

4th February 2022

## Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and productive week we have had in school, with exciting learning taking place in all year groups. Children across school enjoyed participating in activities to celebrate Chinese New Year. Each Lunar year is represented by a cycle of 12 zodiac animals. This year is the Year of the Tiger, the first since 2010. "The tiger is commonly associated with something like bravery, courage and strength" Happy New Year to everyone.

Remember to book a parents' evening appointment on February 15th or 16th to enable you to find out about your child's progress and share in their many achievements. Online bookings are open for you to do this.

A very warm welcome to our new SSO Joe Birt, who has recently joined our site services team. A huge thank you to our wonderful site team for the work that they continually put into our environment to ensure that it is as exciting as possible for our children. We are really looking forward to being able to invite you back into school when we can do so safely, so that you can see the fantastic environment and opportunities indoors and outdoors, that our children have daily access to.

As part of our ongoing online safety work, we will be participating in the UK Safer Internet Day 2022 on Tuesday 8th February. The theme of the event is: "All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online." As part of the day, children will have a chance to participate in age-appropriate activities and challenges within their classes. For more information on the event, please visit the following website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/> We would encourage you to share these important internet safety messages with your child to ensure that they remain safe in this important and ever-changing area of their lives.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school which we greatly appreciate.

Best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

Happy Lunar New Year! We've been celebrating this week in Nursery with Chinese food tasting - the spring rolls were very popular! Dragon building has also been an exciting part of the week, with children joining in together in a team effort, which has been lovely to see. Children have enjoyed listening to traditional Chinese music and creating their own dragon dances too. We are continuing to develop our outdoor environment and the children have helped to tidy and organise the sheds with lots of enthusiasm - we love working together! Reception have also had an exciting week and were keen to show me their impressive hot air balloons that they had designed and created after learning all about them - they were fantastic! I really liked the way the children used technical vocabulary to describe the different parts of the balloon. I'm looking forward to seeing the children test them next week. It's National Storytelling Week - I hope you enjoy sharing lots of story books with your children this week to celebrate. Thank you for continuing to support your children's reading at home - it's wonderful to see the progress the children are making and it's such an important part of their learning.

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

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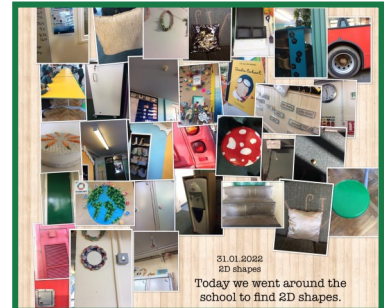
### Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have been enjoying our different puzzles. We have had a fabulous time matching our shapes.

Children in Kingfishers have been busy exploring our outdoor environment - some of our children discovered that magnets picked up metal objects! Other children found that they could make music and rhythms by hitting the metal gate with sticks so we all sang some songs to the beat!

### Learning in Reception

This week Reception have been learning all about 2D shapes and recognising them in the environment.



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

The children in Year 1 have been learning about continents around the world and have used globes to find Europe, North America, Asia and Africa. In groups, they researched one of these continents and found out all about the animals that live there and presented their findings to the class. They have also been learning about camouflage in preparation for an exciting art project next week. In science this week, the Year 2 children have been using their senses to identify, classify and sort a variety of different herbs. They have also been learning about the similarities and differences between the UK and India and recorded a video describing where they would most like to live and why. Year 3 have been learning all about the Mayan civilisation and the significance of Chichen Itza; they displayed their learning in beautiful fact files. They also made their own original and colourful Mayan masks which the Mayans wore to important events and used to adorn the faces of the dead.

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

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### Learning in Year 1

This week the children in Year 1 have been learning about the patterns on different animals and how they camouflage. They have used this knowledge to create a piece of artwork of a patterned animal on a camouflaged background.

### Learning in Year 2

This week in Science, Year 2 have been sorting and classifying herbs. We smelt and tasted them and sorted them in order of our favourite to least favourite, and then grouped them based on their characteristics. We had great fun!

### Learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been creating fruit faces inspired by Arcimboldo!



### Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

Lots of super learning has been taking place in the Upper Phase this week. Year 4 have been learning about Hokusai and his Great Wave painting. They have experimented with different colours and practised their watercolour techniques to produce some fantastic replicas. Year 5 have also been getting 'arty' this week and have been studying the artist Brianna McCarthy. They have created collage portrait pictures using mixed media and are really looking forward to sharing this work with you on Seesaw. Year 6 have continued their learning on the Aurora Borealis and have composed a piece of music to accompany the Northern Lights. In a couple of weeks, we will be announcing an exciting opportunity for our Year 6 children to become student leaders. Please look out for more information on this soon and encourage your child to apply when the opportunity arises.

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#### Learning in Year 4

In art this week, Year 4 have been learning all about a famous Japanese artist called Hokusai. We worked on different techniques including, sketching, cool and warm colours and watercolours. We sketched our very own version of Hokusai's famous woodcut 'The Great Wave' and then used felt pens and water to create a watercolour effect.

#### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been incredibly creative this week by designing and creating their own portrait in the style of Brianna McCarthy. The children have shown fantastic resilience when things didn't go to plan and brilliant originality.

#### Learning in Year 6

This week, we have been composing some of our own music based on the Northern Lights. We listened to the music of two famous Scandinavian composers - Jean Sibelius and Edvard Grieg - and thought about how they had created their pieces and how they made us feel. After that, we planned and composed our own pieces of music, thinking carefully about the dynamics, texture, tempo and timbre we wanted to use and how we wanted to make our audience feel. Have a listen to our wonderful pieces compositions inspired by the Northern Lights on our SeeSaw pages.

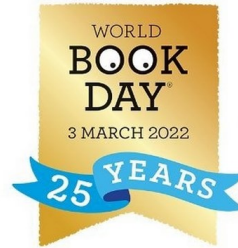


## World Book Day

World Book Day

3rd March 2022

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we are inviting all children and staff to dress up as their favourite story character. We have an exciting day full of activities planned around this year's World Book Day theme 'You Are a Reader'. We cannot wait to see your incredible costumes!



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*Self-sufficient*

## Attendance

A huge congratulations to Class 23 on achieving 100% attendance last week



# O

*Original*

# A

*Attitude*

# R

*Resilient*



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This week the children have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. They have created beautiful collage lanterns and drew some amazing tiger pictures.





## Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient

Next week is children's mental health week. We have lots of things happening in school which support children's mental health and we are also able to signpost and support families who may be experiencing some challenges.

We have a friendly and supportive team of people in school that you can contact.

Mrs Amy Healy (Inclusion Leader) [a\\_healy@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:a_healy@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

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Mrs Debbie Perkins (Lead Learning Mentor and DSL) [d\\_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:d_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

Mrs Jennie Haines (Learning Mentor) [j\\_haines@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:j_haines@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

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### Useful Websites

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

[www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people](http://www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people)

[www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

[www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs)

[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

[www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk](http://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk)



SENDIASS can support and advise you if your child has SEND. You can follow them on Twitter or Facebook.

They provide links to family support opportunities and also signpost to events and opportunities within the city.

[IASS@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:IASS@coventry.gov.uk)



In school we support children through 1:1 sessions, nurture groups, friendship sessions and through the use of the school counsellor.

Langar Aid supports us by providing food parcels and we are also able to provide support through the boot fund for families who are in difficulty.

We are able to support girls in school by providing sanitary products through the government's End Poverty scheme.

The school nursing team can support children with sleep, stress, emotional well being, health issues, bed wetting, behaviour, family relationships, self esteem and healthy lifestyles. They can support 1:1 or through workshops.