

10th March 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

We have had another very exciting week in school, with some of the highlights being the flurries of snow which the children have loved, and the excitement of Year 5 sleeping overnight in school for their space camp. The camp was a resounding success, with the children camping out in their classrooms, star gazing in the playgrounds at night and enjoying sharing melas together. Congratulations to the children and staff for the fantastic attitude they all displayed. I am certain that everyone involved will sleep well tonight!

During any periods of snow the children will all be given the opportunity to explore outdoors and make the most of this exciting rare opportunity. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately to enable them to join in the fun.

Next week is the final two days of the planned NEU industrial action which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. 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 these two days will also be able to attend school. We will contact 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.

A reminder that we will be taking our remaining teacher training days for this academic year on Friday March 31st, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July. School will be closed for all children on these days.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life, which we really appreciate.

Have a lovely weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 24th May

Class Photographs

Learning in Nursery

This week we all got so excited when it started to snow! We put on our hats and gloves and went to explore outside. We talked about what it felt like on our fingers and our faces.



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been using our creative skills to create our own beanstalks.



Learning in Year 1

This week in Year 1 they completed making their Dinosaur eggs. They explored different painting techniques to decorate their eggs. They even made nests for the eggs in the outside area outside. Very creative Year 1.



Learning in Year 2

This week the children have been learning about the famous artist Kandinsky. First we started with an artist study and created abstract art using music as our inspiration.



Learning in Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning about Georges Seurat and the Pointillism style of painting. Pointillism is a style that uses small coloured dots to build up a picture. We created artwork of different types of fruit.



Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning about what sound is and carried out experiments so we could see sound vibrations for ourselves. We used drums, tuning forks, rulers and elastic bands. It was great fun!



Learning in Year 5

Year 5 had an amazing time at the National Space Centre this week. They visited the planetarium to learn about being an astronaut, saw lots of rockets and even a real piece of the moon!



Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been creating art in the style of Dominique Normand, a Canadian artist who is inspired by arctic nature. We have focussed on different acrylic techniques including using cling film to create a desired effect.



Manor Park University

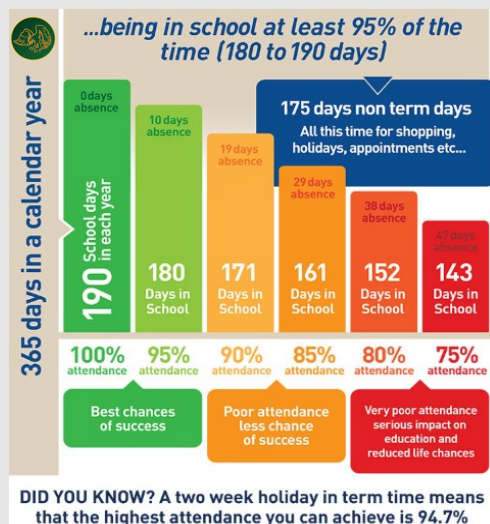
During Manor Park University the children in the 'Around the World' course have been learning how to use Duolingo to help them to learn different languages.



Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 10** who achieved **98.4%** attendance last week.



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