

28th April 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to share our recent Ofsted report with you earlier this week. I am sure you will agree that it highlights the many wonderful aspects of our school and recognises the achievements of our talented children and staff. Thank you once again to you all for your support and good wishes during and following the inspection, which we really appreciate.

Years 2 and 5 are looking forward to their WOW days on Wednesday to launch their summer topics, whilst nursery are holding an open day. We are looking forward to welcoming any prospective nursery parents or visitors who would like to look around our nursery and find out about the fantastic opportunities it offers. Our school ambassadors are also ready to showcase our school to visitors on this day. We look forward to welcoming you between 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-3pm on Wednesday.

A reminder that we are holding a themed Coronation picnic which all children who usually have a free or paid school lunch will automatically receive on Friday May 5th (no pre booking required). Children who do not usually have a school lunch but who would like to purchase a picnic lunch are able to do so. Please book and pay for these meals in the usual way.

As on previous local election days, our school will be used as a polling station on Thursday 4th May. As this will take place in the lower school hall there will be no disruption to the school at all.

Finally, Class 19 are looking forward to welcoming their special visitors into school on Friday 5th May at 9am to share their class assembly. We hope to see you there.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that school will be closed to all children and staff on Monday 1st May for the Spring Bank Holiday. As Tuesday 2nd May is the last of the planned NEU strike days, school will be closed to those classes where staff have informed us that they are taking industrial action. This information has already been communicated to parents but do check with the office if you require further clarification as to whether this affects your child. Any key worker or vulnerable children in classes which are closed can attend school as on previous strike days. I apologise once again to parents of the disruption that another day of teacher industrial action will have. You will appreciate that it is totally out of our control.

Congratulations to Mrs Begum, one of our office admin assistants, who welcomed the early, safe arrival of her first son on Monday. Mum and baby are doing really well.

My best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful extended weekend and I wish everyone a happy bank holiday on Monday.

Jill O'Connor
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Classes on strike: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20

Wednesday 3rd May

Nursery Open Day

Friday 5th May

Class 19 Assembly

Friday 5th May

King's Coronation Picnic

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May

SATs Week Year 6

Tuesday 16th May

Year R Butterfly Farm Trip

Friday 19th May

Class 7 Assembly

Friday 19th May

Class 8 Assembly

Tuesday 23rd May

Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip

Wednesday 24th May

Class Photographs

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been speaking about special celebrations and we have been celebrating Eid. We talked about what Eid is and made Eid cards for our friends and family.



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception, we've had new additions to our classroom. We are so excited to watch them grow and to see what happens.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been exploring 2D shapes. We went on a 2D shape hunt around school and had a go at sorting 2D shapes into different categories.



Object	Can You Squash it?	Can You Bend it?	Can you Stretch it?	Can You Stretch it?
plastic bottle				
iron cleaner				
rubber				
inking straw				
rolling dough				
string				
elastic band				



Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have continued their learning about castles in the 'Conquering Land and Sea' topic. We have looked in more detail at Kenilworth Castle and Warwick Castle and compared the two. As scientists, we have investigated how we can make changes to various materials by squashing, twisting, bending or stretching them.

Learning in Year 3

This week we have been using maps to locate the counties of the UK and then looking at landmarks in some of these counties from the Stone Age.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have continued with their 'Invaders' topic. We played the memory game to learn about why the Vikings invaded Britain and the impact that the invasion had.

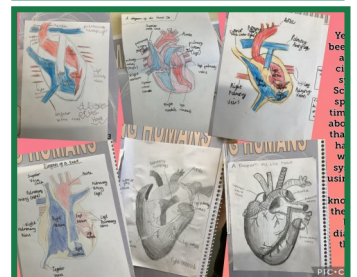
Learning in Year 5

This week in our geography lessons, we have been learning all about South America. We used Digimaps to locate the countries of South America and we used Adobe Spark to create a fact file about the physical features that are found there, such as the Amazon River, the Amazon Rainforest and the Atacama Desert. We have loved our new topic so far! Have a look at our fantastic work on SeeSaw.



Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in science. We spent some time learning about the role that the heart has to play within the system, and using our new found knowledge we then drew and labelled diagrams of the heart.



Manor Park University

During Manor Park University the children in the 'Read all about it!' course have been creating articles for their school newspaper project.



We had a lovely afternoon celebrating Eid this week at Manor Park. Children who celebrated Eid shared their special plans and then we took part in different activities. Someone from Class 18 even brought in special treat boxes for everyone!

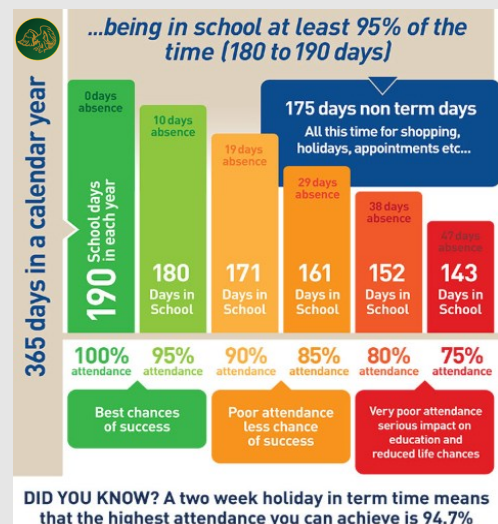


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Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 4** who achieved **96.6%** attendance last week.



Bike Donations

We are kindly requesting any unused bike donations to be used as part of our Manor Park University Cycling course. We want our children to be able to confidently ride a bike by the time they leave Manor Park to enable them to cycle safely. In particular we are requesting bikes suitable for our Year 6 children. The correct bike size we are looking for ranges from 20-24 inches.

Thank you in advance.

Any queries please contact Miss Valiadis
s_valiadis@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk



MANOR PARK NURSERY OPEN DAY



If you have a child and are looking for a pre-school Nursery place, we have spaces for September. Come and have a look around the Nursery and meet the Nursery team.

Wednesday 3rd May
2023

9.30am - 11.30am

1.30pm - 3.00pm



You will have the chance to look around the Nursery setting, meet the Nursery team and speak to the admin staff. (No booking required)

nursery@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Mental Health Event

Children and Young People's Mental Health
Drop-In Event
9:30am – 2pm, 16 May 2023
Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5BB

Do you work with Children and Young People in Coventry?
Are you unsure where to get Mental Health support and advice?

Drop-in to our free Mental Health Event to chat to services, network with professionals and listen to a series of presentations introducing their services. Refreshments (tea / coffee) will be provided so feel free to grab a drink and have a chat with services.

[Sign up here](#)

Compass Coventry, Relate, NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board, Mind Coventry and Warwickshire, Child Friendly Coventry, RISE, kooth, TeenVine, ONE COVENTRY, Coventry Supporting Children's Resilience, EPS, Coventry SEND Support Service.

www.coventry.gov.uk/mentalhealth

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Online Safety

From Gooseberry Planet

It's important youngsters are reminded of the dangers of some TikTok trends. Sadly, a 13-year-old boy has died in the US in the "Benadryl challenge", which youngsters do to induce hallucinations.

In other news, the Online Safety Bill - landmark legislation that aims to rewrite the rules for policing the internet - heads into the final stages next month. But the controversy rumbles on, and WhatsApp, Signal and other encrypted messaging services have signed an open letter opposing it. It's proving tricky finalising the law to balance taking action on harmful content and protecting privacy. And finally, we look at the disturbing finding that "zombie knives" are being sold to children as young as 13 through social media apps like TikTok and Snapchat.

[Boy, 13, dies after taking part in Benadryl TikTok 'challenge'](#)