

7th October 2022

# Manor Park News



## A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan coffee morning and to parents who sent in cakes last Friday. We raised an incredible £318 which has been sent to Macmillan and will support the fantastic work the charity does. This event doubled up as our PTA AGM. We were overwhelmed with the support that you gave to our newly reformed PTA. We are very excited about planning and holding a range of PTA events this year. PTA have agreed to donate any money they raise this year to support our WOW events in school which are planned in all year groups to enrich the curriculum through visitors in school or special events. Once the PTA has become established and they are able to fund these events, it would mean that we would not have to ask parents for financial contributions. This will support our drive to reduce costs to parents for school events, particularly during these very challenging financial times.

A huge thank you to you all for your wonderful generosity in sending in donations of food for our harvest festival services. The two local charities that collected the food from church were delighted with the amount of food which was donated. This will greatly help vulnerable people in our city. Our thanks are extended to Baginton Road URC for their very warm welcome and for leading our harvest services. Many thanks also to those parents who accompanied us to church.

Our Manor Park University group 'helping hands' planned and held a charity event 'Water Warriors' which was held in school this lunchtime. The children and staff who joined in had great fun whilst raising money for Children in Need. Thank you to children and parents who donated to this very worthwhile charity. We will let you know the total amount raised when the money has been counted.

Parents of children from Years 2 -6 have been sent login details and a school policy on our exciting maths programme Times Table Rock Stars. Next week this will be launched, with year group competitions and fun activities held as part of the programme. Helping your child to master times tables is one of the most useful pieces of home learning that you can do with your child. There will be a trophy for the most accurate class from Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 which will be awarded in assembly. Have fun in supporting your child with this important learning.

## Dates for the term

Friday 14th October

Class 21 Assembly

Tuesday 18th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 21st October

Teacher Training Day

Friday 4th November

Nursery & Reception Open Day

Friday 11th November

Class 5 Assembly

Class 22 Assembly

Friday 20th November

Dolymoch Trip Year 6

Monday 12th December

Class 3 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December

Class 4 Nativity

Wednesday 14th December

Class 5 Nativity

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

Thursday 15th December

PTA Christmas Movie Night

A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

We will be holding our autumn parents' evenings on Tuesday October 18th and Wednesday October 19th between 4pm and 6.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to look at your child's work and discuss their progress. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child's teacher. Participating in parents' meetings can help you become better involved in your child's learning and give you ideas for what practical support you could offer at home to further help your child fulfil their potential. Our online booking service for these appointments is now open so please book your appointments in the usual way.

**Staffing Update**

Mrs Kerrigan has been signed off work sick until she starts her planned maternity leave in November. Both Mrs Kerrigan and her baby are well, and this leave is to enable her to fully rest. Mr Reynolds will be taking on the position as class teacher for Class 12 during Mrs Kerrigan's absence and maternity leave. Mr Reynolds is a very experienced Year 3 teacher, and he knows the children very well. I anticipate that this change of staffing for the children will be seamless.

Have a relaxing weekend. Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life which we really appreciate.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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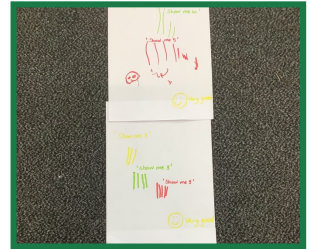
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Manor Park  
Primary School

### Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning how to make marks to represent quantities using Numicon to help.



### Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about hedgehogs and how they get ready to hibernate during the winter months. We were very excited to make our hedgehog houses and hopefully the hedgehogs will find them comfortable for their long sleep.



### Learning in Year 1

This week in our outdoor creative classroom, Year 1 have been working together on our own Superhero Cityscape using junk modelling and paint.



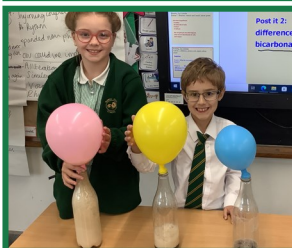
### Learning in Year 2

In history Year 2 have been discussing how Coventry has changed over time. We matched up old and new pictures of Coventry, and wrote down what has changed and why we think it has changed.



### Learning in Year 3

This week the children in Year 3 got the chance to use the VR headsets on Monday during their art lesson. They were able to look at 3D amphoras.



### Learning in Year 4

In our science lesson this week, we learned about how chemical reactions occur and produce gases. We mixed different amounts of bicarbonate of soda with vinegar and then watched the gas inflate the balloons.

### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 really enjoyed researching about different gods and goddesses from ancient Egypt this week. They created informative fact files about their favourite god or goddess and compared and contrasted them using a Venn diagram. The children also showed their creativity by creating their own god or goddess, explaining what they would be worshipped for and how they would have benefitted the people of ancient Egypt.



### Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 visited Coventry Cathedral to find out more about how it became a symbol of reconciliation following WW2. Year 6 showed excellent knowledge about the subject and asked thoughtful questions. We are very proud of them!





### Manor Park University

During Manor Park University the children on the 'Helping Hands' course organised a charity event named Water Warriors. The children threw water balloons at the teachers whilst raising money for Children in Need.



### A message from Starvision Photography

A reminder that everybody who orders school photographs will automatically be entered into an Easter Prize Draw, where the winner will receive a brand new bike!



### Social Media: Twitter

View our Twitter for the latest updates and news below:

[Twitter](#)







**DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?**  
**HOW ARE YOU DOING?**

Get in touch with us to book a place at our Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
(10:00AM - 12:00PM)

**Venue: Metropolis Restaurant**  
Upstairs Community Room,  
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RU

To book your place or for further information contact:  
SEND Information Advice and Support Service  
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [iass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:iass@coventry.gov.uk)



**A CHILD-FOCUSED EXPERIENCE**

Join us on our carefully designed holiday camps that provide an opportunity for every child to explore and discover skills through experiences that are provided by SDH Academy. An opportunity to extend school life where the child's learning, creativity, health and wellbeing is complimented through the use of scheduled activities in line with our core subjects and values.

**Manor Park Primary School**  
CV3 5EZ  
8am - 5pm

**DATES**

- February
- Easter
- Whitsun
- Summer
- October
- Christmas

Excludes weekends & Bank holidays



Some of our holiday camps will run in line with other programmes made available to families throughout the duration of the year. Depending on the programme, you may be entitled to discounted or even free places on our camps. Speak to a member of our team for more information and to see what is available to you.

**HAF** Department for Education  
**Children in Need** **SDH ACADEMY**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
[WWW.SDH-ACADEMY.CO.UK](http://WWW.SDH-ACADEMY.CO.UK)  
**OR SCAN OUR QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACES.**

**The Local Offer**  
**Coventry SEND**

**Preparing for Adulthood Moving On**

A FREE event to investigate options for young people with SEND (14-25yrs) as they approach adulthood.

There will be opportunities to: explore options with local providers, across education, health and social care with a range of workshops to choose from.

**Friday 4th November**  
Time: 9.30am - 12pm

**Venue: Coventry Council House, Earl St, Coventry, CV1 5RR**

Places must be booked by contacting  
[iass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:iass@coventry.gov.uk) or 02476 694307.

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**CHEYLESMORE FOOD HUB**  
**Doorstep appeal**  
**Saturday 8 October**

We need donations of food to help support local families

It's easy to take part!

Place your donations of long-life food in a clearly visible spot on your doorstep in Cheylesmore by 10am on Saturday 8 October for our volunteers to collect

If you live in Stivichall, Earlsdon or Whitley please text your address to 07493 690196 by Thursday 6 October to arrange a collection  
Registered charity number 1191488



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