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Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
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2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you and your families are all well and staying safe. I appreciate that since the government announcement last Sunday, stating that children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 should return to school, possibly from June 1st, you have a lot of questions that you would like answering.

We only received this national guidance at the same time as you on Sunday evening. Since the announcement was made, we have spent the entire week reading the ever-changing government guidance for schools, consulting with the local authority and local schools to gain as much information as we can, to support us in our forward planning relating to reopening our school.

I appreciate how frustrating and worrying it is when you do not know how government guidance applies to you. I would like to reassure you that we will always keep you fully updated with information as soon as we possibly can. We will ensure that information is clear and only sent when we feel that there is something significant to inform you about, and when we have enough information to give you the full picture. If a government announcement is made and there is any delay from us in communicating the implications for our families, it is because we are working on it to ensure we have done everything that we can, before informing you of our decisions. I can assure you that our days are filled with nothing else other than addressing the daily situation that we find ourselves in.

The priority of the school throughout any changes, will always be to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children, staff and parents and to support you all in the very best way that we can. As the needs of every family are totally different, we will strive to provide choices and flexibility, so we can meet as many different family needs as possible. It is important to stress that we are governed in some of our decision making by the DfE and local authority, as not all decisions are managed locally at school level.

I am now in a position to update you on what we have been doing in school alongside teaching children of our key worker and vulnerable families, to prepare for a wider opening to more children. Our actions are focused on us taking significant measures to enable us to be in a safe position to re-open to whatever pupils at any time. These measures include:

- Operating a full daily cleaning schedule and deep clean of the school. To support this work we have purchased a 'fogger' machine which we will use regularly to do an additional steam deep clean of the school.
 - Marking out a clear one-way system for movement of children and staff around school.
 - Marking out clear 2 metre social distancing markings at all entrances and exits.
- Setting up classrooms and hall space with tables set at 2 metre intervals to support social distancing, in line with government recommendations.
- Establishing clear staff and pupil groupings with reduced contact for staff and children with no more individuals in school than is absolutely necessary.
 - Enabling as many staff as possible to work from home.
- Ensuring that we have sufficient supplies of hand sanitiser and soap for a full re-opening of school. We have been advised that PPE is not necessary, as children and staff do not need to wear masks or protective clothing in school. The government advice is very clear that in our context this offers no extra protection other than giving personal reassurance. We will however not prevent any children or staff who wish to do so, from wearing their own masks in school.

We are now in a position to outline our plans relating to admitting children in the year groups identified by the government. A letter has been sent to all parents today giving you this information.

We will be issuing children's annual reports to all parents next week. They will be sent by e mail across the week, one year group at a time. If for any reason you have not received your child's report by Friday 22nd May can you let us know please admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk.

We are finalising staffing for September and children will be informed of their new classes and teachers early next half term.

A reminder that school will be closing next Friday 22nd May for the half term holiday and online learning will not take place during half term week. We are really looking forward to beginning a phased re opening of school and have our fingers crossed that we will be allowed to do so. Everything is in place and ready to welcome back some of our wonderful children. I am delighted to inform you that there has been no staff or pupil sickness at all from those children and staff who have been attending school regularly.

I would like to thank all members of our school community for everything that you are all doing, in what continues to be a magnificent Manor Park team effort, which will get us through this terrible situation and on to far happier times. We will be ready to welcome you back when it is the correct time to do so.

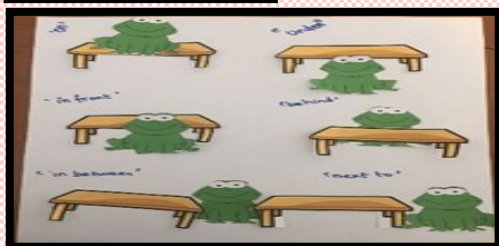
Any questions at all please email me directly. Love to you all, stay safe and let's remain really positive as we have so much to be thankful for.

My best wishes to everyone
Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week, the children have been learning all about shadows and the life cycle of a frog. They have also been exploring positional language and playing lots of fun games to develop this learning further

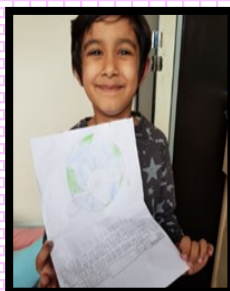


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This week, the children have been using items from their recycling box to make some wonderful junk modelling creations!



Year R



This week in Reception, we have been learning about Technology. We have used different devices at home to type a message to our teacher and then we have even made our own laptops!

Year 1

This week Year 1 have enjoyed developing their knowledge of 3D shapes by going on shape hunts around their homes. Well done Year 1, we are so proud of your fantastic attitude to your home learning!



Year 2



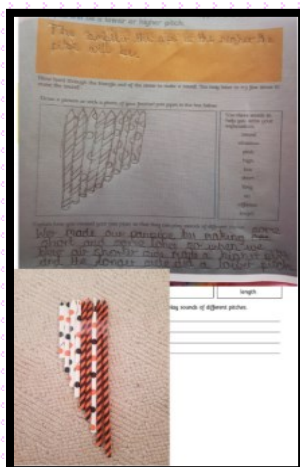
This week, Year 2 were asked to create their own workout routine like Joe Wicks. We had some great workout videos sent to us, they really put a smile on our faces! Well done everyone!

Year 3



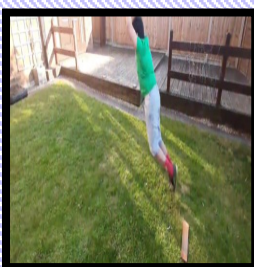
In maths, Year 3 were practically measuring items around the house. For our creative curriculum, we had a go at weaving and Harish weaved into a t-shirt! Very creative.

Year 4



As part of our music learning this week, Year 4 were asked to make pan pipes at home and discuss how straws can be used to play sounds of different pitches.

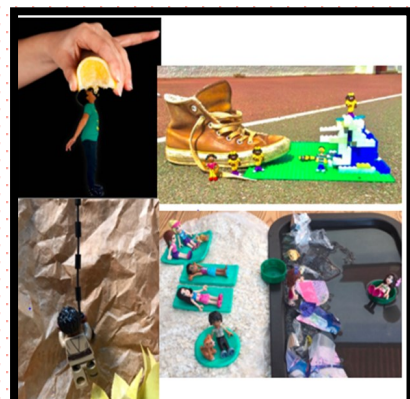
Year 5



This week in Year 5, the children took on the 'School Games: Stay At Home Challenge'. They had to complete 2 events: the shuttle run and standing long jump. This is Sohail showing you how it's done!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have learnt about the current and alternative artist: Slinkachu. They have created their own versions of this art work using miniature figures and everyday objects.



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Our theme for this week is:

'Give'

Having the time to reflect on the things we do, how we spend our time and what is truly important to us has been a positive to come out of this lockdown situation we find ourselves in. This week my focus is on giving. So, what can we give and why is it important?

When we give, we part with something and offer it to someone or something beyond ourselves- a stranger, friend, family member, a charitable organisation, our local community or our wider-community. It can involve parting with material things like money and gifts, or immaterial things like our time, skills, knowledge, enthusiasm, passion and kindness. It could mean supporting a friend with a problem, donating clothes or unused items to a charity, volunteering your time for a cause you care about, or simply making an effort to make more time for the people that you care about. Many members of our school community are supporting one another with making scrubs, toy swapping, shopping for elderly neighbours, donating food items and by giving their time to talk to each other. Through this act of giving, you not only boost your own positivity but other people's as well; and in the process, you reinforce their kindness and strengthen your bond to one another.

Keep well and safe and we hope to see you all soon

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://blissfulkids.com/>

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

Challenge of the week: Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,

Paint or decorate some rocks to cheer you and your neighbours too.

(Maybe you could leave them in a big collection spot, for people to add to, admire or swap)



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On Thursday, KS2 children inspired by the work of renowned British artist Andy Goldsworthy went on a walk around the school, they gathered twigs, flowers, leaves and rocks to produce wonderful natural collages.



The colourful carnival masks the children made in school this week.