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Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. We have had another wonderful week in school. Children are really enjoying the launch of their new topics and their WOW events in school, as well as visits and trips out of school, which have all been fantastic. Our Year 1 children experienced their first ever school trip and they could not contain their excitement in participating in this memorable event!

Covid cases of children and staff remain high, and this continues to place considerable pressure on staffing and school organisation. Staff are all being very flexible and are working incredibly hard to ensure teaching and learning remains as strong as possible and classes are disrupted as little as possible. It will come as no surprise to you that the children remain outstanding in their behaviour and attitude towards their learning in the middle of all this turmoil. They are a credit to you all and we continue to feel proud of them every day.

We were delighted to hear that the government will shortly be relaxing rules, and we will hopefully be able to return to more normal school routines before not too long. We still have numbers of positive cases sufficiently high enough that we will not be able to relax the wearing of masks for staff in public areas from next Thursday. The triggers for reaching these thresholds currently remain as 5 positive cases of children and staff in any particular year group, 10 cases across the school or five or more staff which impacts on staffing capacity. We are anticipating that the national guidelines will change again, and we will update you accordingly. It is reassuring that there does finally feel to be an end in sight!

We are looking forward to our spring parent's meetings which will take place on February 15th and 16th between 4-6.30pm. We had been hoping to revert to face to face appointments which is our long-term aim, however due to high Covid cases we will once again have to offer these meetings as remote appointments. Details for booking an appointment to meet your child's teacher are attached. Please book in a time that is suitable for you to enable you to meet the staff and share in your child's wonderful achievements.

We are excited that we are extending our lunchtime offer, and from next week children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to join a languages or art club which will both be on offer each lunchtime from Monday next week. We are also very pleased to inform you that we will be re-launching Manor Park University from next Friday, which remains a firm favourite with the children across school.

Have a wonderful weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EVFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

It's been another busy week in Early Years with lots of exciting learning happening across Nursery and Reception! Children are developing their early maths and writing skills and have been proudly showing me their impressive learning this week - wonderful to see. Nursery children are learning some initial sounds in phonics and have been playing games with Fred the Frog, who helps them listen to sounds and to blend. The children have also been trying to write some letters in their name.

Children in Reception have been using their phonics to spell words and write fantastic sentences, again with Fred's help! Children across the phase are enjoying the creative curriculum, with Reception learning all about old and new transport as well as creating their own aeroplanes and passports ready to jet off! Nursery children have really enjoyed baking gingerbread men, building bridges for the gingerbread man to cross and creating huge gingerbread paintings. Well done children - keep up your fantastic effort and attitude to learning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

s_jacoby@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had a fabulous week learning all about the story The Gingerbread Man. They used different materials to decorate their gingerbread men. They look fantastic.

In Kingfishers, we read The Gingerbread Man and we have been busy baking our own gingerbread biscuits. We are good at mixing, rolling and even cracking eggs!

Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning all about a famous Pilot called, 'Amelia Earhart.' We have enjoyed creating wonderful aeroplane artwork and learning all about how to achieve our dreams and aspirations. We used our ICT skills to draw what we want to be when we grow up!



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been such a very exciting week in the Lower Phase! The Year 1 children travelled to Honeybourne to 'All Things Wild' where they had a great day exploring and taking part in two incredible workshops. In 'Feathers, Furs and Scales', the children learnt about the features of different animal groups and even got to hold a bearded dragon! They also examined dinosaur fossils from millions of years ago. The Year 2 children have been fully immersed in Indian culture on their Wow Day this week. They tasted a variety of traditional Indian food, learnt about the Taj Mahal and mehndi and even had a go at some Bollywood dance moves! Year 3 have been learning about the history of chocolate and how it was made thousands of years ago. Whilst enjoying a home-made chilli hot chocolate, the children have learnt about the Mayan civilisation and the importance chocolate played in their culture.

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Learning in Year 1

Year 1 had a great trip to All Things Wild. We saw all kinds of animals and dinosaurs! We even got to look at some old fossils and learn about what they came from. On top of that we went on a really exciting walk back in time to the Dinosaur ages! It was a really exciting day!

Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we launched our Around the World topic with an incredible WOW day all about the country of India! We dressed up, tried some Indian foods such as chipatti and samosas, drew some Mehndi patterns and learnt Bollywood dancing.

Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning about the Maya civilisations, their customs and their Gods. We found out that Mayans loved chocolate and even drank it with chillis in it! We tried chilli hot chocolate in class and we really enjoyed it.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

We have had another busy week in the Upper Phase! Year 4 had a visit from Severn Trent Water as part of their learning on the water cycle and found out some fascinating facts to help consolidate their understanding of this topic. Year 6 had a very inspirational visit from Al Sylvester. He shared his experiences of surviving in the extreme cold temperatures of Antarctica and also discussed the importance of showing resilience in the face of adversity. Year 5 have been continuing their learning on the Amazon rainforest by researching all about the mighty Amazon River. They made links to their previous learning on the River Nile and created some fantastic facts wheels all about the Amazon River. It has been lovely to see the children receiving so many house points this week for their houses. They contain to make us proud by demonstrating the Manor Park SOAR qualities of self-sufficiency, originality, attitude and resilience in their work. Well done to the Upper Phase children for a fantastic week.

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Learning in Year 4

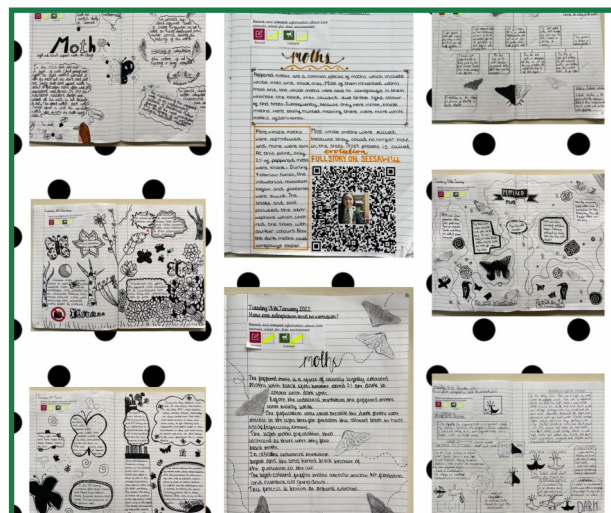
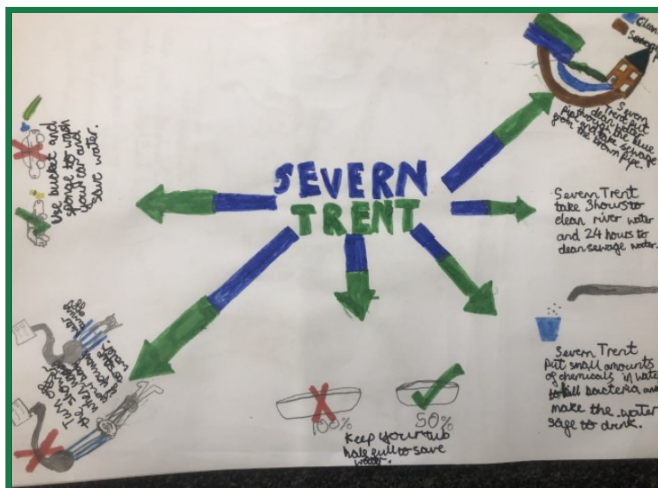
Year 4 had a visit from Severn Trent as part of their Waves topic. The children learned about the role that Severn Trent plays in the water cycle. Furthermore, they were given some alarming statistics about the amount of water that is used by households each day and how they can do their bit and use less water themselves!

Learning in Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been learning about the Amazon River. We've researched the animals who have this as their habitat, the uses of the river and the impact humans have on the river. Class 18 had an interesting discussion around what can be done to decrease the amount of water pollution that is affecting the habitat of these incredible animals.

Learning in Year 6

This week, in Science, Year 6 have been learning about adaptation and evolution through the story of the peppered moth. We learned about how the peppered moth adapted to surviving through times such as the industrial revolution and how it evolved as a result.



Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school please inform us as soon as possible by calling the school office and leaving a message on the absence line (option 1) or alternatively by email the school's attendance team at attendance@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk. If the school has not been informed by 9.20am a call will be made to the parents/carers. If there is any doubt about the whereabouts of a child, the Learning Mentor team will be notified who will try to establish contact to check on the safety and well being of the child.

Thank you.

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Self-sufficient



With summer fast approaching, we are opening our lists for our September sessions.

If you need to extend your child's day, either before or after school, please get in touch for more information.

All sessions need to be pre-booked, which can be done by emailing:
k_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Sessions and costs:

7.30 - 8.45AM £5.50 per child, per day.

7.45 - 8.45AM £4.50 per child, per day.

Breakfast is served during this session (a reduced menu is available during covid restrictions)

3.30 - 4.30PM £4.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.00PM £6.75 per child, per day.

3.30 - 5.30PM £8.50 per child, per day.

3.30 - 6.00PM £10.50 per child, per day.

Currently, we are offering a pre-booked sandwich as a snack option after school.

Fruit, milk and water are available daily during all sessions.

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