

6th January 2023



## Manor Park News

### A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, after what I hope was a wonderful Christmas break spent with family and friends. The children have entertained us with their exciting holiday news, most of which featured presents, family fun and fantastic food! I am delighted to inform you of exciting Manor Park staff news from the Christmas holiday. Miss Earle got married on New Year's Eve and has returned to school as Mrs Scott, whilst baby Florence Hill arrived early on December 23rd. Congratulations to Mrs Scott and Mrs Hill as they have celebrated these very special events.

Happy New Year to everyone. Wishing you and your families a healthy and happy 2023.

The children and staff have settled back into school really well, and all are excited about the new learning opportunities which are in store for them this term, particularly as their new topics have been launched.

We were shocked and devastated to hear about the passing of one of our pupils over the holiday. We are opening up a book of condolences for any parents or children who would like to send a message to the family at this time. Although many of you may not know the family, you may still want to send a message of support. I know as parents you have been extremely shocked and saddened by the news and many of you want to express your sympathy to the family. The book will remain open until Friday 20th January through the following link.

#### [Book of Condolence](#)

Children in school who knew the child well will also send messages and cards to the family to ensure they know they are in our thoughts at this very sad time.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that you give us a full picture of your child's absence if they are off school ill. This is supporting us in tracking any illness, as we continue to work with Public Health England as part of their follow up procedures as a result of this critical incident which was completely out of our control.

PTA are holding their next meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 9am in the upper hall which all parents are welcome to attend. If you are interested in getting involved in the work of the PTA please come along and find out more over a cup of coffee. You will be made very welcome.

Classes 4 and 9 are looking forward to welcoming their families into school on Friday 13th at 9am to watch their class assemblies. We are looking forward to seeing you there. I know you will thoroughly enjoy sharing these special assemblies with your children.

Have a relaxing weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

### Dates for the term

Tuesday 10th January

PTA Meeting 9.00am

Friday 13th January

Class 4 Assembly

Friday 13th January

Class 9 Assembly

Monday 16th January

Year 1 All Things Wild Trip

Wednesday 18th January

Year 4 Sealife Centre Trip

Thursday 26th January

Year 6 Polar explorer workshop

Friday 3rd February

Class 17 Assembly

Friday 3rd February

Class 20 Assembly

Tuesday 14th February

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15th February

Parents' Evening

### Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about the Antarctic. We developed our fine motor skills and our cutting skills by making our own penguins out of a range of different materials.



### Learning in Reception

To start our new topic Planes, Trains and Automobiles, we talked about the different types of transport we already know. We then went outside to see what vehicles we can spot on our road.



### Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have begun their wonderful dinosaur dance sessions. They practised moving to the music and acting out different dino dances.



### Learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2, children have created their own paper mache globes! We have learnt about the oceans and continents and placed these on our globes.



### Learning in Year 3

To launch our new topic 'Food Glorious Food', Year 3 looked at traditional foods from a selection of countries in Europe. Here are some children trying a Danish pastry! Yum!



### Learning in Year 4

This week Year 4 have learnt about the 5 layers of the ocean. They have learnt about the characteristics of each layer and which creatures live there. They used a mix of materials to demonstrate their knowledge and create their own model of the layers.

### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have begun 2023 by starting their new unit of gymnastics in PE. The children focused on the transfer of their weight to do cartwheels and some children extended their learning by doing round offs.



### Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 started their new topic 'Frozen'. We have learnt all about the location of the Arctic and Antarctic Circle and researched the similarities and differences between both. We searched around the classroom and corridor to find as many facts as we could. Next week we will be presenting all of our learning in our creative curriculum books.





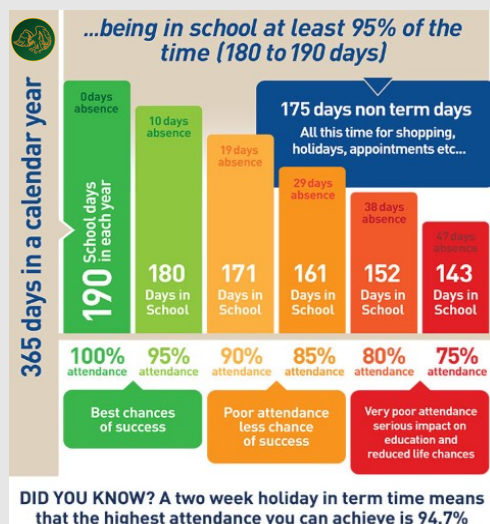
This week during Manor Park University the children in the 'Around the World' course have been learning all about each other's ethnicities and cultural celebrations.



## Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 6** who achieved **98.3%** attendance this week..



## Eco Council

The Eco Council would like to be a recycling centre for Christmas cards! Rudolph's Recycling will be during the first 2 weeks back in January; you will be able to bring your old Christmas (or any other cards you may have!) and ensure they are recycled properly.

There will be a box in the main office where children can take them.

We will stop collecting cards on Friday 13th January 2023

We look forward to helping you be able to recycle your cards!

The Eco Council

