

3rd March 2023

# Manor Park News



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term holiday last week. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, with the children and staff returning enthusiastically and becoming fully immersed in their new learning. Thank you for your support with our second day of NEU industrial action which took place on Wednesday. Once again, I apologise for the disruption that this caused, which you will appreciate was completely out of our control.

Thank you to those parents who completed our second parent survey which we used to gauge your views on your preference for remote or face-to-face parents' meetings. Going forward, we will take account of the majority of parents views, which strongly indicated a preference to have the opportunity to come into school to meet their child's teacher for a face- to-face meeting, along with the facility to look at their child's wonderful learning.

World Book Day on Thursday was a resounding success. We had so many very generous donations from our families to purchase the year group Amazon choice books. These books will be quickly placed in class book areas for the children to enjoy. I am certain that these new additions, which the children are eagerly awaiting, will continue to extend their love of reading. A huge thank you to you all for your support with this and also for sending in books for our book swap which the children loved.

Next week is full of excitement for our Year 5 children who are eagerly preparing for their visit to the Space Centre on Thursday, followed by an overnight sleepover in school and a day of space related activities on Friday. Many thanks to the staff who are giving their time to enable this popular activity to take place, which will significantly enrich the children's creative curriculum work.

Year 6 staff are holding a remote parents' meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 5.30pm to inform parents about the arrangements for the Year 6 SATS which will take place in May. Please do attend the meeting if you are able to, as it will be an informative way for you to find out how to best support your child for these important national assessments next term.

Finally it is the turn of Class 10 to welcome their families into school to watch their class assembly on Friday 10th March at 9am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a lovely weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

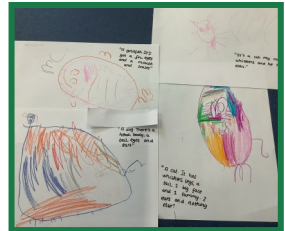
Jill O'Connor Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th March
Year 6 SATs Virtual 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
Friday 5th May
Class 19 Assembly
Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th May
SATs Week Year 6

### Learning in Nursery

This week we have started learning all about pets. We talked about what a pet is and where they live and had a go at drawing different pets and then we spoke about our drawings.



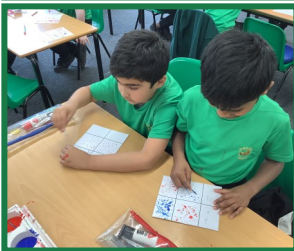
### Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about doubles. We worked hard to sort dominoes into whether they were showing a double or not.



### Learning in Year 1

In Year 1 this week the children have been making their own dinosaur eggs. First we papier mached a balloon and then painted our base colour ready for adding detail next week.



### Learning in Year 2

Wow! On Monday, Year 2 had a fantastic day learning all about Mexico. They located Mexico on globes and maps and learnt about the flag. Then they had great fun learning greetings and numbers in Spanish. The children found out about Dia De Los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) and this was used to inspire some amazing artwork. Towards the end of the day the children sampled some nachos with salsa and sour cream dips. Yum!

### Learning in Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about the art technique of pointillism. We have experimented with different equipment ready to create our own pointillism artwork next week.

### Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have begun our learning on decimals. We started by looking at tenths and hundredths. We used dienes to represent them and practically support our learning.

### Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 used different charcoal and chalk skills to recreate their impression of 'Starry Night' By Vincent van Gogh. The children used different chalks and charcoal to blend, side stroke, cross hatch and feather.



### Learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the impacts of climate change. We have been focussing on the green house effect and how global warming is affecting the polar regions. Finally, we thought about what actions could be taken to address climate change including campaigning, raising awareness and fundraising.



## Manor Park University

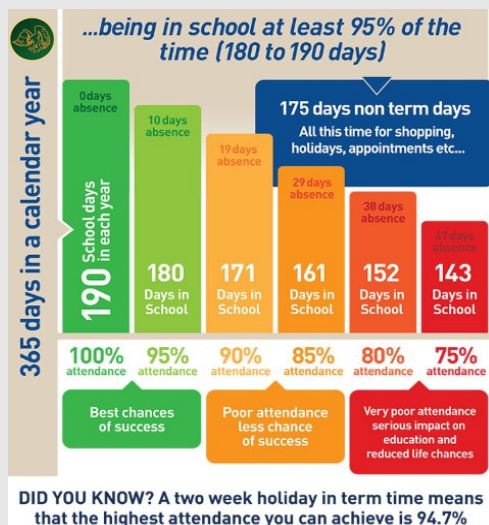
During Manor Park University the children in the gardening course have been foraging for materials and creating signs for the school's outdoor areas.



## Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 10** who achieved **98.7%** attendance w/c 13.02.23



## Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations of books from our Amazon Wish Lists. The children are very excited to start reading these with their friends in class. If you would like to buy a book from the list, please follow the link to find out more information.

### [Amazon Wish List](#)



## Online Safety



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