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Manor Park News



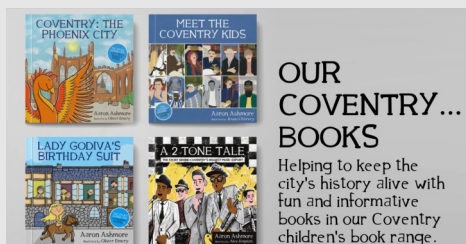
A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week will be our last week of this half term. A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 18th February for our training day. We re-open on Monday 28th February. Have a wonderful half term holiday, spent with families and friends. A holiday club run by SDH Academy will once again be running in our school, so please book directly with them if your child would like to join in the fun over the half term holiday. Can all children ensure that they come back to school in full school uniform as we have noticed some slippage recently in compliance to the uniform policy.

The number of positive Covid cases have dropped significantly this week, and I am delighted to inform you that our low numbers now mean we are no longer in an outbreak category. If this position continues, we will be able to limit mitigations after the holiday. We will be waiting for and following PHE and LA guidance when the planned government relaxing of isolation comes into effect. It is so reassuring that we finally seem to be coming out of the restrictions we have had to have in place for so long. With spring in the air and lighter evenings returning, we have so much to look forward to and we are all excited about the wonderful learning opportunities planned for next half term.

Our children continue to excel and SOAR to success. It is wonderful to share in their enjoyment of learning and school life. The house point system is a great success, and we are looking forward to announcing the winning house next week. The winning house will be rewarded with a visit from one of our parents Aaron Ashmore, director of Etch and Pin, a Coventry based company. Aaron will talk to the children about our city and his work. All children in the winning house will enter a draw to win one of Aaron's books. Do look up his website www.etchandpin.co.uk which has a wide range of products celebrating our wonderful city. You will be aware that our curriculum and houses are designed around our city. I would like to thank Aaron for coming into school to share his love of the city with the children and for all the support he gives to the school. Children are already enjoying reading his books which support our curriculum delivery.



We are looking forward to meeting you all virtually for our parents' meetings on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th. We are hoping to revert to face to face meetings for all subsequent parent consultation meetings. We will however continue to offer the opportunity for remote meetings as some parents have informed us that they prefer this format.

Mrs Kavanagh Byrne has now left us to begin her maternity leave. Our best wishes are extended to Kate and her family at this special time. We will let you know her exciting news when the new arrival makes an appearance.

Adam Hughes, our IT technician, will be leaving school on Friday to pursue new opportunities in his field. After completing an IT apprenticeship with us and subsequently working as our IT technician for several years, he is now ready to fly the nest and work in an alternative business setting. Our thanks and best wishes are extended to Adam for all his amazing contributions to school. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Children will be taking part in a virtual assembly led by West Orchard Church on Monday to mark Lent which is an important religious observance in the Christian calendar and will this year run from March 2nd to April 14th. Our thanks to the church for their continued support in the delivery of our RE curriculum.

My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

This week, it has been lovely to see the kindness children are showing towards each other - I have caught numerous glimpses of children working beautifully as part of a team, helping a friend in class or showing someone the right choices to make.

Qualities of patience and caring are so important and children seem to have it in abundance in both Nursery and Reception. Personal, social and emotional development is a crucial part of early years education and helps children develop healthy minds and self-regulation - we encourage children to talk about their feelings and use specially selected stories to explore thoughts and emotions through the characters' actions and behaviour. Nursery children have been reading 'Amazing Daisy', which encourages you to keep trying and believe in yourself, even when things are tricky - the children loved this story and the idea that we shouldn't give up. Children in Reception have been showing great originality, resilience and teamwork in building their own boats this week and testing materials for the boats to make sure they are waterproof. I loved seeing their super D&T skills in creating fruit boats too - delicious!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me on:

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Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had a great time in our wonderful small world area. They have been busy building train tracks for our selection of trains. What a fabulous job!

In Kingfishers, we have been creating our own caterpillars after reading The Hungry Caterpillar. We used a variety of shapes and materials and practised our cutting skills.

Learning in Reception

This week in maths the children have been looking at spatial awareness. We programmed the beebots to reach a particular object on the beebot mat. It has been amazing to hear the children using the new vocabulary they have learnt this week!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

Children across the lower phase have been bringing in lots of fantastic and creative homework! It has been so wonderful to see the home learning that has been going on to enhance the children's knowledge and engagement; thank you parents for all your support with this. In Year 3 this week, the children have been cooking frittatas and have thought carefully about how this meal might contribute to a healthy diet. They have also used their knowledge of water transportation in plants to interpret their findings from their food colouring and celery experiment. In Year 2, the children have had great fun designing two afternoon tea menus for the Queen to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. The children have peeled, grated and chopped ingredients to prepare vegetable fried rice and cheese sandwiches - delicious! The children in Year 1 have developed their sculpting skills this week and have moulded clay into an animal of their choice. Next week, they will use their knowledge of patterns to paint their animals by mixing paints together.

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Learning in Year 1

In their art lessons this week, Year 1 children have been using drawing and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. They each chose an animal to make out of clay. They learnt new techniques to join their clay pieces together and they used clay tools to add details such as eyes and beaks and animal skin patterns. We think you will be able to recognise the animals so well done Year 1!

Learning in Year 2

This week, the Year 2 children have been learning about the United Kingdom. We learnt that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is happening this year, so we made an afternoon tea. We learnt how to chop, peel and grate and made our own sandwiches!

Learning in Year 3

This week in art, Year 3 have been using a technique called pointillism to create pieces of fruit!

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

As we approach the end of this half term, we have started to reflect on all of the fabulous learning that we have done this term. Year 6 have been practising for their Year 6 SATs this week and have made us all so proud of the hard work and determination they have put in to them. Well done Year 6 you are all superstars! Year 5 have been writing a balanced argument on deforestation this week and have been impressing us all with the progress they have made in their writing. Finally, Year 4 have been writing some beautiful narrative poetry all about the 'Journey of Keiko'. After learning all about figurative language, they included similes, metaphors and personification to engage the reader and bring their poems to life. A reminder that it is parents' evening next week. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week (virtually) so that we can share the fantastic progress that your children have been making. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions or concerns that you may have about your child with their class teacher. If you have any problems booking an appointment, please phone the office who will be happy to help.

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Learning in Year 4

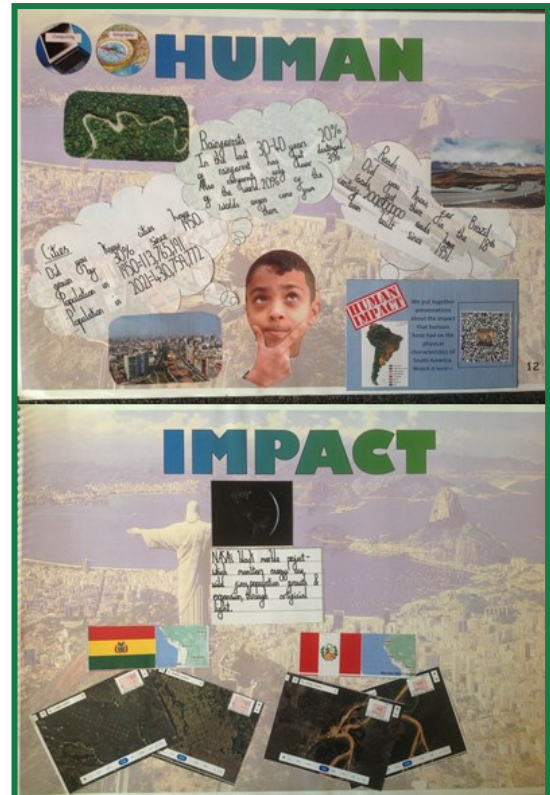
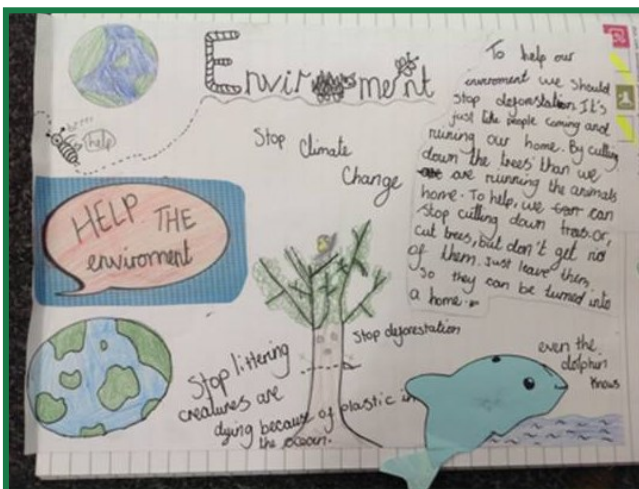
This week in science, Year 4 explored how environments can change both naturally or due to humans and how this can pose dangers to living things. We made posters to spread awareness of these changes and ways in which we can help prevent harm to living things.

Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been studying the impact that humans have had on the continent of South America. They have particularly focused on the impact that roads and cities have made as well as how deforestation has negatively transformed the landscape of some of the northern countries. Children have presented their findings creatively to show many of the before and afters.

Learning in Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to produce some beautiful homework and showcase all of their learning from our topic, Frozen. They have put so much time and effort into their fantastically original pieces and we cannot wait to see how creative they are next half term too. Well done, Year 6!





Just a normal week in CHAMPS! Who knew we had such budding fashion designers.



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