

17th February 2023

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents in school or through remote meetings this week. I am sure you were delighted to see the progress that your child has made. We are so proud of all their achievements. We have set up a final survey to gauge your views on your preference for remote or face-to-face parents' meetings. Please do let us know the style of meeting that suits you best. We are unable to offer face-to-face and remote appointments on the same evening, and so we will go with the majority when making decisions about future parents' evenings. I apologise to those parents who wanted the opportunity to come into school to meet your child's teacher, however these appointments filled up very quickly and were by far the most popular choice of the majority of parents.

Parents' evening survey

Congratulations to the Artists who were the proud winners of our half termly house point challenge. They were rewarded with a VR remote visit to a theme park on Thursday as their prize for gaining the most tokens through displaying our personal qualities, as they SOAR to success. Well done to them all.

We are breaking up today for the half term holiday and school will reopen on Monday 27th February for all children. We are very excited about World Book Day which is taking place on Thursday March 2nd. All children and staff are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas on this day, when they will spend the whole day immersed in books. Every child will be given a £1 voucher which they can use towards the purchase of a book. All book shops will accept these vouchers, or children can use them on Monday March 20th when we will once again be holding a Scholastic book fair in school, which all children will visit in their classes.

Check out details of World Book Day and access a range of fun reading related activities through this link. worldbookday.com

I am attaching a letter regarding the arrangements for the next planned day of industrial action by the NEU which is scheduled for Wednesday 1st March. Our main priority on these days of industrial action is to enable as many children as possible to attend school, whilst adhering to health and safety arrangements. We will always only close classes as a last resort as we are aware of the inconvenience that this will cause so many parents.

Goodbye and good luck to Mr O'Driscoll and Miss Pargeter, one of our learning support assistants, who are both leaving us today to pursue new adventures. Our thanks are extended to them both for the wonderful contributions they have made to Manor Park.

Have a fantastic holiday. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th February

Half Term

Monday 27th February

Year 2 Mexico WOW Day

Tuesday 28th February

KS1 SATs Meeting

Thursday 9th March

Year 5 Space Camp

Friday 10th March

Class 10 Assembly

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

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

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May

SATs Week Year 6

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have loved learning all about superheroes. We have talked about what superheroes need, completed a superhero training camp and made our own superhero masks and capes!



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been using our imagination and our knowledge of the different types of transport we have learnt about so far. We then designed and made our own imaginary vehicle.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been enjoying the benefits of the upgrades and improvements that have been made to our Year 1 outdoor learning area.



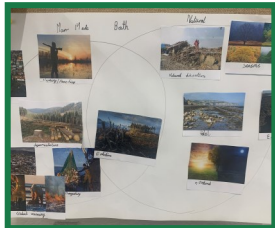
Learning in Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Here we are exploring the edges, vertices and faces of 3D shapes!



Learning in Year 3

In DT today, the children are designing their own chocolate packages for their chocolate bars. They've had to think about what makes a chocolate bar eye-catching and included: colours, fonts, packaging shapes and name of their chocolate.



Learning in Year 4

This week we were looking at changes to an environment that can pose a danger to living things. We looked at both natural and manmade changes and thought about what we could do to help improve the situations for living things. Our ideas included creating habitats for animals, putting food out for hedgehogs, recycling and trying to buy products that don't use palm oil.

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 carried out a scientific investigation: 'Do heavy objects fall at a greater speed if the objects are the same size and shape?' The children wrote predictions and tested their hypotheses outside using film canisters. They kept one canister empty and filled the other with sand. The children used a range of scientific vocabulary to write their conclusions.



Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all about an Inuit artist called Kenojuak Ashevak. We have studied some of her artwork and created our own pieces ensuring we added movement. We then used mixed media to add colour and tone.



Manor Park University

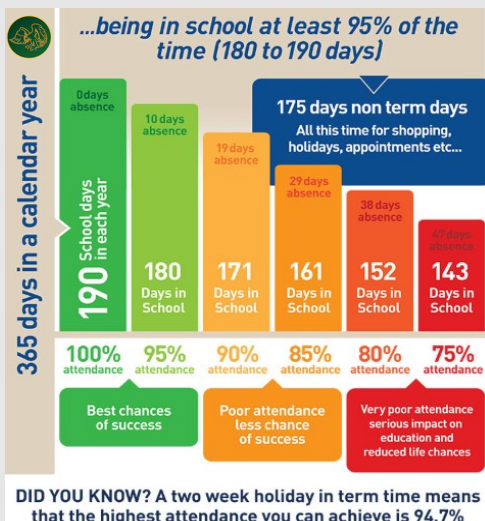
During Manor Park University the children in the cycling course have been learning to ride single-file in the direction of traffic and to use hand signals whilst turning.



Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 7** and **Class 20** who achieved **98.7%** attendance last week..



Parking

Can we please remind all parents to be considerate when parking during pick up and drop off times. We understand that these times can be particularly congested and would like to encourage parents to make use of the additional parking offered at the Cheylesmore Social Club which is in easy walking distance of the school.

Could we please also remind parents to refrain from using the staff car park when dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you

EXTREME KIDS EAT OUT FOR LESS COUPONING AND BARGAINS UK FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

- Morrisons** - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.
- ASDA** Kids Free Hot Breakfast Between 8am-12pm every day during Half Term no purchase necessary.
- Bella Italia** - Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary until end of March 2023
- Bella Italia** - Kids Eat for £1 when an adult purchases a main meal between 4pm-6pm at Bella Italia.
- Dunelm** - Kids Eat for Free at Dunelm when an adult spends £4 or more at Pausa Cafe.
- YO! 活** - Kids Under 10 Eat for Free at YO Sushi Between 13th - 24th Feb when an adult spends £10 or more.
- dobbies** - Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafes when an adult purchases a main meal.
- Sizzling** - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adult meal is purchased.
- Hungry Horse** - Free Kids Breakfast at Hungry Horse Pubs when an adult spends at least £3.49.
- Farmhouse Inns** - Kids Eat For £1 when you sign up to receive their email newsletter on their website.
- IKEA** - Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their restaurants.
- Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table** - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

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