

11th November 2022



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. This week has seen more wonderful learning and everyone having fun around school. I would like to pass on my appreciation to the newly formed PTA for organising the popular discos, which were very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Please look out for their next event, the Christmas bring and buy sale, which will take place on Monday 28th November during the afternoon. Further details will follow, but this sale will provide you with the opportunity to have a good clear out of old toys, books and Christmas clothing which will be sold during the afternoon. Make sure you diary it and pop along to pick up a bargain or two.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place next week 14th to 18th November and the theme for this year is Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday, where we celebrate what makes us all unique. Please can the children wear odd socks to school on this day. The children will participate in assemblies and classroom activities across the week. Please take this opportunity to talk to your children and reinforce our anti bullying policy which children will revisit during the week.

We will be holding our Blitz themed lunch on Monday 14th November, which has been planned to enrich our creative curriculum and history of our city. All children are welcome to book a lunch. If you haven't already done so and would like to book a lunch for your child, please do so in the usual way.

As part of our continued drive to improve the whole lunchtime experience for all our children, we are undertaking a Better Lunchtimes quality mark audit next week. This will be undertaken by external specialists and will focus on the whole lunchtime experience in school, including food quality and menus, dining experience and the extended fun and curriculum enrichment opportunities the children have access to each lunchtime. We will of course let you know the results of the audit, along with any recommendations and subsequent actions we will take to further enrich this very important part of the school day. We strive to make the lunch hour the best possible

### Dates for the term

Monday 14th November

Odd Socks Day

Monday 14th November

Coventry Blitz Theme Lunch

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 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

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experience that we can for our children and it is always high on our agenda to do this.

The national annual Children in Need fundraising event will take place on Friday. We have already marked this important charity through our fundraising 'soak the teacher' fun lunchtime which JLT organised several weeks ago. Children brought in very generous donations for this and we have ensured that all money raised from this event has been donated to Children in Need.

Finally, our Year 6 children are bursting with excitement as they prepare for what for many children is the highlight of their primary school life. Many of our Year 6 children and staff will be heading off to Dol y Moch on Sunday 20th November and returning on Thursday 24th. Many thanks to the staff who are giving freely of their time to attend with them.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Kind regards

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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*Self-sufficient*

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*Original*

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*Attitude*

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*Resilient*



Manor Park  
Primary School





### Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about pirates and the jobs they do. We enjoyed pretending to be pirates, sailing the pirate boat and looking for treasure on our treasure island.



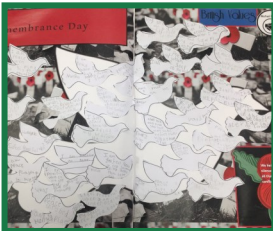
### Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning about light. We made our own shadow puppets and then had a puppet show!



### Learning in Year 1

This week in Year 1 we were discussing celebrations and how we celebrate after our recent Diwali and Bonfire Night. We created our own Rangoli designs and did our own firework explosion experiment. It was very exciting!



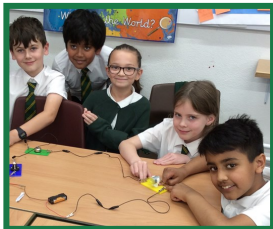
### Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 the children have been reflecting on what the word 'peace' means to them.



### Learning in Year 3

This week in PSHE we have been focusing on Remembrance Day and why it is important. We learnt why the poppy is a symbol of Remembrance Day and why it is important. We all drew our own poppy to display in our SOAR book.



### Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children have been learning about electricity. They worked well together to create a simple circuit in order to light a bulb.

### Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been working on their design and technology project, building a shaduf! The children started off with researching and planning their project, thinking about the purpose of a shaduf and who would use it. They have worked incredibly hard this week measuring, sawing and gluing using the hot glue guns. The children have shown super safe skilled work as well as brilliant teamwork, attitude and resilience to complete their project.



### Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning all about remembrance. We have thought about why Remembrance Day is important and who it helps us to remember. We went to a children's remembrance service at the War Memorial Park where we were addressed by different key figures in Coventry and listened to readings from different schools. Three children from Manor Park started the service by reading poems they had written all about Remembrance Day.



## Manor Park University

This week the children in the cookery course have been making their own sandwiches using cheese, butter, chocolate and jams.



## Charity Donations

As part of our charitable donations this Christmas, we are going to be donating food items to Langar Aid, a local charity, and items for children in The Gambia as part of Project Gambia, our chosen international charity.

Attached is a food list of the types of food needed by Langar Aid. We are getting a list together for items needed in The Gambia, so please keep an eye out for this. However, in the meantime, clothes, toys, books & games are always appreciated by the children in The Gambia.

All donations need to be in school by Thursday 8th December please. Donations can be brought into school and given to class teachers.

We very much appreciate your support with our chosen charities so thank you in advance for anything you may donate.





**LangarAid**  
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A Project By KHALSA AID

Food Items for Food Parcels
• Long life milk x1
• Tinned tomatoes x2
• Tinned baked beans x2
• Tinned soup x1
• Pasta sauce (jar) x1
• Curry sauces (jar) x1
• Pasta (1kg) x1
• Rice (1kg) x1
• Biscuits (approx 400g)
• Jam x1
• Tea bags (approx. 40)
• Instant pasta
• Sugar (500g)
• Instant noodles x2

Please note all food items must be suitable for vegetarians.



The Project Gambia logo features a stylized map of Africa in green and blue, with the text "PROJECT GAMBIA" in a bold, sans-serif font above it. To the right of the map is a small image of a person in a white uniform, possibly a volunteer, working in a kitchen.

