

18th November 2022

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6 children are very excited and are busily preparing to head off to Wales on Sunday for their Dol y Moch residential. I am certain that they will have a wonderful time, will discover new skills and push themselves in their many new exciting adventures. Have a wonderful time, Year 6.

You will no doubt be aware that the 2022 FIFA Qatar World Cup is scheduled to take place from 20th November to 18th December. The only group match that takes place during the school day is the England Iran Group B match that will be played on Monday 21st November at 1pm. As we realise that many children will want to watch this game, we are planning an afternoon of World Cup activities which will include the opportunity for children from Year 1 upwards to watch the match in their classrooms if they would like to do so. Children may wear a football shirt to school on Monday if they want to in recognition of the World Cup and to cheer England on. There is no obligation for children to wear a football shirt or watch the game if they don't want to do so and alternative activities will be available for them. We believe it is a very important part of our full curriculum to engage children in national events such as these as part of their cultural capital. Good luck to England in the competition.

A warm welcome to Helen Davies who has recently joined our admin team and Cristina Pessa who has taken on a position as an additional SEN learning support assistant. A very warm welcome to them both.

A reminder to continue sorting your cupboards and to send in donations for the PTA Christmas bring and buy sale which will take place on Monday 28th November. We look forward to seeing you then.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Monday 21st November

World Cup Day

Sunday 20th November

Dolymoch Trip Year 6

Christmas Bring and Buy Sale

Monday 28th November

2.00pm-4:30pm

Friday 2nd December

Class 16 Assembly

Class 23 Assembly

Monday 5th December

National Child Measurement Programme Year R & 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

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

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery we enjoyed going on an autumn adventure. We explored our forest school, talked about the changes that happen in autumn and even went onto our big red library bus and sang some songs!



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have really enjoyed role playing being teachers together. We even had Fred the frog to help us with our sounds!



Learning in Year 1

This week in science the Year 1 children have been 'tree detectives'. They have been searching for leaves from different types of trees and deciding if they are deciduous or evergreen.



Learning in Year 2

Building on Odd Socks Day, Year 2 have been thinking about Anti-Bullying in their PSHE lesson this week. The theme of this years Anti-Bullying Week is 'Reach Out' so the children designed their own helping hands thinking about who they would reach out to if they needed help. It was fantastic to see the range of people the children said they would talk to, including friends, family and school staff. They also understood the importance of reaching out in support of others. Well done Year 2!



Learning in Year 3

This week Year 3 have been investigating forces in science. We measured the strength of magnets by investigating the distance that it took for the magnet to attract a metal object. We also investigated whether different surfaces would produce different amounts of friction and alter our results.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children enjoyed using our brand new VR headsets to take them to Pompeii! They were able to look around the city and take a look at the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and how this changed Pompeii's landscape.



Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about dissolving and experimenting to find out which solids are soluble and which are insoluble. The children have been using a range of scientific skills to plan their experiment including discussing the variables, predicting and observing.



Learning in Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been using previously learnt skills in art to create landscapes of Coventry using pen and ink. We added detail to give our creations depth. Through the use of hatching, cross hatching, scrumbling and stippling we were able to show the contrast between light and dark areas in our work.



Manor Park University

This week the children in the 'Digital Art' course have been riding rollercoasters using the VR headsets.



Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us by **8.30am** wherever possible by calling the school office and leaving a message on the absence line or alternatively speaking to a member of the admin team. If we have not been informed by 9.20am a text message will be sent to parents/carers to question the reason for absence. Contact is required every day of your child's absence. If there is any doubt about the whereabouts of a child, then the learning mentor team will be notified who will try to establish contact to check on the safety and wellbeing of the child.

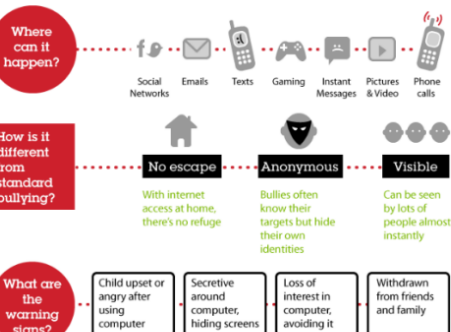
CYBERBULLYING

What it is, and how to protect your children

Advice for parents from Barnardos

What is Cyberbullying?

Definition: An aggressive, intentional act carried out by a group or individual, using electronic forms of contact, repeatedly over time against a victim who cannot easily defend himself or herself.



What Can I Do?

Tell your child to:

STOP

Don't reply

BLOCK

Block the sender

TELL

Tell a parent or teacher

As the parent, you should:

Find out when it started

Notify the school

Report to the website

Take records

Contact police

Take screen grabs, save messages
If any illegal activities are apparent

At home:



Keep the computers in a family room so activity is visible



Draw up a family agreement on computer use



Knowledge is power! Take a basic computer course

On the computer:



Set up user accounts for each family member

Password protect your computers

Ensure social network accounts are private

Install filtering and anti-malware software