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Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

The teaching staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting you during our parents' evenings this week. I am certain you were delighted with your child's many achievements this term. Children across school continue to make fantastic progress, due to their positive attitude to learning and the resilience they display which I have no doubt you were informed about by the staff when you met with them. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Positive Covid cases have thankfully hit an all-time low this week, with only one or two reported positive cases. This is incredibly good news, and we hope this position continues after the holiday so we can remove mitigations further and attempt to return to pre Covid routines.

Congratulations to the Artists house for winning the half term house point challenge again, with the most house points awarded for the personal quality of attitude. They really enjoyed their visit from Aaron Ashmore who inspired them with his experiences and career working in Coventry. Our appreciation is extended to Aaron for supporting the school in this way. The challenge has been set by other houses to take the trophy next half term. Good luck to everyone.

School will be closing today for the half term holiday, and we will re-open on Monday 28th February. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and that the weather is kind to us all. Half term is a great opportunity for everyone to plan and create their costumes ready for World Book Day which we will be joining in with on Thursday March 3rd. Further details about the range of exciting reading-based activities that children will engage in will follow. This national event is a celebration of books and reading which we are all very excited about. Children across school will be coming off their usual timetable to immerse themselves in reading across the whole day.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life which we really appreciate. Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Kind regards,

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

This week, children have been excited in Nursery about bringing their grown-ups into school and sharing their learning. It has been wonderful for early years staff to talk to parents and a joy to see our families face to face - we have thoroughly enjoyed our drop-in sessions and hope to build in many more opportunities for us to meet and work together in the coming weeks. Reception teachers have also enjoyed the opportunity to share all the fantastic news about children's learning and progress with parents this week - they are really looking forward to the spring when we can hopefully invite parents into school. Well done to all our children, who have been amazing in their attitude and the progress they have made. Children have been very busy as we lead into the half-term holiday! Nursery children have been baking Gruffalo crumble and creating lots of fabulous artwork linked to the story of the Gruffalo. We have certainly enjoyed our stories this term. Reception have been learning all about weighing and even became human scales themselves! They compared two objects and decided which one was the heaviest or the lightest then checked if they were correct by using weighing scales. Lots of measuring going on in both Nursery and Reception, which is great to see! Reception children have also been using their imagination brilliantly by designing their own form of transport as well as going on a magic carpet ride to lots of exciting places!

I hope you have a lovely half-term with your family and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday.

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 having lots of fun dancing and singing their favourite songs and nursery rhymes. What a fantastic time we have had!

Children in Kingfishers have been enjoying pouring and mixing ingredients to make Gruffalo crumble! Delicious!

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children used their imagination and went on their very own magic carpet ride. We talked about the different places it could take us and what we might see.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been another fantastic week of learning in the lower phase. Across the school, the children have been taking part in RE day. On Monday, the Year 1 children had a visit from Navdeep Kahlon who works at the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash in Coventry. Navdeep talked to the children about Sikh artefacts (called the 5Ks) as well as special Sikh stories and values. The children came up with some brilliant questions to ask their visitor and they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. In Year 2, the children have reflected on Muslim beliefs and have learnt about the Prophet Muhammad and why he is so important in the Islamic faith. The children have listened to stories of the Prophet and have discussed the meanings behind them. During RE day in Year 3, the children have been learning about why the bible is important to Christians and have acted out some bible stories to understand their significance. The children have enjoyed sharing their beliefs and opinions in a respectful and kind way as they broaden their understanding of the world around them.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing the children for another exciting half term!

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

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Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have had an RE Day. The children have been asking and answering the question 'Who is a Sikh and how do they live?' As part of their day they learnt about the 5Ks; what they are and why they are important to Sikhs. Here are some children from classes 6, 7 and 8 showing some of the special objects.

Learning in Year 2

For our RE day this week, we have been learning about Islam. Some of the children in each class shared their experiences and artefacts from home, such as prayer mats, with their peers. It was really lovely to hear these experiences that the children have had.

Learning in Year 3

This week, the Year 3 classes took part in outdoor learning focusing on team work and team building. We used our maths knowledge to guide our blindfolded partners around a course using clockwise, anti-clockwise and turns instructions.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

This half term has been incredibly successful with all of the children making fantastic progress in their learning. It has been lovely to walk around the Upper Phase this week to see the children so engaged in their topics. Year 4 have been putting their science knowledge to the test this week whilst making lighthouses as part of their DT project. Year 5 have been using a new and exciting app called 'Animate Anything' in which they were able to interview people from the past. During this week, the children have also celebrated RE day within their year groups. Year 5 discussed all about forgiveness and shared how this is represented in the bible; Year 6 had a visit from a humanist speaker who shared what the key beliefs of a humanist are. The children's learning from these discussions have been presented in their SOAR books and we look forward to sharing these with you soon. Finally, I would like to say a thank you for your continued support over this half term. We all really appreciate the work you do with your children at home (spellings, reading, homework etc) as it really does have an impact on their progress.

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Learning in Year 4

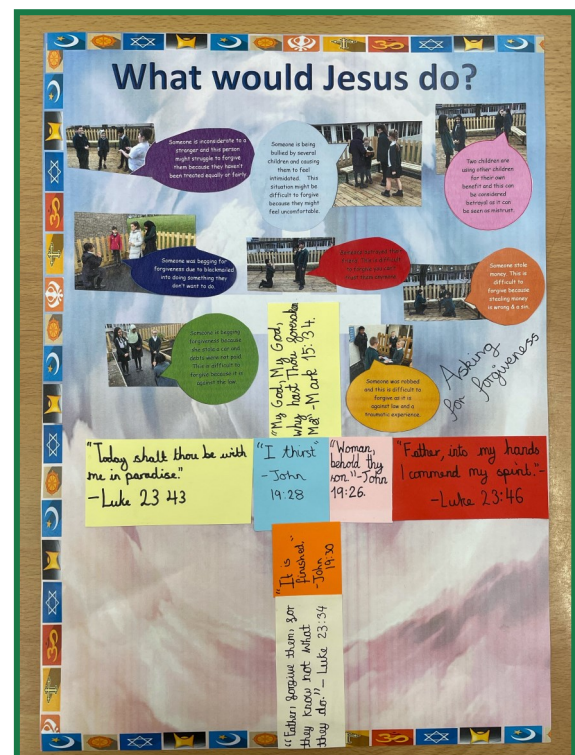
For our D&T day this week, Y4 focused on lighthouses. We investigated the reason behind why we have lighthouses, what they are like and how they have changed overtime. We then set about designing and making our own. As well as making the lighthouse structure, we had to include a complete circuit to make our lighthouses light up. The finished articles are amazing!

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been discussing forgiveness and how this is represented in the bible. They have role played different scenarios and discussed why it could be difficult to forgive.

Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning all about Humanism for our RE Day. We learnt about Humanist values and goals and had a visit from a Humanist to tell us all about their personal experience. They produced some fantastic work and asked wonderfully philosophical questions. Well done, Year 6!





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A Message from our Learning Mentor Team

Dear parents and carers

We have been allocated a small supply of girls sanitary pads as part of the Government's end period poverty scheme.

If your daughter is in need of products and you are struggling to provide these, then please contact Mrs Perkins d_perkins@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk or the learning mentor team. You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to qualify. Please be assured your enquiry will be dealt with discreetly and confidentially.



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