

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



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

Newsletter  
7th May  
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy bank holiday weekend. The weather is preparing itself for us ready for tomorrow, and I hope that it does not disappoint! I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well, which is the most important priority at this present time.

We will not be delivering online learning tomorrow, Friday 8th May, as it is bank holiday. I really hope you manage to join in the many lockdown VE day celebrations with your children which are being organised to mark this important historical event.

Children have been reminded by their teachers to take part in a 2-minute national silence to remember the generations of people affected by World War 2. Children in school will come off timetable and will have a fun day centred on VE day activities.

Online learning will resume on Monday 11th May.

I am aware that many of you will be faced with having to possibly rearrange holidays that you have booked for this year. With this in mind, I approached the LA to provide the term dates for the next academic year to assist us all with forward planning. I

am delighted to inform you that they have done this, and we have held a consultation with our governors to set our school training days much earlier than we would usually do. These dates are all now set and I attach the new term dates to this letter for your information. I hope that it may assist some of you with forward planning.

We have made the decision to change the time when we distribute annual reports this year due to our school closure. Staff are completing reports and they will all be emailed out to you between Monday 18th May and Thursday 21st May. We will be doing this one year group at a time. This means that we are in the strongest position possible to resume teaching for those children that the government allow us to reintegrate into school, without staff having to complete reports, which is always a huge task for them to complete. We will of course stringently follow government advice and give details on any changes to school opening, as we are instructed that we are able to do so. Hopefully more information will be made available on Sunday when the prime minister's plan is shared with us all.

As we continue working with our home learning for the majority of our children, I would like to once again thank you for your support at this very challenging time. Please be reassured that this is a period of home learning and not online learning. The contact children have with staff on seesaw and delivery of lessons is only part of their learning experience. It is for this reason we leave afternoons free for you to support your children's learning in other ways, cooking, playing games, walking in the park, talking and sharing meals together to name but a few. All of this learning is just as important, so please ensure that you value it and urge your children to share things they are doing with their teachers, who love to see what they are getting up to.

I hope that parents of children in receipt of free school meals are accessing their vouchers easily now. This government system has been very problematic to set up. Please do let Mrs Coyle know if you are experiencing any issues at all, as it is essential that families get this much needed financial support whilst children are at home.

Finally, can I just say a huge thank you to you all for your many positive messages and for supporting the school so well, as we work tirelessly to offer our children and families the very best that we can. If you need anything at all, be it a reading book, paper, home learning packs, IT support or anything else that will help you in the fantastic work that you all doing with your children, please email to ask either through admin or SLT e mail. We will do everything we can to assist you. At the heart of our school are the relationships, interactions and connections between all members of the community. Never have we been more grateful for them than now. So thank you all.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and my love and best wishes to you and all our wonderful children.

Sending you all my best wishes

I am so looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery

The children in Nursery have enjoyed reading the book 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' and learning about shadows and opposites. They have also been making their own play dough and fire flies and looking at number 6.



## EYEP

This week in EYEP, the children have been working hard at practising their name writing! They have also been making their name out of different items in their home.



## Year R



This week in Reception, we have been thinking about healthy eating and the children have had lots of fun creating their own plate of healthy food.

## Year 1

Year 1 have all been superstars this week and have been working so hard at home. In maths, we have been looking at weight, capacity and volume. We have been estimating how much liquid could fit in a container and then finding out the correct answer.



## Year 2



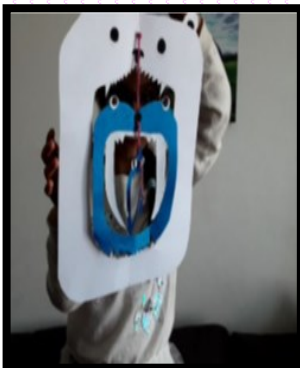
To continue our topic 'Attack and Defence', this week, the children learnt about the Battle of Hastings, a really important event in our history. The children watched a video clip and then made a story board about it.

## Year 3



The year group had to create a poster/fact file about the Bronze Age. This is Lyanna's (C14) work which is pretty amazing.

## Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been exploring different food chains in the ocean and how they might be at risk due to a number of reasons. The children shared some of their learning on food chains through creative artwork.

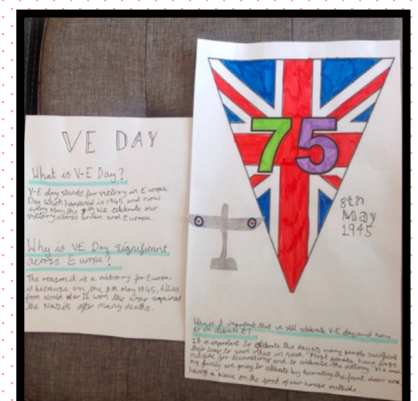
## Year 5



The children showed off their creativity this week and designed and made a model of their own planet. They had to consider the atmosphere and materials as well as possible inhabitants on their planet.

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning all about VE day in preparation for the celebrations on Friday.





# MANOR PARK NOTICES



I don't know about you but the first week back has been a real challenge for my children. It's tricky to regain the routine and get back to our new version of normal. We are having to change and adapt so often and, at the same time, longing to get back to the times when we can get into work, pop to the supermarket and spend time with friends and family. The one thing we have been trying to do is some kind of daily physical activity.

Our theme for this week is:

'Be Active'

Keeping active is vital for supporting well-being. On those dreary days, being stuck inside definitely had an impact on my mood and my motivation. I'm not a great fan of physical activity and I know there will be a huge variance in our school community from those who are marathon runners to those of you that might walk to the shop for a KitKat (that's the group I fall in to!) One thing

I would encourage you all to do, whatever your fitness level, is go out for a walk as a family. Not only is it good for your hearts and minds, but you will see things in your local area that you haven't ever noticed before and at this time of year our environment is so much greener than normal. Enjoy the blue skies and the warm sun on your face over the next few days.

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

Mrs Healy

Website/app of the week: <https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html>



Welcome to our new friends who are waiting for you all in Mrs O'Connor's office, donated to us from Commando Joes. Thank you to them for thinking of us all.

One of our new bike stores built for you by Mr Connelly and his team so you can cycle to school and store your bikes safely. This one is for Years 5 and 6 and there is a second one ready for Years 3 and 4. Thank you to them all for building them. Make sure you are practising your bike riding ready to start cycling to school.





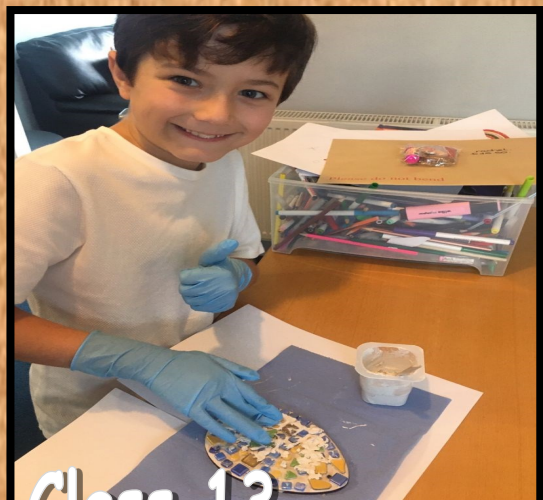
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