

17th March 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

We have had a very busy week in school as we welcomed the team from Ofsted to inspect our school. This visit was well overdue, and we were delighted to host them to view our wonderful school and meet the children, who we are always so proud of.

I would like to thank all children, parents and staff for the overwhelming support that everyone has given us during the inspection, through completing surveys and talking to the inspectors, as well as through the amazing number of positive messages we received from you. Your support was greatly appreciated. The inspection was a very positive experience for us, and children and staff were fantastic. We will of course share the report with you when we receive it.

A reminder that next week we will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 20th March. There will be an opportunity for parents to visit with their children between 8am and 9am in the lower hall and make book purchases. Children will all also attend the book fair in their classes, and they can bring money and their World Book Day vouchers in if they would like to purchase a book.

PTA are holding their spring discos on Tuesday between 3.30pm and 4.45pm for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Key Stage 2 children can attend their disco on Thursday between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. PTA has sent details out to parents, including how to purchase disco tickets. Please contact the office if you require any additional information.

Finally, Classes 13 and 14 are looking forward to welcoming their families into school on Friday 24th March at 9am to watch their class assemblies. We hope to see you there.

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

Have a lovely weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th March

Book Fair

Tuesday 21st March

PTA Disco KS1

Thursday 23rd March

PTA Disco KS2

Friday 24th March

Class 13 Assembly

Friday 24th March

Class 14 Assembly

Tuesday 28th March

Let's Investigate Day

Friday 31st March

Teacher Training Day

Monday 3rd April

Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April

Summer Term

Friday 28th April

Class 12 Assembly

Friday 28th April

Class 15 Assembly

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May

Class 19 Assembly

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May

SATs Week Year 6

Friday 19th May

Class 7 Assembly

Friday 19th May

Class 8 Assembly

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been continuing our learning about animals and we have looked into what happens at a vets surgery. We dressed up as vets and checked the heartbeat of our pet and decided what was wrong with them and if they needed medicine, an injection or a cream to feel better!



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been enjoying reading 'Charlie Cook Favourite Book' and thought about our own favourite books. We then we created our favourite character using a range of different media and materials.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been looking at food and what the differences between fruit and vegetables are. We cut up some fruit and vegetables and looked at the different features and how they grow.



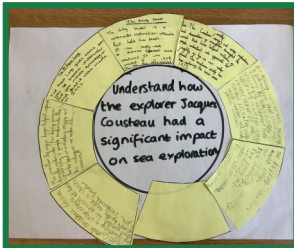
Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 have been investigating the conditions plants need to survive.



Learning in Year 3

In art today the children have learnt all about Christel Assante and her eggshell artwork. They got the chance to sketch Christel's designs into their sketchbooks or create their own.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 we began learning about Jacques Cousteau, a famous ocean explorer and oceanographer. We learnt about the difference and reliability of primary and secondary sources and used a range to research why he is such a significant figure.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been reflecting on their space camp experience, in which they enjoyed lots of fun activities, from decorating space themed bags and biscuits, to star gazing (on the iPads) with hot chocolate. They then slept over at school, enjoyed breakfast in the hall and a space themed film. We had a fabulous time!



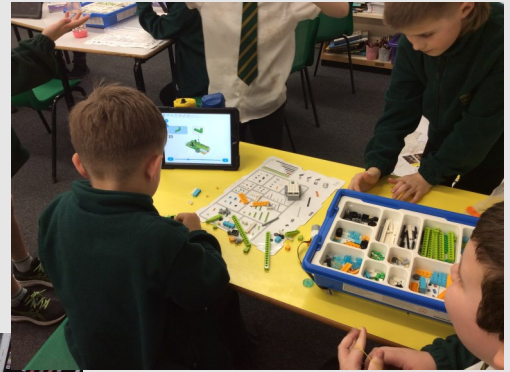
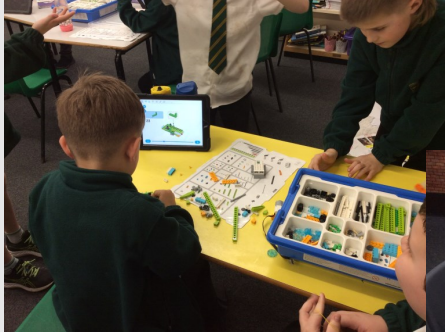
Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning about microbes as part of their 'Living Things and Their Habitats' science topic. We have used our scientific working skills to set up an investigation to find out how different conditions affect how mould spreads and will be recording our results over the next two weeks.



Manor Park University

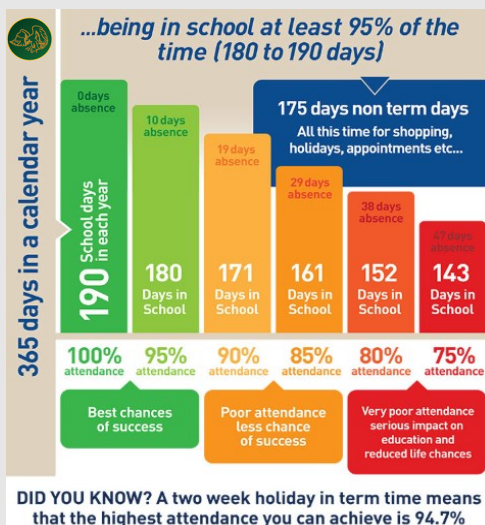
During Manor Park University the children in the 'Lego WeDo' course have been creating lego robots and bringing them to life using the iPads.



Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 10 & Class 18** who achieved **99.3%** attendance last week.



LET'S INVESTIGATE DAY

Tuesday March 28th

Calling all of our wonderful scientists... I hope you are ready for a day filled with fun investigations, curious questioning, careful observations and inquisitive evaluations.

If you would like to dress up in your lab coats, you are very welcome!

MRS KAVANAGH-BYRNE

