

6th May 2022

## Manor Park News



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I hope that you all enjoyed the extended weekend and bank holiday, particularly as the sun managed to shine on us all.*

*Thank you to you all for the support you gave to our Sport for Schools event on Wednesday this week. It was a huge success and was greatly enjoyed by the children and staff. Darren Harris was certainly inspirational and helped us all to reflect on our school values of attitude and resilience, helping us all to believe that with hard work and determination anything we set out to do can be within our reach.*

*We were delighted to welcome so many prospective parents to our nursery open day on Friday. Our school ambassadors enjoyed proudly showing off our school to our visitors, and it was wonderful to return to welcoming visitors into school. Nursery places are filling up fast, so please ensure you contact us and make a booking if you require a school nursery place for your child, with an immediate or September start available to meet your needs.*

*Next week is SATS week for our Year 6 children. We are incredibly proud of their outstanding attitude and achievements as they prepare for these national tests which are taking place for the first time in two years. It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school every day next week to enable them to complete their SATS. I would like to pass on my appreciation to our wonderful staff and parents who have worked relentlessly to ensure that every child is fully prepared to do their very best and showcase their learning. Good luck to all our Year 6 children, you are truly amazing, and we are so proud of you. Next week is all about doing your very best and I am absolutely confident that you will all SOAR to success!*

*Our Year 4 children are very excited about their residential visit to Whitby next week which is very close to my hometown of Redcar on the northeast coast. Providing the children with the opportunity to visit a seaside location is one of our curriculum drivers as the location of Coventry is problematic for all our children to experience this British tradition. Whitby is a seaside town in Yorkshire, northern England, split by the river Esk. On the East Cliff, overlooking the North Sea, the ruined Gothic Whitby Abbey was Bram Stoker's inspiration for "Dracula." Nearby is the Church of St. Mary, reached by 199 steps. The Captain Cook Memorial Museum, in the house where Cook once lived, displays paintings and maps. I am very confident that children and staff will have a fantastic trip and will enjoy their first experience of a residential school visit. My thanks to all the staff who are giving up their time to accompany the children. Have a great time.*

*We continue to be incredibly pleased with the very high quality of learning across school. Children are working incredibly hard, and standards are in line with our usual aspirational expectations. This is due to the hard work and determination of every child and member of staff. Well done to everybody.*

*Thank you to you all for your continued support which we all really appreciate.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Kind regards Jill O'Connor*

## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

We have had a fantastic week in early years with lots of exciting opportunities and learning experiences! Reception children went on their first school trip this week, which everybody was so excited about! The Butterfly Farm was a wonderful experience and allowed the children to explore not only butterflies and their life cycles but a range of other minibeasts as well - with some children being brave enough to handle them. All the staff, children and parent helpers returned to school very happy and very exhausted too! I hope everyone has been left with some lovely memories of the day. Well done Reception on your exemplary behaviour - we are all very proud of you! Nursery children have been carefully watching our chicks grow - and they have grown rapidly! Children have enjoyed holding the chicks this week and learning how to take care of them. They have also been practising their counting skills, which are developing brilliantly - it's been tricky checking and counting the chicks in the incubator, now they have all hatched! Leading on from this, children have been learning how to subitise numbers up to 5, using pictures and quantities of objects - they are becoming more confident in this which is great to see. Please take the opportunity to talk to your children about the first ten sounds that they are learning (m,a,s,d,t,p,i,n,p,g,p) and the letter correspondences that they are independently writing - I am sure that they would love to share their learning with you. Many children can now write their own names too and a chance to practise at home would be fantastic. A wonderful week - well done Nursery!

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### Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had a fabulous time playing in our outdoor sand area using all our wonderful sand tools and toys. What an amazing time we have all had!

Nursery have been very busy this week. We have watched our chicks grow and begin to develop feathers on their wings. Outside, we have been making car and bike washes. The children have been particularly engaged in the mud kitchen area, digging and mixing as they make mud pies and mixtures.

### Learning in Reception

This week we enjoyed a wonderful day at the Butterfly Farm exploring all the minibeasts we have learned about. We had a wonderful picnic and enjoyed playing at the park to finish the day off. We also had a special visit from Darren Harris and enjoyed taking part in PE activities and a special circuit course. We had lots of fun learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly.



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

The children in Year 1 have been using their prior knowledge of body parts to explore their different senses. They have spent lots of time outside this week; they have been smelling a range of different herbs, listening out for different sounds, feeling and sorting different materials and tasting a variety of foods. In Year 2, the children have been developing their understanding of the properties of different materials. This knowledge will help them to plan and set up a variety of investigations over the coming weeks. The children in Year 2 have really impressed me with their attitude towards their SATs, which they have started this week. They have worked incredibly hard (both in school and at home) and have approached the tests with positivity and enthusiasm. In Year 3, the children have thoroughly enjoyed designing and building Stone Age shelters on D&T day. They developed their measuring and sawing skills and had the opportunity to use the glue gun to join their structure together.

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### Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning how to write numerals as words. We enjoyed searching for written numbers outside. We then worked as a class to read them and put them in the correct order. Finally, we practised spelling them in our books!

### Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning about castles and their different features. We learnt about murder holes, thick walls, arrow slits, a portcullis and the gatehouse. On Monday, we have our medieval day where we will even make a castle! We can't wait!

### Learning in Year 3

For their DT day, Year 3 designed and made shelters for a stone age family. We measured and sawed pieces of wood to make the frame, glued the frame together then collected materials from outside to cover it so it was nice and cosy

## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

There is a real buzz in the Upper Phase this week as Year 4 and 6 prepare for a very exciting week next week. Year 4 will be going on their first residential trip to Whitby where they will spend 2 nights taking part in lots of fun activities. Amongst other things, they will be going on a coastal walk, visit Captain Cook's museum and take a night-time tour with a Whitby storyteller - we can't wait to hear about all the fun you have when you get back Year 4. Next week, Year 6 will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked this year and know they will do their absolute best during their testing week. We look forward to celebrating your many successes with you next week Year 6. Year 5 have been keeping busy this week whilst continuing their topic work on 'Space'. They have researched, designed and made their own space rockets and launched them into space to check their durability. Well done to all of the Upper Phase children who have continued to show us their Manor Park qualities this week - keep SOARING to success!

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### Learning in Year 4

Year 4 completed a science experiment linked to their topic: teeth. The children used eggs, which have similar properties to teeth, and will test the effects - over 11 days - of different liquids on the eggshells.

### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week researching different rockets and their structure. They designed their own rocket thinking about the different shapes and features their rocket needed. After constructing, they tested how aerodynamic their rocket was and evaluated their projects.

### Learning in Year 6

In topic lessons this week, Year 6 have been learning about World History, and thinking about when key events took place. The children had to use their prior learning to think about historical dates/events and facts, which we then shared as a class. We discussed the term, 'chronology' and had to try and order periods in history along a timeline, thinking about when certain points in history might have overlapped. The children then made their own timelines, highlighting the dates these periods began and ended. Super learning this week, Year 6! You have amazed us with how much information you have retained from history in previous year groups, and how you were able to apply this to this week's learning! Well done.



