

9th December 2022

Manor Park News



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to our final week of the autumn term before we break up for the Christmas holiday next Friday 16th December. There are so many special events to enjoy across the week, during what is always one of the most wonderful times of the year for children and staff.

Monday will be RE day, with children engaging in a range of learning opportunities based on their year group RE curriculum, whilst our choir will be singing at a city Christmas concert on Monday evening at the Methodist Central Hall.

Children may hunt out their science outfits and dress as scientists for our Christmas Let's Investigate Day on Tuesday, with science investigations in all year groups based on a Christmas theme.

We will be rewarding our winning house for this half term with a virtual reality treat on Wednesday, so there is still an opportunity for some final house points to be earned. Good luck to everyone!

Nursery and reception children will be welcoming their special family visitors into class nativity performances across the week. Staff are very much looking forward to welcoming you to what are always very special shows. Congratulations to all our youngest children for working so hard to learn so many songs for this glorious event.

Thursday is our Christmas jumper and lunch day, with all children and staff encouraged to wear festive jumpers or Christmas clothing. Tickets are now on sale for the PTA movie night which will take place after school on Thursday, with exciting Christmas movies and popcorn to enjoy.

The Christmas post box is now ready in the entrance hall for children to post cards to their friends and staff. All cards need the recipient's full name and class number on the envelope before posting them to ensure they reach their final destination. Cards can be posted any day next week, with lunchtime collections taking place and deliveries made daily to each class.

The week will culminate on Friday with our Manor Park University showcase event where children will have the opportunity to share their wonderful learning from their courses this term.

Thank you for your continued support. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Monday 12th December

Class 3 Nativity 2.30pm

Tuesday 13th December

Let's Investigate - Science Day

Tuesday 13th December

Class 4 Nativity 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th December

Year 1 Parent Event 1:15pm

Wednesday 14th December

Class 5 Nativity 2.30pm

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

Thursday 15th December

Nursery Nativity 10.15am

Thursday 15th December

Nursery Nativity 2.15pm

Thursday 15th December

Year 2 Parent Event 2.30pm

Thursday 15th December

PTA Christmas Movie Night

Friday 16th December

Last day of Autumn term

Tuesday 3rd January

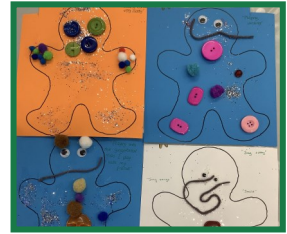
First day of Spring term

Tuesday 10th January

PTA Meeting 9.00am

Learning in Nursery

This week we have been learning about how to be a good friend using the text 'The Gingerbread Man'. We spoke about some kind things we could do to help our friends if they were feeling sad and how we can play nicely together.



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been investigating what has happened to our water area outside. Walking in a Winter Wonderland!



Learning in Year 1

This week in DT the children have been making woodland habitats. The children have explored making sliders to make their animal move.



Learning in Year 2

This week children in Year 2 have been working scientifically. They completed a hand span investigation where they asked and answered questions and recorded and interpreted results. Ask Year 2 about their hand spans and how many cubes they can hold in each hand!



Learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3 we composed a soundtrack for a piece of film showing the Greek soldier Pheidippides running 26 miles from Marathon to Athens. We learnt the meanings of the words tempo, pitch, dynamics and rhythm, and experimented with them to create a piece of music.

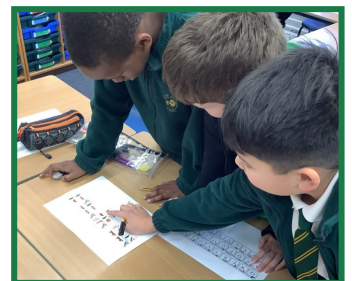


Learning in Year 4

This week in Year 4 we had great fun learning about and then creating mosaic tiles! We stamped our tiles individually and then joined them together to create one large class design.

Learning in Year 5

Year 5 loved testing their hieroglyphics knowledge by cracking codes all around the school. The children used what they had learned to create their own cartouches in class. They really are experts on ancient Egypt now!



Learning in Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been learning all about VE Day and how the end of WWII was celebrated across the nation. We spent time doing our own research into how the end of the war came about, and the highs and lows of the weeks and years following this momentous event in history. Once we had gathered our information, we took some time to present it beautifully in our creative curriculum books.



Manor Park University

This week the children in the cookery course have been making festive biscuits.



Attendance



Manor Park achieved **89.8%** attendance this week.

Congratulations to **Class 13** who achieved attendance **95.7%** this week.



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