

20th October 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome parents into school for our face-to-face autumn parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It was wonderful to share the wonderful learning that your child has completed this half term with you. We are all incredibly proud of the children's achievements and tremendous attitude. Very well done to everyone. Congratulations also to Classes 16 and 22 who were the winning classes for the most improved scores in our Times Tables Rock Stars competition this half term. Thank you to parents for the support you have given to the children in developing this important lifelong mathematical skill.

Congratulations to the Changemakers, the winning house from this half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their reward, a visit from the author Ann Evans, which took place on Wednesday afternoon.

School will close today and 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.

The half term holiday promises to be very enjoyable and exciting. Next Monday the annual Diwali celebrations will begin. Lots of our children and families are eagerly looking forward to these celebrations, with family visits, new clothes and fireworks part of this very important Hindu festival. Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. This Hindu festival gets its name from the row of clay lamps (divas) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolise the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. Happy Diwali to everyone. Enjoy all the celebrations.

As we return to school after the holiday, I would like to remind you about a few important rules ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone on the school site. Firstly, no dogs or e scooters are allowed on the school grounds at any time. Can I also remind everyone that gate 3 is for entry and exit for pupils only. Parents and visitors

Dates for the term

Friday 21st October

Teacher Training Day

Friday 4th November

Nursery & Reception Open Day

Tuesday 8th November

Flu Immunisations

Year R—6

Tuesday 8th November

PTA KS1 Disco

3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 10th November

PTA KS2 Disco

3.30pm to 5.00pm

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

Wednesday 14th December

Class 5 Nativity

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should not use this gate for access to the site. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring that these rules are followed.

We will once again be selling poppies and novelties every day on the playgrounds from Monday 31st October until Thursday November 10th in recognition of Remembrance Day which will take place on Friday 11th November. Children may bring in money to purchase items, with all money going to the Royal British Legion. A price list of the novelties which are always a firm favourite with the children are attached.

Finally, Friday is our open day. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective nursery and reception children and parents to visit us and explore our amazing indoor and outdoor environments. Please call in to see us anytime between 9.10 and 11.30am and 1.20 and 3pm on this day and meet the staff. You will be assured of a very warm welcome and you will be able to find out any information you need about your child starting school with us.

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

We are preparing for a very busy and exciting second half of the autumn term with so much to look forward to.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

Thursday 15th December

PTA Christmas Movie Night

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Parents' Evening

As we have previously held parents' evening meetings remotely, we want to gain the views of parents as to whether they prefer face-to-face or remote meetings. We would be very grateful if you would complete the poll we have included in the newsletter to enable us to get your views. The results of this survey will be shared with parents when we close it on 31st October.

[Parents' Evening Poll](#)

Learning in Nursery

This week we have been exploring different materials we can use to paint with. We mixed colours and did our own string paintings.



Learning in Reception

This term Reception have been learning all about the signs of autumn. We have made our very own leaf necklaces this week. We have used our fine motor skills to thread the string through the holes. We love using our imagination.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about simple subtraction using some of our practical resources. We removed objects from a hoop, counted up what was left and wrote down the subtraction sentence.



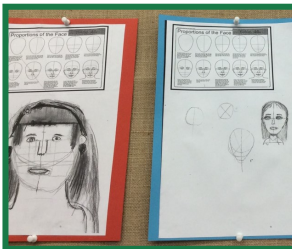
Learning in Year 2

In Year 2 science this week the children have learned about the importance of hygiene; specifically about how germs can spread. The children had great fun covering their hands with cream and glitter (germs) and spreading the 'germs' around their classrooms. Then they recapped effective techniques for washing their hands to help prevent the spread of germs. Finally, the children made posters to share some important hygiene messages.



Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 used our new VR headsets in our geography lesson. We used them to look around different parts of Greece and said whether what we were looking at was a human or physical feature. We absolutely LOVE using the VR



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children began the designing process of their Roman busts. They have learnt all about face proportion and sketched their busts in preparation for creating them with clay. They have shown great resilience!

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been using scratch to create quizzes based on our topic, ancient Egyptians! The children have had to follow an algorithm and ensure that their question and answer is in the correct place for the algorithm to work. The children have been using the laptops and imported images to make their quiz more unique. This has been a brilliant opportunity for the children to showcase their knowledge and understanding of our topic so far. Brilliant work Year 5!



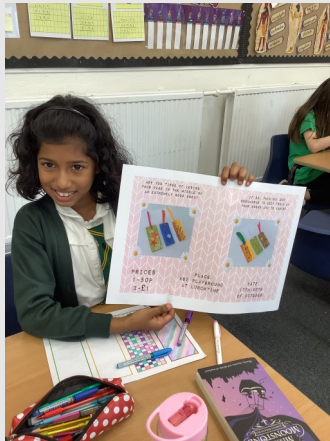
Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 took a virtual school trip! As part of our 'Rising from the Rubble' topic we used the VR headsets to explore the Reichstag in Germany and Birkenau Concentration Camp in Poland. Throughout our 'visit', Year 6 asked thoughtful questions and really extended their learning. Well done!



Manor Park University

This half term during Manor Park University, the children on the 'Young Enterprise' course have been creating posters to advertise their charity sale. The children made and sold stress balls, bookmarks and bracelets. £153.62 was raised and donated to the Coventry Foodbank.



Flu Immunisations

A reminder that all forms for the flu immunisations are to be completed online by 23rd October.

Flu Immunisation Consent Form

 <p>Zip pull - Suggested Donation: 50p</p>	 <p>Reflector - Suggested Donation: 50p</p>
 <p>Silicon wristband - Suggested Donation: £1.00</p>	 <p>Snap band - Suggested Donation: £1.50</p>



Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us by **8.30am** wherever possible by calling the school office and leaving a message on the absence line or alternatively speaking to a member of the admin team. If we have not been informed by **9.20am** a text message will be sent to parents/carers to question the reason for absence. Contact is required every day of your child's absence. If there is any doubt about the whereabouts of a child, then the learning mentor team will be notified who will try to establish contact to check on the safety and wellbeing of the child.

Exceptional Leave

All requests for leave of absence must be made in writing to the headteacher by emailing attendance@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Prior to any absence, at least 4 weeks notice is expected for any planned absence.

Each request will be considered on an individual basis during a meeting with the headteacher.

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Manor Park
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Aspire Family Hub
Monday 25th – Friday 28th
October Half Term.

Coventry City Council

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FamilyHub
PARTNERSHIP

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Postnatal Clinic Delivered by Community Midwives Appointments only	Baby Senses Group 10am to 11am For babies 0 to 12 months. No booking required		P3 Housing Support Drop In 10am to 12pm Every 2 weeks For more information about this service please contact the Family Hub.	
Diwali activities. 10am to 12pm Open to children and young people. No booking required	Autumn and Halloween activities. 3pm – 4.30pm Open to children and young people. No booking required		Panahghar Chai and Chat. 10am – 12pm Every month. Open to adults only. For more information about this service please contact Panahghar on 0800 055 6519	

Turn over for more information or to book a place

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E. aspirefamilyhub@coventry.gov.uk

Looking for information on childcare in Coventry or services and activities for Children and young people? Visit the Coventry Family Information Directory website <https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/> If you require Help looking for childcare please call 024 7697 5451

Getting help from your local Family Hub is simple. You can call the freephone number on 0800 8870545, you can come to a Family Hub during opening hours to get advice from a member of the team. Alternatively, you can request support for your child by completing an online 'Request for Help' form at www.coventry.gov.uk/applyearlyhelp

Please do not hesitate to contact a Family Hub regarding any questions, queries or suggestions that you may have regarding your child/ren or your family circumstance. Your local Hub information can be found: www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs Check the Family Hub Facebook Pages for activities and

@aspirefamilyhub

@HubsFamily

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Please ask if you need to use a computer
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