

22nd July 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an extremely busy and hot week!

The children and staff were tremendous in dealing with the extreme heat at the beginning of the week. We were pleased that we could have our second sports day of the year on Wednesday. The decision to run this was very last minute and was based on a weather check early that morning. I apologise that we couldn't give parents advance notice about this, but you will appreciate the decision was so weather dependant during these unprecedented weather conditions it wasn't possible to do so.

The Year 6 children were amazing in their show which indeed was 'The Greatest Show'. Well done to them all. Thank you for supporting us in giving them a great Manor Park send off as they leave us today to go to their new schools and follow their dreams.

As we come to the end of another very busy and successful school year, I would like to sincerely thank you all for the support that you have given to your wonderful children and our school. We are extremely proud of the achievements of all the children who have reached their full potential and SOARED to success. Our end of key stage results are amazing, and in line with the last time this national data was collected in 2019. This is due to the determination and efforts of children, staff and parents who have worked relentlessly to close any gaps in learning for children following the lockdown.

School life and achievements are however not all about academic results and SATS data. This year has been, above all other years, a period of children readjusting to new routines and social situations following the pandemic. I don't think we can overestimate the profound impact this has had on children and families. I am so proud of the resilience and personal growth of the children and the way that our school community has worked together to enable school life to return to normal this year. Behaviour, attitudes and interpersonal skills of children have been exemplary. We are incredibly proud of everyone. I would like to pass on my appreciation to you all for the unconditional support you have given to the children and school. Thank you all.

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We wish all Year 6 children, nursery children moving to other schools and any other children leaving us today, the greatest happiness and success in their new schools. They are always welcome to come back and visit us.

I would like to thank all our outstanding staff, who have been exceptional again this year, and have all worked incredibly hard to offer the children the best possible teaching and learning experiences and a full return to pre Covid school life. It has been wonderful that this has been able to happen.

We are ready to welcome children back to school on Tuesday September 6th, as Monday 5th is a local authority set staff training day. All children need to come to school in full uniform please ready for an exciting new term.

All that remains for me to do is to wish everybody a wonderful summer holiday. I hope the sun shines and you all manage to have a rest and an enjoyable time with your families. School will close today as Monday 25th July is our final training day of the year. My very best wishes to everyone. Take care and stay safe. Let's all look forward to a safe and happy school return in September.

Best wishes to everyone. Happy holidays.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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Learning in Nursery

This week the children in Wrens and Robins have been enjoying playing in the shade on our fabulous selection of scooters and bikes!

We have had lots of fun during our last week together in Kingfishers. We went outside and played lots of team games such as Duck, Duck, Goose.



Learning in Reception

This week, reception enjoyed doing sports day! We took part in races such as the sack race, football dribbles, the egg and spoon race and more! Reception have worked so hard this year and we all hope you have a restful break!



Learning in Year 1

During RE day the children learned about Islam. We experienced what it is like to visit a mosque. We took our shoes off before entering, separated into girls and boys and faced towards Mecca.

Learning in Year 2

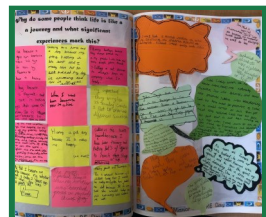
We had a great morning doing sports day! The children put in lots of effort and everyone showed lots of resilience. Well done children!

Learning in Year 3

Year 3 (along with the rest of the school) were able to take part in sports day on Wednesday. Competing for house points, the children took each other on in the javelin, nerf howler, egg and spoon race, sprint, sack race and football dribble challenge. It was a great afternoon with everyone entering into the spirit of each event.

Learning in Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful day learning about Christianity and Judaism. The children had to research about Bar Mitzvah's and Bat Mitzvah's and created a postcard to congratulate a child on attending one.



Learning in Year 5

On Thursday, this week Year 5 celebrated the cooler weather with an inter-year group rounders competition.



Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic afternoon at Red Kangaroo as an end of year treat for all of their incredible hard work this year! Well done Year 6 for ending your time at Manor Park on a high!



Sports Day

This week the children had a great time taking part in sports day.



Sports Day

Well done, Mr Kirby for winning the teacher's race narrowly ahead of Mr Wishart. With both members of staff leaving, it will be down to Mr Ridgewell (in a distant 3rd!!) to take the title next year.



House Winners

Our winning house - the Change-makers - had a visit from a local artist, Dana Hall. She spent the day working with the children to create pieces of art that reflected the Change makers house. Well done all of you on a fantastic half term and for displaying so many of the Manor Park personal qualities!



Queen's Baton Relay

Our children had the unique opportunity to witness the Commonwealth Games Baton coming to Coventry. The Y3/4 children enjoyed representing a country from the Commonwealth and competing in football and rugby.



Message from the Safeguarding Team

ONLINE SAFETY NEWS: "HUGGY WUGGY"

It's good for us all to be aware of this character, in case children mention it.

It is certainly not a nice cuddly bear, as its name suggests.

This is a game/character that children are being exposed to on platforms such as Tiktok and YouTube.

The character is named 'Huggy Wuggy' from the 2021 horror game 'Poppy's Playtime'.

The character sounds like a cuddly bear, but is actually encouraging children to copy behaviours -

hugging people randomly, but then carrying out violence and verbal abuse.

There are also some images in the game and within videos of this character which can be disturbing.

Dates for your Diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 05.09.22	Teacher Training Day (School closed to all children)				
w/c 12.09.22		School Photographs (Individual) Sibling Photos 8.00am-9.00am			
w/c 19.09.22	Coventry Cathedral Trip Year 6	Careers Event 3.30pm-5.00pm Greek Day Year 3			
w/c 26.09.22	Herbert Art Gallery & Transport Museum trip Year 2 Class 9 & 11	Herbert Art Gallery & Transport Museum trip Year 2 Class 10	Egyptian Day Year 5		Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30am