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Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a very enjoyable half term holiday. I am certain that you all thoroughly enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and bank holiday. It certainly made you feel proud to be British!

Congratulations to all our Year 1 and 4 children who have displayed an amazing attitude this week, as Year 1 completed their phonics check and Year 4 started their multiplication check. We are so proud of you all and the resilience you have shown in applying your learning in these areas.

Our Year 6 pupils are very excited about their visit to Dol y Moch in Wales next week. They will leave school on Tuesday and will be engaging in a range of outdoor activities in a beautiful, contrasting location. This is always one of the main highlights of their primary school life for children, and creates memories for children to take away with them when they leave Manor Park. Year 6 children who are remaining in school will take part in alternative activities in and around school. Have a great time Year 6 and thank you to the staff who are giving freely of their time to accompany them.

Manor Park Children in the Spotlight

Oscar Ashmore, one of our pupils, has written his very own book with his dad all about our wonderful city and its history. In the book, Oscar and his brother Caleb discover a time travelling taxi and due to a mix up with a tour guide at Coventry Transport Museum, the boys end up in Coventry in 2122 when Lady Godiva isn't known, The Specials didn't play their first ever gig and Frank Whittle didn't invent the jet engine. Using the time travelling taxi, the boys go back in time to help right those wrongs and fix Coventry once again.



We are very proud of how hard Oscar has worked on the book and we cannot wait for a copy to come into school for all our children to enjoy.

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Coventry Music hosted a stage in Broadgate during the Platinum Jubilee weekend and spent the day showcasing some of the musical talent of Coventry's young people. Amongst the performances was one by Coventry Music Junior Voices Choir who wowed their audience with four songs. This choir included one of our pupils, Nyah. She was a credit to her family and the school. Mrs Clayton the choir director wanted to thank her and say how proud she was of the way she sang and behaved on the day.

Well done, Nyah, we are very proud of you for displaying our personal qualities out of school.

It was lovely to meet our new nursery and reception parents on Thursday evening. Thank you to all our new families for choosing our school for your child's education which we really appreciate. We are delighted that our reception classes are full, with a waiting list in place for September. We still have a small number of fully flexible part-time and full-time nursery places available for the rest of this term and also for a September start. Please contact us if you require a nursery place for your child nursery@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk with children able to join us from their third birthday. We can guarantee that they will have a lot of fun!

During the half term holiday Coventry Council painted extra yellow zig zag lines outside the school by our upper phase entrance. We are very grateful that this work has been completed, which will hopefully mean there will be less congestion in this area. Many thanks to Councillor Roger Bailey for raising the profile of this with the council to speed it through.

Can I remind everyone that keeping our children and school community safe on the congested roads outside school is the responsibility of all of us. We still have many ongoing complaints from local residents and parents as they drop off and collect their children, about the inconsiderate way that some parents park on the road. As the warmer weather continues, please try to walk to school if you can and continue the good routines that many children established during Walk to School Week. If you do drive, please ensure that you consider the safety and well-being of everyone else.

Best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful weekend.

Jill O'Connor

Headteacher

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EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

The children have returned to school brilliantly this week, eager to share their stories about what they did in the holiday and the lovely celebrations they took part in with family and friends. As we look forward to sunnier days, summer fun and holidays, our topics in both Nursery and Reception revolve around the seaside and oceans. Nursery have had a great time creating large ocean pictures and painting ocean animals using hand prints and sponges, which has been really good, messy fun! The children have been curious about the different sea animals that we have been exploring and have enjoyed stories about the ocean. Reception have enjoyed learning all about the seaside, and explored what you would need at the beach and how to stay safe in the sun and water. Children have been very creative, making impressive seaside collages with a range of materials. They have also enjoyed using their phonics knowledge this week to tackle independent writing challenges - writing postcards, sun-safety information and seaside descriptions. Children have loved their PE lesson this week and were fantastic in changing into their kits - we were so impressed with how organised they were! Superstars! It's been lovely welcoming parents into school this week for our Early Years Open Evening. Thank you for all your positive comments and continued support. Please do contact me if you have any further questions about your child's transition to their pre-school year in Nursery or to Reception.

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 settled back into nursery really well. They have had an amazing time exploring our wonderful outdoor obstacle course.

We are learning about sea creatures in Nursery this week. The children have created under the sea scenes and jellyfish crafts. We have been naming sea creatures and counting the syllables in their names and our own as we clap them out. In phonics, we have learnt to read and write 'c' and we are very proud of the children's name writing. A super week!

Learning in Reception

To start our new topic 'We Do Like to Be By the Seaside!' we talked about the different features of the seaside and what we might find or use whilst at the beach. We then created our own seaside scene using a variety of different tools and equipment.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

The Year 2 children have been so excited about their trip to Warwick Castle this week and it did not disappoint! They had a brilliant time exploring the castle and learning all about attack and defence in a guided tour. In the castle grounds, the children watched the 'Falconer's Quest' bird show where they saw falcons, eagles and owls soaring through the skies. They also climbed the castle tower and enjoyed the view of Warwick below. In Year 1, the children have been learning about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom along with the capital cities. They have used their prior learning of human and physical features to identify the key landmarks and features in London. The Year 3 children have been learning about the discovery of Skara Brae in 1850. In English this week, they have been using hot seating to prepare for a piece of writing about this fascinating find, which I'm looking forward to reading next week!

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

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Learning in Year 1

This week the Year 1 children have been learning about capacity and volume. We had fun outside demonstrating different capacities in the water area and sand pit. We love a practical lesson!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been on their WOW day to Warwick Castle and we had a fantastic time! We explored the castle and learnt the different features such as the portcullis, arrow slits and moat as well as having a guided tour where we learnt about the weapons that were used over different time periods.

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 went outside and cooked some food, Stone Age style. We made a fire and waited patiently while our water heated up and cooked our Stone Age peas. Even though there was steam coming from the water, it didn't boil so now we understand how long it took to cook something in the Stone Age!

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

It has been a very busy first week of the half term! Year 4 have been practising their times tables in preparation for their multiplication check and are very excited to show all the progress they have made. We are very proud of you Year 4! Year 5 have been supporting the charity 'Langan Aid' this week by preparing sandwiches and food parcels. These will be distributed to the homeless over the course of the next couple of days. In addition to this, during their creative curriculum lessons, Year 5 have been learning all about Peter Thorpe and produced some beautiful recreations of his work. Year 6 have started their show rehearsals this week; we can't wait to see the final production in the last week of term. They have also been writing their own autobiographies this week as part of their English lessons and learnt all about ratio and proportion in maths.

Please keep checking Seesaw for pictures of work that your children have been working on this term.

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

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Learning in Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning all about different Native American Tribes. On Wednesday, we worked in home groups and worked together to research one Native American Tribe. On Thursday, we moved into expert groups where we shared our learning with other children in our class. Once we had shared our learning, we created an Adobe Spark Video showcasing all of our expertise. Scan the QR code to see our work.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about an abstract artist called Peter Thorpe. The children have used his space artwork to explore different techniques and contrasting colours to inspire their own bright, vibrant space art. Year 5 are working towards creating their final piece after they experimented with the different techniques and colours.

Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. We conducted an investigation into our own heart rates after various forms of exercise, ensuring that it was a fair test throughout. We discussed the reasons for our findings and came to the some excellent conclusions using our evidence.



Rounders Competition

The Year 5/6's enjoyed participating in a friendly rounders competition against Corpus Christi Primary School and All Saints Primary School. They demonstrated excellent resilience and teamwork - well done!



A Message from Quinton Park Baptist Church

We will be showing Paddington 2 on Saturday 18th JUNE at 5pm at Quinton Park Baptist Church in church. You are all so very welcome free of charge. You may however bring your own marmalade sandwich, our Queen of England even keeps her own safe in her handbag.

We will provide drinks and snacks.

City author and his son release new children's book 'The Time Travelling Coventry Taxi'

Aaron Ashmore and Oscar Ashmore with their new book 'The Time Travelling Coventry Taxi'

A CITY author and his son have published a new children's book called 'The Time Travelling Coventry Taxi'.

The 28-page book written by Aaron Ashmore, who runs Etch and Pin, and Oscar, eight, and the pictures have been created by local illustrator Lizzie Ryan who brought the pair's ideas to life.

The story centres on Oscar and his brother Caleb discovering a time travelling taxi due to a mix-up with a tour guide at the Coventry Transport Museum.

The boys end up in Coventry in 2122 where Lady Godiva is not known, The Specials did not play their first ever gig, Coventry had not won the FA Cup in 1987 and Frank Whittle did not invent the jet engine.

Using the Time Travelling Taxi, the boys go back in time to help right those wrongs and fix Coventry once again.

This is the latest in a series of books which look to promote the city's history to local young people.

Previous releases include 'Lady Godiva's Birthday Suit' and 'Meet the Coventry Kids'.

Aaron said "Writing the books so far has been amazing and Oscar has always shown a keen interest so I thought it would be an amazing way to write my first fiction book about the city by working with Oscar.

"I am so proud of how hard he has worked on the book and it is special to see both of our names on the cover."

Oscar added: "I have loved writing the book with my dad.

"It took a lot of effort and I love what we have made.

"I hope people like our book and we are able to write another book together in the future."

Since 2020, Aaron has donated over 4,000 copies to Coventry primary schools free of charge and, teaming up with Coventry Building Society, 1,000 copies of 'The Coventry Time Travelling Taxi' will be heading to schools once again.

Leanne Stanley, senior community specialist at Coventry Building Society, said: "We're focused on doing more in Coventry to enhance education and raise aspirations amongst primary school children.

"Aaron's stories do a fantastic job teaching young people more about the city they live in, in turn making them proud to belong, and inspiring their futures - something we're also doing through our Coventry Counts programme."

Visit etchandpin.co.uk/books to buy The Time Travelling Coventry Taxi.

