite link that is for parent/carers access to book:
Toileting Information Session	30/09/2021 10:00am-11:00am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168700595021
Sleep Information Session	08/10/2021 1:00pm-2:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-information-session-tickets-174236956427
Fussy Eating Information Session	12/10/2021 10:00am-11:00am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fussy-eating-information-session-tickets-174249774767
Behaviour Information Session	18/10/2021 1:00pm-2:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behaviour-information-session-tickets-174269864857
Toileting Information Session	03/11/2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168720973975
Sleep Information Session	09/11/2021 10:00am-11:00am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/174236956427
Fussy Eating Information Session	18/11/2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fussy-eating-information-session-tickets-174261670347
Behaviour Information Session	26/11/2021 10:00am-11:00am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behaviour-information-session-tickets-174277507717



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