

# Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

Newsletter  
26th June  
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are continuing to enjoy the amazing weather that we are fortunate enough to be having. It is such a bonus, and I really hope that the sun continues to shine. The prospect of a staycation this summer looks very appealing at the moment. I hope that you feel reassured with the Government actions to facilitate a wider re-opening of so many parts of our country from July 4th and their commitment to fully open every school from September. Fingers crossed that this all goes ahead, and the national position continues to improve.

School is operating very well, with growing numbers of children attending each day. The Local Authority are still operating a ratio of 1 to 10 in all schools. We envisage that this arrangement will remain in place for the rest of the term. This is continuing to place tremendous pressure on staff and room capacity. To enable us to widen our offer as far as we possibly can, we have now closed bookings for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Parents have had several weeks to book a place for their child and holding empty spaces is now blocking space for other children, as the Government and Local Authority have given us permission to open to other year groups if we can safely do so. Bookings for all EYEP and nursery children remain on a live system, with availability for these children to still book places if they would like to at any point until the end of term. The difference for nursery is that provision is part of the EYFS and childcare provision that the Government has made available to support parents return to work. In the same way, places for children of key workers and vulnerable groups remain on a live booking system. Year 5 parents have now all been offered a place for their child as well as some Year 2 parents, with children from these new year groups joining us next Monday June 29th. Bookings for Year 5 and Year 2 close today. Unfortunately, we do not expect to be able to expand our offer of wider opening any further now as all rooms in our building are full.

Children attending school are having a fantastic time and parents have been very reassured by the systems that we have put in place. We do understand that it is not the right time for every child to attend and we are looking forward to welcoming children who are continuing with online learning at home back in September if the Government indicates that they may all return.

School will be closing on Friday 17th July to all children except those key worker children who still need a place until the end of term. The last two days of the term, Monday July 20th and Tuesday 21st, will be given over to two full days of online transition activities with children and their new teachers. We are hoping that our new staff will be able to join us on these days so the children can engage with their new teachers and gain some understanding of what they will be learning about in September. I would strongly encourage parents to engage in these two days with their child at home as there will be year group videos for you to watch to enable you to obtain all the necessary information that you need for your child's transfer to their new class. All children need to remain at home to engage in these activities on both days. Year 6 who are currently attending school will be having a leaving celebration on the morning of Friday 17th July. All Year 6 will then finish at Manor Park and no further online learning will be set for them. The secondary schools are all supporting strong transition through a wide range of activities which are available on your child's respective secondary school website.

Bookings for online parent consultation meetings are going well. Please do book a place with your child's teacher if you have not already done so. We are looking forward to seeing you at these meetings and at our reception induction parent information sessions next week.

Have a wonderful weekend. Sending my best wishes to all children, parents and families. We are thinking about you all and cannot wait to see you soon.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about the beach and surfing. We've designed our own surf boards and learnt all about waves and why they happen.

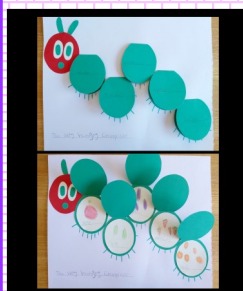


## EYEP

This week in EYEP, we have been exploring colours and mixing them using our fingers.



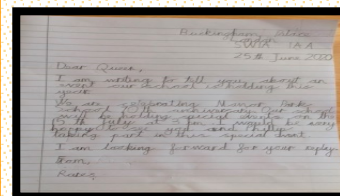
## Year R



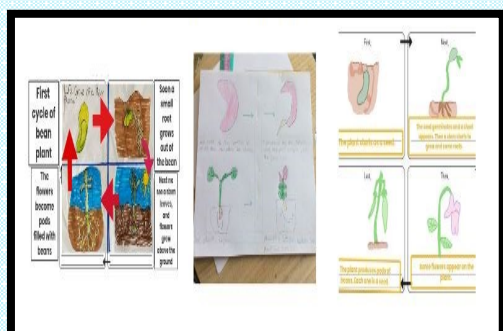
This week in Reception, we have been learning all about mini beasts and hunting for them in our gardens. We made beautiful mini Caterpillar books retelling the story of, 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'.

## Year 1

Year 1 have been writing exciting letters to the Queen this week. They have been sent to Buckingham Palace and we can't wait to read her reply!



## Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about plant life cycles and created our own plant life cycle poster.

## Year 3



In school this week, Year 6 have been creating their own cake box designs, whilst also cooling down after the 30 degree heat this week!

## Year 4



This week, for Design & Technology, Year 4 have made their own version of Native American dream catchers using resources like wool, feathers and beads. They look amazing!

## Year 5



This week, children in Year 5 had a go at baking Manchet loaves. This is Georgia kneading her dough before putting it in the oven!

## Year 6



This week, Year 6 have been completing tasks from the 'Anywhere Island' project. During the afternoon sessions, the children have had to use their geography and creative skills to create their own island; they have thoroughly enjoyed this task and have had a number of wonderfully imaginative and original ideas. Well done Year 6!

# MANOR PARK NOTICES



Our theme for this week is:

'Give'

There is no better feeling than when you see the joy on someone else's face because of something you have done for them. Although we are now able to do more together, things are still challenging for lots of people. Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness - small and large - are associated with positive mental wellbeing. Giving and co-operating with others can stimulate the reward areas in the brain, helping to create positive feelings. So, this week give your time to someone else, wave, smile and bring joy to you and to them.

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://www.youper.ai/>

A full list of useful websites can be found on the SEN page of our school website.

Challenge of the week: Give your teacher a message on Seesaw to let them know you care.



Please be aware that we are now completely cashless so we can minimise the risk of Covid—19 transmission into school. Any payments made to us for CHAMPS, Nursery or school meals will need to be made via SIMS Pay. If you are experiencing any issues with this then please contact the office either by email [admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) or by calling 02476501736 and we will happily assist.



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More examples of  
Year 4's dream  
catchers.