

30th March 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Today is our last day in school as we break up for the Easter holiday. The children and staff had a great day on Tuesday dressed as scientists during our Let's Investigate Day. Do check out the photographs which showcase some of the fun and excitement of the day.

Our winning house this half term were the Engineers. They thoroughly enjoyed their prize, which involved decorating Easter eggs. Congratulations to them all. What a treat!

Congratulations to the group of children who represented our school so well at the Coventry Music Musical Cantata in Coventry Cathedral on Monday. They were a credit to the school and sang so well for their visitors.

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Scott who is leaving us tomorrow to take up a position at Grange Farm Primary. We are very grateful to Mrs Scott for all her outstanding contributions to Manor Park and wish her every happiness and success in her new school. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Goddard back to school tomorrow following her maternity leave.

I would like to thank all our wonderful children and staff for another amazing term in school. There has been so much to celebrate, and the behaviour, attitudes to learning and achievement of everyone has once again surpassed our expectations. We are so proud of the whole school community as everyone continues to SOAR to success.

Have a wonderful Easter break. I hope there is plenty of chocolate to enjoy.

We are looking forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Monday 17th April, ready for another term of fabulous learning opportunities and the launch of our new topics.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March

Teacher Training Day

Monday 3rd April

Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April

Summer Term

Monday 17th April

Minibeast Ball

Friday 28th April

Class 12 Assembly

Friday 28th April

Class 15 Assembly

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Nursery Open Day

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

Wednesday 24th May

Class Photographs

Learning in Nursery

This week we have been learning about Easter and doing a lot of Easter activities. We developed our fine motor skills by drawing and cutting to make Easter bunny headbands.



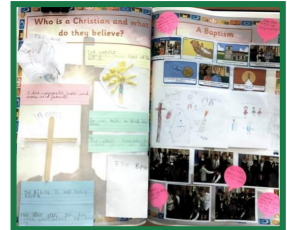
Learning in Reception

Reception enjoyed visiting The Albany Theatre to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We were so proud of their super behaviour.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 had a really interesting RE day. In the morning they had some great discussions about what it means to 'belong'. Then in the afternoon they learnt about the Christian faith and the baptism ceremony. Great learning Year 1.



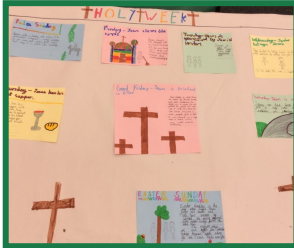
Learning in Year 2

This week Year 2 have enjoyed our Let's Investigate day! As well as learning how plants get water, we also looked at how our cress seeds have been doing. We learnt that if we grow cress in the dark the stem turns white, and the leaves turn yellow. How cool!



Learning in Year 3

Year 3 have been working so hard in maths all half term. Today we have been adding fractions using equipment and bar models.



Learning in Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning about the events that happened during Holy Week. They then retold the events by creating their own storyboard to showcase what happened.

Learning in Year 5

In our computing lesson this week, the children have been learning all about networks and the computer science behind how search engines work. Using Adobe Express, they applied all their new knowledge to create their own space-themed web page (adding hyperlinks, images, an URL and lots of information) that would rank highly on a search engine. They thoroughly enjoyed it and produced excellent web pages. Well done, Year 5!



Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to create a narrative that has two alternative endings for the reader to choose from. They took inspiration from the short film 'Alma' and built the tension in their writing really well! Good job, Year 6!





Science

LET'S INVESTIGATE DAY

MARCH 2023



Year 1

Y1 INVESTIGATED WHICH MATERIALS WERE BEST TO KEEP THEIR DINOSAURS DRY IN THE RAIN!



"WE HAD LOTS OF FUN USING OUR WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY SKILLS."

Year 4

Y4 LEARNT ABOUT HOW SOUND WAVES TRAVEL THROUGH DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE EAR & INVESTIGATED HOW TO MUFFLE A SOUND MOST EFFECTIVELY BY CREATING SOUNDPROOF BOXES.



Year 2

Y2 INVESTIGATED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO WHITE FLOWERS PUT IN COLOURED WATER.



Reception

WE INVESTIGATED DIFFERENT MATERIALS TO MAKE THE STRONGEST BRIDGE FOR THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.



Year 5

Y5 INVESTIGATED THE SIZE OF CRATERS AND METEORS & MADE SPACE VEHICLES.



Year 3

Y3 DISSECTED OWL PELLETS TO DISCOVER THE REMAINS OF THE ANIMALS THAT THE OWLS HAD EATEN.



Year 6

Y6 CLASSIFIED DIFFERENT PLANTS & DESIGNED A GARDEN CENTRE BASED ON THEIR NEEDS.



Creature Cantata

The children in Year 3 were amazing ambassadors for the school when they took part in the 'Creature Cantata' on Monday. They sang beautifully and enjoyed working alongside the musicians to perform their concert. Mr Ridgewell was spotted for his musical talents and was given a part in the band.



MANOR PARK NURSERY OPEN DAY



If you have a child and are looking for a pre-school Nursery place, we have spaces!

Come and have a look around the Nursery and meet the Nursery team.

Tuesday 2nd 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

Online Safety

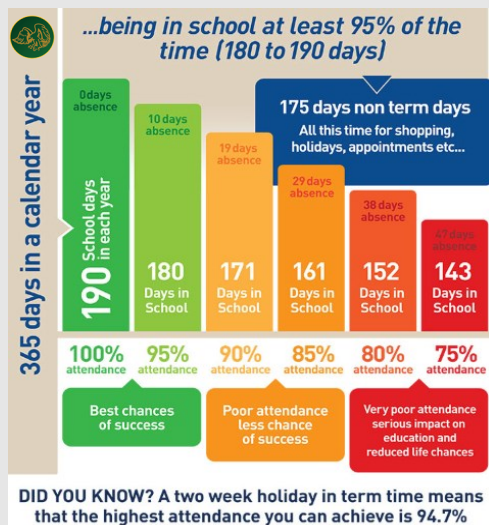


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Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 15** who achieved **99.3%** attendance last week.



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End of term update from the Governors

The Spring term has certainly flown past! The school finally received its long-awaited Ofsted visit with the final report due in the next few weeks. This will be shared as soon as it is publicly available and as Governors we were able to meet with the Inspectors and support the school in showcasing all the great work and learning happening every day. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the staff and children who were fantastic at representing our school so wonderfully. We especially wish to thank everyone who completed the parent/carer survey, chatted to Inspectors on the gate and gave feedback.

As well as Ofsted, this term we have also had to work with school to plan arrangements for the ongoing strike action and unexpected snow showers, all whilst continuing to support the strategic delivery of learning with as minimal disruption as possible. Once again thank you for your patience and understanding throughout all these events - the school has greatly appreciated the support given by you all over the past few weeks.

As governors we were also able to meet with a number of you during the face-to-face parents evening where we were supporting the PTA in providing teas and coffees. The parent feedback box provided valuable comments for the school to consider going forwards.

We would like to say thank you to everyone including parents/carers, children and school staff who continue to support life at Manor Park Primary School to allow children to thrive in their learning.

On behalf of all the governors, we wish you all a well deserved and happy Easter break.