

27th May 2022



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

*We have all enjoyed a great celebration today in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our festivities have made a wonderful start to the half term holiday and the national celebrations that we are all looking forward to, which will mark this significant event. Thank you to everyone for dressing up and engaging in the day with such passion. There are photographs on Twitter and the website to capture the events of the day, so please do check them out.*

*School closes today for the half term holiday. A reminder that we are taking our statutory additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Monday 6th June. We selected this day as we wanted the children to continue engaging in the national and local events to mark this prestigious occasion, which will go down in history for the children to reflect on for many years to come.*

*We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 7th June, ready for our final and busiest half term of the academic year.*

*We will be making some slight adjustments to the timings of the school lunch hour for upper phase after the holiday, with all children having the same lunch hour between 12pm - 1pm. Year 3 will also move to the upper playground at playtimes and lunchtimes, and they will join the upper phase of the school. These internal timetable amendments will not impact on parents at all. The reason for making these timetable changes is to extend the afternoon session slightly for upper phase to allow a little more time for coverage of our amazing creative curriculum and to align the start time for Manor Park University on Friday afternoons for the whole school.*

*Year 1 will be taking the statutory national phonics screening check during the first week back. This will be embedded into normal classroom activities and the children will probably not even be aware it is taking place. They will all be fabulous as their reading, phonic and writing skills are phenomenal. Good luck to them all. Year 2 will be heading to Warwick Castle for their wow event on Thursday, which is always a favourite trip for the children.*

*We are looking forward to meeting all our new nursery and reception parents on Thursday June 9th at 6pm. In these meetings, parents will be given all the necessary information they will need relating to their child starting school and they will have the opportunity to meet the staff and visit their child's classroom.*

*Best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful half term holiday.*

*Jill O'Connor*

*Headteacher*

## Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient

### EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

This week, Reception children have continued their study of minibeasts and have been learning all about bumble bees, which they have loved! They have been researching how bees make honey and then used their senses to describe how it tasted, smelled and felt. The children have also been developing their design skills by creating a class beehive, using mixed media and tools. It was wonderful to welcome parents into classes this week for our 'Come and Share' sessions - we are so proud of what the children have learnt and achieved and it was lovely for the children to share this. This week, children in Nursery have learnt to read and write their next sound in phonics - 'o'. They have been listening to dinosaur stories and in their maths learning they have been sorting them into groups by their features and comparing how many in each group. Children have also been writing the numbers and learning to form them correctly. EYFS children and staff have had a fantastic week which has been rounded off with celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a delicious picnic today, which we thoroughly enjoyed! In preparation for the jubilee, the children have had great fun decorating carriages and making bunting, flags and their own crowns - their design and cutting skills are fabulous!

I hope that all our families have a wonderful half term holiday and enjoy the jubilee celebrations.

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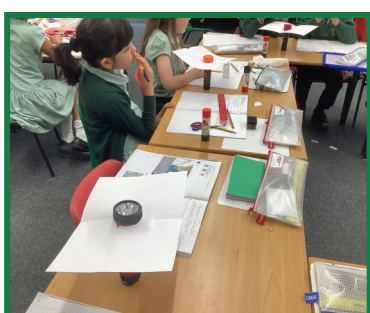
#### Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had an amazing time building their own slides in our wonderful outdoor area. What an amazing time we all had sharing our ideas.

What a busy week for Nursery! Dinosaurs, science and Jubilee ahoy! We have been listening to dinosaur stories and using dinosaurs in our maths learning to sort and count as we compared their features. The children then decided to build a dinosaur cage outside! We have explored the effects of wind on our windmills in the garden area, hunted for bugs and have been exploring magnets as part of our science learning. Our Jubilee preparations are well underway as we painted large carriages on the outdoor creative table and made crowns to decorate them. We have bunting, flags and crowns all being prepared too!

#### Learning in Reception

This week we have been investigating bees and how they make honey. We really enjoyed tasting, feeling, and smelling honey and even made our own beehive and bees from egg cartons and bubble wrap! We now understand why bees are super busy and why they drink nectar from flowers! We have also enjoyed learning all about shapes, both 2D and 3D, and went on a very exciting shape hunt around the school.



### Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

In Year 1, the children have learnt about a variety of toys which were played with in the past and they have compared them to modern day toys. Inspired by their trip to St John's Museum, the children have been busy designing and making finger puppets in D&T. They have cut and glued fabric independently and have decorated their final product to match their design. The Year 2 children have been consolidating their understanding of properties of materials in science this week. They had great fun designing their own investigation to find out which material would make the best shoe for a knight; they had to ensure their chosen material was waterproof, light and durable. In Year 3, the children have been working hard writing a recount about their trip to Bishops Wood. I have been impressed with their resilience as their stamina for writing continues to grow. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the final half term!

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#### Learning in Year 1

As part of our DT lessons the children have been making puppets. First the children investigated the best method to join the fabric together, they then designed and made it.

#### Learning in Year 2

Today Year 2 loved dressing up in red, blue and white to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the Queen, found corgis around our school grounds and made some beautiful collages with different landmarks from London. We even had a whole school picnic on the field at lunch. It was a day to remember.

#### Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about light and reflective materials in science. We discovered that light travels in a straight line and reflects off an object which means we can see that object. We then did an experiment to see which material was the most and least reflective. We found that shiny materials reflect the most light and materials that are not shiny reflect the least. This is because non-reflective materials absorb more light.



## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

This half term has flown by and what a busy half term it has been! This week has been no different as lots of fantastic learning has been taking place across the Upper Phase. Year 5 went on a visit to Machine:Memoirs: Space. They had a fantastic time immersing themselves in this digital art gallery and really enjoyed the interactivity of the visit. Year 6 have held their infamous show auditions this week and we cannot wait to find out what the performance will be. They have also been visited by lots of their secondary schools this week as they prepare for their transition to their new schools. It is a very exciting time for our Year 6 children and we are looking forward to celebrating their final term with us after the holidays. Year 4 have been learning all about Pocahontas this week and used comic life to retell her story. They used some historical sources to compare the truth vs legend of her story.

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### Learning in Year 4

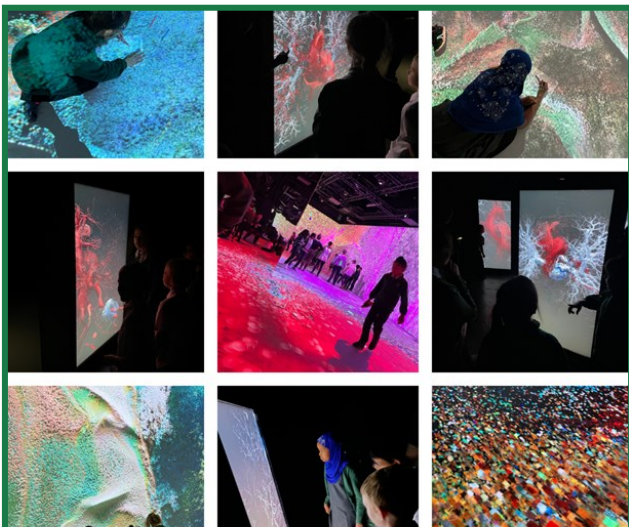
As part of PE this half term, Year 4 have been doing dance with Suzanne. This is C17 putting together everything they have learnt in dance over this half term about the Native Americans and dance.

### Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 had the opportunity to experience the fantastic Machine Memoirs: Space Exhibition by Refik Anadol. The UK's first immersive digital art gallery. The children had a wonderful time in this captivating, unique museum.

### Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been using the app, 'DoInk' to create their own green screen animated projects. The children absolutely loved this activity, as they got to create their own short trailers, using the different effects available on this app.. They had to act, select backgrounds, and ensure their animations worked at the correct time. Please check out your child's seesaw page to watch these wonderful clips. Well done, Year 6!



### Year 4/5 Rugby Tournament

Years 4 and 5 enjoyed taking part in a rugby tournament at Old Coventrians. Some of our children were awarded for showing outstanding sportsmanship. Well Done!



### House Winners

Congratulations to the Athletes house for winning the most house points during this half term. Their prize was a visit from Wasps, and two of their coaches came to work with the children, taught them some basic skills and answered some questions that the children had.





### A Message from JLT

On behalf of the JLT, a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our cake sale for Ukraine. We raised an amazing amount of money that has been donated to help children affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

Dear Manor Park Primary School

#### THANK YOU MANOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SUPPORTING UNICEF UK

Thank you so much for raising an incredible £697 for UNICEF UK's Ukraine Emergency Appeal through your Fundraiser. Your kindness and everyone who has supported you enables us to be there for children in Ukraine where UNICEF is meeting urgent and escalating needs.

#### YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

UNICEF are scaling up its humanitarian efforts to respond to the growing humanitarian needs across Ukraine by providing essential services to vulnerable children and families affected by the conflict.

Donations to UNICEF will help provide these families with access to basic services including water and sanitation, immunisation and health care, schooling and learning, psychosocial support, and emergency cash assistance.

We receive no funding from the UN budget and rely entirely on donations so it is thanks to supporters like you that we can continue our work and reach children in Ukraine with the life-saving support that they need. We are so grateful for your kindness.

On behalf of these children, and all of us at UNICEF UK, thank you so much for your valuable contribution.

Best wishes,

UNICEF UK Fundraising Team

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