

21st April 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone, after what I hope was a wonderful Easter break spent with families and friends.

It has been fantastic to catch up on all the children's holiday news and hear about their many adventures.

Reception set the scene for the excitement of the summer term ahead, when they returned to school on Monday dressed as minibeasts for their minibeast WOW Day. Do check their Twitter feed to get a flavour of their day. I am sure you will all agree that they were the 'bees knees'!

The Islamic festival of Eid ul Fitr has been celebrated yesterday and today, with many of our children and staff joining in the festivities. A very happy Eid to all our families. All children will be participating in Eid activities on Monday 24th April in recognition of this important festival.

We are getting particularly excited about the King's Coronation which we will be celebrating in school on Friday 5th May. Children will be coming off timetable all morning on this day to join in a range of activities linked to this prestigious historical occasion. Children and staff are invited to dress in red, white and blue and all can join in our Coronation whole school picnic on the fields at lunchtime on this day.

We are organising a themed picnic which all children who usually have a free or paid school lunch will automatically receive on this day (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. Details, including the menu are attached. I am certain that this will be an extremely enjoyable lunchtime celebration, with Coronation activities continuing into our Manor Park University that afternoon.

Over the next two weeks the NEU have planned industrial action which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Once again, I have attached a letter with the classes that will be affected so that you have as much notice as possible to make childcare arrangements if necessary. As on the previous day of industrial action, school will be closed for children in those classes affected by staff taking industrial action, and remain open fully for all other classes. Vulnerable children and those of key workers in classes which are closed and who have pre-booked a place for this day will also be able to attend school. We will email these families directly to confirm arrangements with them. I apologise once again for the disruption that this may cause families of classes affected by the industrial action, which you will appreciate is completely out of our control.

Finally, Classes 12 and 15 are really looking forward to welcoming their special visitors into school on Friday 28th April at 9am to share their class assemblies. We hope to see you there, for what are always extremely enjoyable events for parents to share with their children.

Bank Holidays

A reminder that school will be closed to children and staff on both Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May for the Spring Bank Holiday and King's Coronation.

My best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful weekend.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 16th May

Year 1 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 started our growing topic. We explored the story of The Enormous Turnip and had a go at acting it out. We had to be really strong and work together as a team to pull the turnip out.



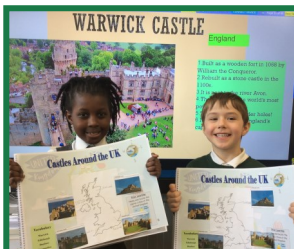
Learning in Reception

This week in Reception, we kick started our new topic 'Mad about Minibeasts' with our very fun WOW day where we dressed up as our favourite Minibeasts.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 enjoyed having a specialist deliver their music lesson. They learnt about how percussion instruments are played by using scraping, tapping or shaking.



Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have got off to a flying start with their summer topic: Conquering Land and Sea. They recapped their knowledge of the countries that make up the United Kingdom and then learned about a castle in each. Did you know Warwick Castle has the world's most powerful catapult and Edinburgh Castle is built on an extinct volcano called Castle Rock? Well done Year 2; a great start.



Learning in Year 3

To start their new topic (Through the Ages), Year 3 went onto the field and saw a bonfire being lit. We used this to help with our setting description of a cave that we are writing in English. We used our senses and thought of the different things that we could see, hear, smell and taste as the fire grew.

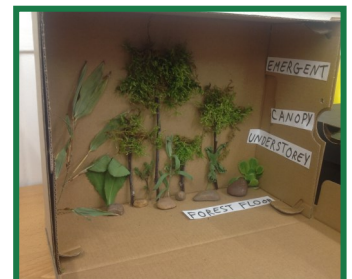


Learning in Year 4

This week Year 4 have started their dance and movement sessions, which will be used to explore our new topic 'Invaders'. On Wednesday, we used our voices and bodies to create a soundscape which we performed to one another in small groups.

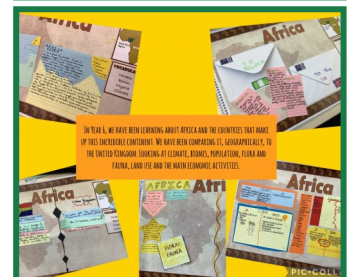
Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been very excited to start their new topic 'Sprit of Samba'. This week we have explored the Amazon Rainforest and recreated the layers of rainforests using shoe boxes. We have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic and cannot wait to explore more of South America next week!



Learning in Year 6

In Year 6 we have been learning about Africa and the countries that make up the incredible continent. We have been comparing it geographically to the United Kingdom, looking at climate, biomes, population, flora and fauna, land use and the main economic activities.



Manor Park University

During Manor Park University the children in the Sports Leadership course have been creating and planning their own PE lessons.



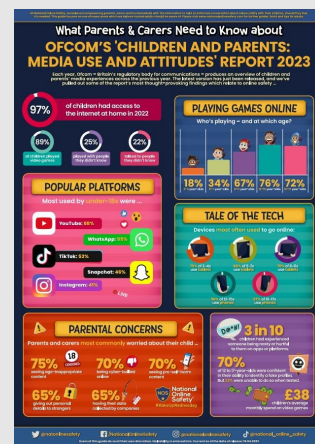
Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 16** who achieved **97.5%** attendance w/c 27.03.23



Online Safety



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School Crossing Patrol

We have been informed by Coventry City Council that unfortunately there will not be any School Crossing Patrol provision on the afternoon of Tuesday 25th April and on the morning of Friday 12th May.

Apologies for the inconvenience.