

7th October 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome parents into our first class assembly today, with Class 21 welcoming their parents and families into school to showcase some of their exciting learning. We are delighted that we have been able to resume these very popular events. Every class will host a class assembly on a Friday starting at 9am during this academic year. The dates for class assemblies are on the school calendar so please check these out and make sure that you have the appropriate dates in your diary. You will be assured of a very warm welcome from the children and staff.

We will once again be awarding the winning house from this term with their reward, which this half term will be a visit from an author Ann Evans, which will take place on Wednesday afternoon. We are all very excited about hearing which house has been awarded the most house point tokens. It is a very close competition with a few days still available for children to earn some extra house point tokens to help their house along. Good luck to everyone.

Next week will be our final week in school before the half term holiday, with school closing on Thursday 20th October, as Friday 21st is our staff training day. School will re-open for all children on Monday 31st October. I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday spent with families and friends. There will be the usual holiday club running in school over the half term break. Please book directly with SDH Academy if you would like to secure a place for your child.

A final reminder that we will be holding our autumn parents' evenings on Tuesday October 18th and Wednesday October 19th between 4pm and 6.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to look at your child's work and discuss their progress. There will also be a pre-loved uniform sale in the entrance hall on both evenings. This is an ideal opportunity for you to pick up some school clothing for your child as every little helps! Our online booking service for these appointments is still open so please book your appointments in the usual way if you have not already done so.

Dates for the term

Tuesday 18th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 21st October

Teacher Training Day

Friday 4th November

Nursery & Reception Open Day

Tuesday 8th November

PTA KS1 Disco

3.45pm to 5.15pm

Thursday 10th November

PTA KS2 Disco

3.45pm to 5.15pm

Friday 11th November

Class 5 Assembly

Class 22 Assembly

Friday 20th November

Dolymoch Trip Year 6

Friday 2nd December

Class 16 Assembly

Class 23 Assembly

Monday 12th December

Class 3 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December

Class 4 Nativity

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Staffing Update

Mrs Moore will be leaving school on Friday to begin her maternity leave. Our very best wishes are extended to Mrs Moore and her husband as they eagerly await the birth of their first baby. As always, we will inform you when we hear any exciting baby news. We will be welcoming a new full time IT technician to join our staff after the holiday to support us with the ongoing development of our IT infrastructure.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life which we really appreciate.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Wednesday 14th December
Class 5 Nativity

Thursday 15th December
Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

Thursday 15th December
PTA Christmas Movie Night

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Learning in Nursery

This week, the children in Nursery have been learning to make dens by creating different structures with a range of materials. To do this they have been learning to use the mathematical language of 'long', 'short' and 'tall'.



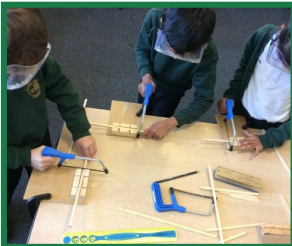
Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed making pumpkin soup. We practised using our fine motor skills to chop and mash the pumpkin. We enjoyed tasting it at the end of the day!



Learning in Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been exploring our autumn season, the changing leaves and the arrival of conkers. We celebrated the season by making autumn wreaths in our outdoor learning area.



Learning in Year 2

This week in DT Year 2 have been making cars. We sawed pieces of dowel to create a chassis and axels. We then made the body of the car using junk modelling. Finally, we tested our cars on the playground to make sure they met the design criteria. We have had so much fun!



Learning in Year 3

This week Year 3 have been making and decorating Greek amphoras. It took some time but we showed great resilience to finish them on Wednesday.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 we had our TTRS launch! We were rockstars for the day and had so much fun with the inflatables. We are already working super hard to become fluent in all of our times tables ready for the MTC at the end of the year!

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the mummification process this week and have set up an experiment following the mummification steps. We plan to observe what happens over the next few weeks to see how the tomato changes. Some children have started their own experiments at home trying this experiment on different fruits or vegetables to make comparisons.



Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been finding out more about inspirational figures as part of our learning on Black History Month. We researched Ruby Bridges and Marcus Rashford, focusing on how they have fought for social equality. Well done, Year 6.



Manor Park University

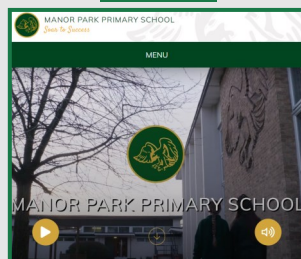
During Manor Park University the children on the 'Animation and Film Making' course have been building structures whilst taking step by step photographs. They have used the 'I can animate' application and brought their creations to life.



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