

17th June 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Our Year 6 children are thoroughly enjoying their residential experience in Dol y Moch and are having wonderful weather, which is a bonus. They return to school tomorrow. It will come as no surprise to you that behaviour has been exemplary, and the children are displaying all our personal qualities as they have the opportunity to experience new outdoor challenges and apply new skills. Year 6 children in school have enjoyed cooking, coding, creating wonderful artwork, as well as completing outdoor challenges in and around school. The Year 6 show will be returning this year with rehearsals underway, for what is always an extremely popular event. Please check out the Twitter feed to catch some of the Year 6 action from this week!*

*We have been informed that baby Jelley, a second son for Mrs Jelley and her family, made an appearance on Sunday. Mum and baby are doing very well.*

*It has been wonderful to welcome parents to all our year group parents events, where you have been able to share your child's learning and amazing achievements. Thank you for attending and for the overwhelming positive feedback that we have received as so many parents have been amazed at the learning and wider opportunities that their child has experienced this year. A reminder that we will be holding our end of year parent's evening on Wednesday 20th July between 4pm and 6.30pm, when parents can meet the staff, look at their child's work and visit their new classroom and teacher (no appointments are needed).*

*All children will be informed of their new classes and teachers on Friday July 1st, ready for transfer day which will take place on Wednesday 6th. This is a day when children can spend a full day in their new classes with their new teachers and Year 6 children will go to their new schools for the day.*

*I hope that you all continue to enjoy the beautiful sunshine.*

*Best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful weekend.*

*Jill O'Connor*

*Headteacher*

### EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been a super week of learning and exciting events! We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents into nursery today, to stay and play. It was a lovely opportunity to have fun together and see children interacting with their friends and engaging happily in all the learning opportunities. This week, nursery children have been continuing their topic Under the Sea and have continued creating beautiful artwork. They have particularly enjoyed their water play in the warm weather and it has been lovely to see their team work whilst pouring, funnelling and transporting. Children have also really enjoyed singing nursery rhymes and joining in with the beat and rhythm on percussion instruments. This week in Reception, children have continued to learn about the seaside with a focus on the past - including seaside activities, swimwear and fashion, food and entertainment. We were very lucky to be visited by Professor Harvey, who performed an amazing Punch and Judy show and a magic show, which the children loved! There was lots of laughter and audience participation! Following this, children made their own sock puppets to perform their own shows. During the warm weather, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun protection. Thank you.

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 extremely busy in our wonderful creative area. They have been experimenting with lots of different materials to make their wonderful creations. Well done everybody!

Nursery have enjoyed exploring the wider school setting this week. The children have visited the reception outdoor area and the KS1 adventure playground as we begin transition work. We have learnt about how to stay safe in the sun; by drinking water, finding shade and choosing to play inside sometimes. We have also learnt to read and write the letter 'K' this week and have been naming and describing 2d shapes.

#### Learning in Reception

This week we have had lots of fun making our own sock puppets for our own punch and Judy show. We used lots of mixed media such as wool, googly eyes, buttons etc, to make them as creative as possible. We then acted out our own puppet show with our friends.



### Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been a brilliant week in the Lower Phase! Year 2 have been reflecting on their fantastic trip to Warwick Castle and have been using their experiences to write excellent recounts in English. I have been so impressed with the effort they have put into these; the children should be really proud of themselves! In Year 1, the children have also been working hard with their writing. They have used drama to retell the story 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and have interviewed the main character Bunting. They have gone on to write some amazing diary entries from Bunting's perspective - well done Year 1! The children in Year 3 have been learning all about tools and weapons from across the prehistoric ages. They have been able to talk about the differences between the ages confidently and used this new knowledge to make their own prehistoric tools and weapons out of recycled materials. They have also taken part in a class debate about which prehistoric age was the best and why. It was lovely to see so many parents in Year 3 after school on Thursday; the children were so excited to share their learning with you. I look forward to seeing lots of Year 1 parents on Thursday 23rd and Year 2 parents on Thursday 30th (from 3.30-4pm in classrooms).

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#### Learning in Year 1

After learning all about the artist Andy Warhol, we created our own piece of Warhol inspired artwork based around London by selecting contrasting primary and secondary colours.

#### Learning in Year 2

In PE, Year 2 have been working with Suzanne to create different shapes with their bodies. We have created different parts of a pirate ship with our bodies and put our individual shapes together into groups.

#### Learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been designing and making our own Stone, Iron and Bronze Age weapons and tools. We made axes, spears and swords. Then we covered our weapons with paper and added colour to make them look more realistic.

## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The Upper Phase children have continued to work hard on their learning this week. Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential in Wales – climbing mountains, kayaking, orienteering and even a day at the beach were just some of the activities they have enjoyed. Their residential experience in Plas DolyMoch is always incredibly popular and it is so lovely to see how much they gain in confidence and independence upon their return. During creative curriculum lessons this week, Year 5 have been researching famous astronauts. They learnt all about the achievements of Katherine Johnson and why she was such an influential figure in the history of space travel. Year 4 have had a very 'arty' week this week, designing and creating their own totem poles. They found out about the motifs used on totem poles and then created their own 3D versions.

Year 4 and 5 look forward to sharing their learning with you all next week during the parent 'Come and Share' event.

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### Learning in Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been learning all about totem poles. We learnt about why Native American's made them and the meaning behind the motifs they used. We then designed our own totem poles and are getting ready to begin making them.

### Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been learning about the landmark steps in the evolution of space travel since World War 2. The children have produced fantastic timelines of the key events in their own creative style. They have also researched some of the memorable astronauts/cosmonauts, the impact they have had on space travel and their role in the future of Space travel.

### Learning in Year 6

This week, the Year 6 MAGs group have been taking part in lots of fun activities! We started the week with a 'Bake Off' competition, judged by Ms Hodt and Mrs O'Connor. We have designed and embellished tote bags, played some team strategy games and created some nature artwork and ended with using and applying our ICT skills to create comics and animations of our week. We've had a great time!



## Online Advice For Parents and Carers

What parents and carers need to know about Snapchat

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## Clothing Coventry

Clothing Coventry is a local charity that collects and distributes clothes to families in need across the city. The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) are co-ordinating a clothing collection on Friday 24th June. The charity are looking for clothes, especially children's clothes, that are clean and in good condition. They are particularly looking for donations of:

Footwear - Trainers etc..

Pyjamas and nightwear

T-shirts and tops

Shorts

If you have any items to donate, please send them into school on Friday 24th June where the JLT members will collect them from each year group.



## Class Photos

In order to receive free delivery to the school, orders for the school photos need to be placed online by Sunday 19th June.

Thank you

## Water Bottles In School

It is important that our children stay hydrated throughout the day and therefore they do require a water bottle, labelled with their name in school each day. As we promote healthy eating habits, we would ask that only water is brought in from home.

Thank you

## Manor Park University in the Spotlight

This week during Manor Park University the children in the Outdoor Adventure course have been working on their knot tying skills to create shelters in the forest school.





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