

1st July 2022

## Manor Park News



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed welcoming parents of our new nursery children into school this week as part of their child's induction process. All parents of our existing or new nursery children are welcome to visit our nursery with their child on transfer day next Wednesday July 6th, to meet the nursery team and spend time in our new nursery classrooms. These visits will be during allocated sessions. Timings of sessions have been sent to all nursery parents. We look forward to seeing you on this day. Please do call in and visit if you are able to do so.

Our children are all very excited as they have been told their new class and teacher for September today. Letters with your child's new class and teacher have been sent out to you today. As we are a three-form entry school, we are fortunate to have the flexibility to regroup classes within year groups if we feel it will be beneficial to the children. Our school policy is that we only split classes where we feel this will be advantageous to the children in a particular year group. We spend a considerable amount of time and care in ensuring that where we split classes, children are carefully placed with friendship groups. Whilst I do not envisage any problems at all, please do e mail or call me immediately if you have any issues and would like to do so when you receive your child's new class, as the happiness of children and parents is our main priority at this important time of the year.

All children will spend a full day in their new classes on Wednesday July 6th. Please drop off and collect children from their own classrooms where they will be registered and dismissed at the beginning and end of the day before moving to their new classes. Almost all our new staff will be in on the day to meet their new classes. The learning mentor team are always on hand to support any vulnerable children who would benefit from some extra reassurance between now and the end of the year as they move to their new classes. Do not hesitate to contact them if you would like to do so or if you have any concerns.

We are very sorry that we will be saying goodbye to two of our teachers, Chris Kirby who is moving to a school in Warwick, and Vanessa Bourke, who is leaving to take up an alternative position outside of teaching. Mrs Moore will be staying with us for part of the autumn term before starting her maternity leave but will not be class based. Some of our support staff are also leaving us to begin exciting new pursuits. Two of our learning support assistants Emily Fellows and Emma Cook are leaving to begin initial teacher training, as working at Manor Park has convinced them that a career in teaching is an amazing profession. Rizwana Sayed and Joshua Wishart are leaving to take up positions after completing their apprenticeships with us. Our thanks and very best wishes are extended to all these staff for everything that they have done for Manor Park.

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We have appointed several new staff to join us in September. We are restructuring nursery into two classes, both staffed by a teacher and two support staff. Helen Millard and Sophia Foroughi are joining us as nursery teachers. Ellie Thomas will be teaching in reception and Kevin O'Driscoll will be joining the Year 5 team. We have also appointed Rachel Djan and Emma Bedford who have been trainees with us and will join the upper phase teaching team. Laura Black, Gemma Hughes, Behestha Khalid and Beccy Stokes have been appointed onto our staff after completing their apprenticeships at our school and Kelly Gillett will join us as a new learning support assistant based in reception. A very warm welcome to all our new staff. We can assure you of a very warm welcome and amazing children to work with. A full staff list for the new academic year is attached for your information.

Congratulations to over 100 of our Year 2 and 4 children who participated in The Big Sing Cultural Cantata at Coventry Cathedral on Tuesday evening. They had a fantastic experience and were wonderful. It was lovely to see so many parents and families there. Thank you for supporting them.

All children will be taking part in our first sports day of the year on Thursday afternoon. This will be a non-competitive event held in houses and will lead in well to the competitive sports day which will take place on Thursday 14th July which parents are invited to attend.

Friday 8th July is our Project Gambia morning. All children across school will be involved in activities and fundraising events linked to the child each class is sponsoring and to support the feeding programme which we are involved in. Details of the event, including our non-uniform day on Friday, are included in the newsletter.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sarah Searis our nursery admin assistant next Friday, as she has completed her training with us and will be moving to take up an admin position in another school. Our best wishes and thanks are extended to Sarah at this time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support which we really appreciate. Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to do so about anything relating to school life, as I am always available to parents.

Best wishes to everyone Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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### Learning in Nursery

This week the children in Wrens and Robins have been enjoying the lovely weather, and have had an amazing time on our wonderful outdoor adventure playground.

This week in Kingfishers we have been talking about moving on to Reception and have been making booklets about ourselves and the things we like, so that our new teachers can learn about us. The children have enjoyed some more pirate play and have also been building with the large blocks. Just look at this fantastic jet!



### Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children have been comparing beaches from around the world. We used our senses to describe what different types of sand felt like, then compared the city of Coventry to Blackpool and Spain (which was slightly sunnier!)



### Learning in Year 1

As part of their science work the children have been studying the four seasons and the changes they bring. On Wednesday they visited the Memorial Park to search for signs of summer and recorded their findings using clipboards.

### Learning in Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been working really hard practising the songs for the Coventry Cultural Cantata which celebrated Coventry City of Culture. On Tuesday, the children went to Coventry Cathedral and had a fantastic time performing the songs they had learnt to their grown-ups and to other schools. Well done everyone!

### Learning in Year 3

In art, Year 3 have looked at how graffiti is similar to cave art. They focused on an artist called Caparso and attempted to recreate one of his pieces as a group!

### Learning in Year 4

This week Year 4 have been working hard to create their own newspaper report. They have used the app DoInk to magic up a report all about how the internet works.



### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant week experimenting with different sketching techniques. They have applied their learning to create their own sketch of the moon, considering the surface shades and using the different techniques to create tone. Year 5 have also used paint to create a complete cycle of the phases of the moon focusing on creating tints, tones and shades.



### Learning in Year 6

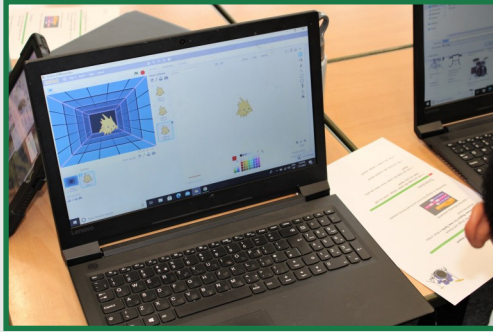
Rehearsals are in full swing, and Year 6 have been working so hard to perfect their roles and singing voices. We have been so impressed with the talent we have seen already, and we can't wait to invite you in to watch what we promise will be a showstopper performance. T minus 17 days!!





## Manor Park University in the Spotlight

This week during Manor Park University the children in the Code Masters course have been learning educational coding skills.



## Gambia Morning

Next Friday, 8th July, we are having our Gambia morning to help raise money for our selected charity, Project Gambia. Children are invited to come into school dressed in the Gambian flag colours (blue, red, white, green) with a donation of £1 per child, please make your donations via Pay 360 listed under events. Across the morning, children will be taking part in a range of activities such as music, art and food making, and learning about the day in the life for a Gambian child.

The money raised will go towards the children who we sponsored as a school; each year group sponsor a child. The money will help pay for school fees, school uniforms, books, stationery and food. It is for a fantastic cause and we can't wait to see the exciting events across the morning!

At the end of the day, there will be an ice-lolly sale on the gates, with proceeds going to the charity.



## Manor Park Careers Event

On Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 3.30pm until 5.00pm, Manor Park will be holding a careers event. For this event, children and parents across school, from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to explore different career aspirations for their future.

We are looking for volunteers with skills and careers to spark intrigue, curiosity and ambition in our children here at Manor Park to get in come into school and have a stand (table) showcasing your career. You will be able to speak to parents and children about what you do, bring in any resources you think may help and maybe even give the children a little taster by allowing them to have a go at what you do!

If you, a relative or a friend, is interested in participating in this, then please contact [k\\_sahota@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:k_sahota@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) with details.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Sahota



## Dates for your Diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 04.07.22			Transition Day		Project Gambia dress up day (£1 donation)  MPU dance & theatre performances at the Albany Theatre 6pm
w/c 11.07.22				Sports Day YR/KS1 1pm-2.10pm KS2 2.15pm-3.20pm	MPU Graduation Year 6 2pm
w/c 18.07.22	Year 6 Show 2pm	Year 6 Show 6pm	Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm	Red Kangaroo Trip Year 6 2.30pm-3.30pm	Last day of the summer term

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AUTISM NETWORK**  
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The children can play safely under their own parent's supervision.  
The children have access to toys, activities, role play, arts & crafts.

Why not come along and join in the fun, make new friends and have a chat with other parents!  
Tuck Shop available

**The second Wednesday of every month**  
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**Admission charges apply.**  
For more information please contact kelly.mills@r2b.org.uk

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**Positive outcomes we have observed so far include the following:**

- a young girl aged 13, diagnosed with anorexia, after only 2 sessions began to eat properly;
- a young boy with cerebral palsy, aged 8, managed to relax his overactive body and to still his limbs when close to the pony. He has gained greater voluntary movement in one arm as he grooms and strokes the ponies;
- a young autistic child, aged 4 would typically avoid both touch and speech, readily reached out to cuddle a miniature Shetland pony and is now calling out as he approaches;
- a 16 year old with bipolar was able to start to make sense of his emotions and feel calmer after spending time with the ponies.

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### Useful Websites and links

Roots 2 Branches is during the week for parents and children: <https://www.rootstobranches.co.uk/family-support-sessions>

Saturday Club - The Heart of England Carers Trust: <https://www.facebook.com/starsclubcthofo/>

Autism café: <http://www.stgeorgescoventry.org.uk/autism-cafe.html>

Coventry Action for Autism Group: <https://www.facebook.com/Coventry-Action-For-Autism-Group-154749287871091/>

Aspire Family Hub: <https://www.facebook.com/aspirefamilyhub>

Coventry Information Service: <https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/home.page>

Tiny Tims: <https://www.tinytimcentre.co.uk/>

Stepping Stones parenting course (self-refer): [www.coventry.gov.uk/info/38/family\\_support/2884/positive\\_parenting](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/38/family_support/2884/positive_parenting)

Community Short breaks offer some support in school holidays: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities/short-breaks>

Sky Blues in the community: <https://www.ccfc.co.uk/community/inclusion/>