

27th January 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we are welcoming two members of staff back to school following their maternity leaves. Mrs Kavanagh Byrne will return on Monday 30th January working as a senior leader two days a week. Mrs Jelley will re-join us as class teacher for Class 18 on Monday 6th February. We are really looking forward to welcoming them back.

As you may have seen in the media over recent days, members of the National Education Union (NEU) are due to take industrial action across the country in relation to the national pay agreement and how it is funded by government, rather than any local issue. I would like to provide you with advanced warning of the proposed dates for strike action by NEU members that will impact on our school.

The dates are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023 (National)
- Wednesday 1 March 2023 (West Midlands)
- Wednesday 15 March 2023 (National)
- Thursday 16 March 2023 (National).

We are continually assessing the impact any industrial action will have on staffing levels at our school. It is possible that full or partial school closures may be necessary on any of these dates. You may wish to consider making alternative childcare arrangements for these dates as a precautionary measure, even though they may not be needed. We are working closely with our NEU colleagues to ensure we are updated with the most accurate staffing information, and we are informing you by letter today of the detailed arrangements for Wednesday 1st February. We are sorry about the potential disruption to your child's education but know you will appreciate that this action is part of a specific national agenda. Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time.

I would like to remind you about our spring parents' evenings which will be held on Tuesday 14th February and Wednesday 15th February between 4 - 6.30pm. We will be offering a hybrid model of meetings, and will once again take feedback from parents as to their preferred way of meeting their child's class teacher. The meetings on Tuesday evening will be offered as remote appointments, with face-to-face meetings on Wednesday. Appointments are now open on the online system for you to book, so please book a time that is convenient for you.

Children from Classes 17 and 20 are really excited about welcoming their families into school on Friday 3rd February at 9am to watch their class assemblies. We are looking forward to seeing you there. You are in for a real treat!

Advance notice that school will be closed to all children and staff on Monday 8th May for Coronation Day which has been announced as an additional national bank holiday.

Have a wonderful weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Friday 3rd February

Class 17 Assembly

Friday 3rd February

Class 20 Assembly

Tuesday 14th February

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15th
February

Parents' Evening

Monday 20th February
Half Term

Friday 10th March
Class 10 Assembly

Friday 10th March
Class 19 Assembly

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

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring space and the universe. We used pipettes to make splatter paintings that looked like galaxies and rockets.



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at different aircrafts and then thought about what we would like to fly if we were a pilot.



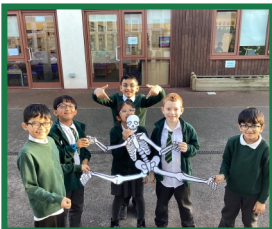
Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about the life cycles of animals like fish and amphibians. The children had a go at creating their own frogspawn using bubbly water and straws.



Learning in Year 2

This week Year 2 have learnt about Ghandi and the positive impact that he had on the world. We learnt all about the Salt March and how he stood up for what he believed in. We then did our own peaceful march around the school to protest against banning playtimes (not really of course!) We have had lots of fun!



Learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been learning all about skeletons and muscles in science. They got to learn about the different types of skeletons (hydrostatic, endoskeleton and exoskeleton). In groups they had to build their own skeletons.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 we started our learning about the Japanese artist Hokusai. We painted our own colour wheel and looked at the primary colours. We did some mixing to create the secondary and tertiary colours in preparation for our own 'The Great Wave' inspired piece of artwork.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 practiced different techniques of tonal shading in art. They used the techniques they learned to create a sketch of a phase of the moon.



Learning in Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been learning about the Aurora Borealis. In art, we used our watercolour skills to paint the Northern Lights and then used pen and ink to draw the foreground, finishing off by joining them together.



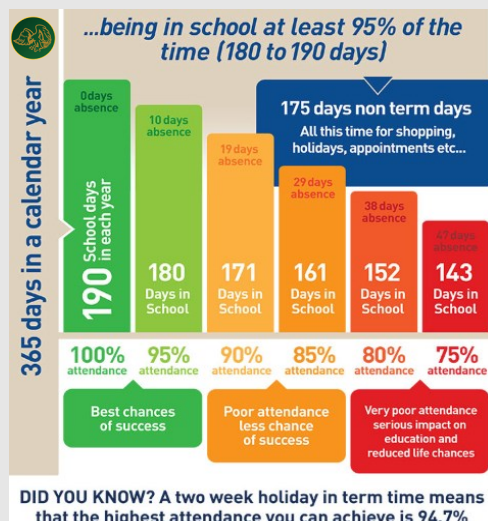
During Manor Park University the children in the seasonal crafts and design course have been making Valentine's wreaths.



Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 19** who achieved **99.7%** attendance last week..



ePetition

[Quinton Park Road crossing ePetition](#)

Online Safety

We are aware of an online game called 'Rainbow Friends'. Rainbow Friends is a Roblox game and is described in the following way: 'Rainbow Friends is a Roblox horror experience that joins games like Piggy, Five Nights at Freddy's, Poppy Playtime, and others'.

We have been made aware that some children have accessed this game, however it is our opinion this game is not suitable viewing and we would encourage you to deter your children from accessing it.

Thank you for your support.

A.I.M High Science/Robotics Day

A small number of Manor Park children had been chosen to attend the A.I.M High Science/Robotics Day at Spon Gate Primary School. The workshop was based around the Knex construction systems.

In small groups of two or three, pupils assembled and built a basic 'Kbot'.

The children then had a chance to redesign and modify the 'Kbot' for a series of competitions: Bulldogs, Bowling Alley, Bridge of Doom, and Kbot Sumo - designed to encourage their ingenuity and increase their knowledge of Design Technology and applicable scientific concepts.



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Get in touch with us if you would like to join our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

COFFEE MORNING
THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023
(10AM -12PM)

Venue: Metropolis Restaurant
Upstairs Community Room,
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RU

To book your place contact:
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