

Manor Park Primary Academy Newsletter

Confident Children Enjoying Learning

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29.10.18: School closed for Inset Day.

30.10.18: School returns for second half of Autumn Term.

31.10.18: FOMP Halloween Mufti Day

NURSERY/RECEPTION

PARENT MEETINGS

NURSERY: 4.00-6.20pm on 1st and 6th November; 4.00-5.30pm on 14th November and 4.00-7.20pm on 21st November

RECEPTION: 4.00-6.20pm on 1st and 6th November and 4.30 and 7.20pm on 21st November

A Word from Ms. Scrase

This is the first half termly newsletter of the new academic year and I would like to extend a warm Manor Park welcome to the new children and their families who joined us in September.

All the children have settled well into their new classes and we have met lots of our parents and carers at the parent/teacher meetings this half-term. We look forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception parents in for their meetings after half term and to Christmas performances and celebrations which are coming up too.

Earlier this week, I visited Kingswood Activity Centre to see how our Year 6 children were enjoying themselves on their three day residential stay and watched them taking part in the activities available. It was wonderful

to see them working so well, both individually and as a team. They showed great enthusiasm and determination in all the activities on offer and their confidence grew with each challenge and achievement.

A special thank you must go to the staff who accompanied the children to Kingswood. They worked very hard to ensure that the children gained the most they could from this experience.

I am always delighted to hear about individual achievements of our children, and Sutton Cricket Club recently awarded Most Improved Player and Girls Clubman of the Year to Hattie of Sapphire Class and Cecelia of Beryl Class. Well done, girls.

Year Six Visit to Kingswood

On Sunday 14th October, fifty five very excited Year 6 children boarded the coaches bound for Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire and were accompanied by Miss Harding, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Kestell, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Starmore and Mrs Webb.

The children settled in very quickly and began to enjoy a variety of activities, including Aeroball, Rock Climbing, (see picture right) Abseiling, Archery, and Zip Wire. They also enjoyed two new activities introduced last year-Jacob's Ladder, where the teams must navigate their way up a giant high ropes ladder of horizontally suspended logs and the challenge comes with the ever-increasing gaps between the rungs, and Crate Stacking, where, secure in a helmet and a harness, the children work

as a team to get their group as high as possible by adding crates to the stack without it collapsing. Their Bushcraft activity included building a shelter and lighting a fire and the evening entertainment included a film night and the famous "last night at Kingswood" disco.

A very tired but happy group of Year 6 children returned to the school early Wednesday evening. Miss Harding said that the children behaved beautifully and were a credit to Manor Park. They achieved so much from this experience and a great time was had by all.



Foundation Stage News

This half term in Reception we have been exploring the topic "Do you want to be friends?" We have been learning the golden rules for the school and how to share, be kind and make new friends. We have had our first experience of having delicious lunch at school. We explored people who look after us and had an exciting visit from the local fire station where we saw real fire fighters and got to sit on a fire engine. (See picture right). We also met a real athlete and got to experience different sport activities for keeping fit.



In the Nursery, Gems and Jewels classes settled in really well! We have spent time looking at our homes and talking about where we live. We spoke about our families a lot and used our home corner to act out what we do at home. We have read books about family and have been speaking about what we like about our own family and friends. All of us have been working hard to learn each other's names and we are doing really well! We went on a listening walk around the school and spoke about all the different sounds we heard with the help of our giant ears! (See picture right). In our garden, we have also been experimenting with movement and using the nursery climbing equipment to create an obstacle course. Finally, we looked at feelings and recognising the many different emotions. We used mirrors to look closely at our features, and how they change depending on our feelings. We are all really happy to be in the Nursery!



Year One News

Our topic this half term was Superheroes. During Engage week, we became superheroes created our own superhero identities. We made amazing masks and super capes; we had lots of fun creating our designs. We also looked at real life superheroes and the people that help us every day. We were lucky enough to get a visit from some firefighters and their fire engine. In Literacy, we read the story 'Supertato' and had a go at rewriting it. We worked really hard to make sure we remembered to use our capital letters and full stops. We then started to look at comic strips and learned what lists, labels and captions are. After this, we learned about a very important lady called Florence Nightingale. We found out all about her life and how she helped soldiers by making the hospitals clean. We had a go at retelling the story in our own words using drama. We then use our learning of captions to write the story of Florence Nightingale. In Maths, we have been looking at making numbers using different objects and found out that we could also use drawings to represent numbers. We started to look at finding one more and one less than different numbers. (See picture right).



Year Two News

Our topic this half term was Muck, Mess and Mixtures. We have enjoyed being messy and exploring different ways to create muck and mess! In Science, we have been investigating bubbles. It was great fun using different tools to find out which would make the most and the biggest bubbles. We even used the bubbles to create super artwork. During Engage Week, we worked hygienically in DT to make our own delicious pizzas. We blew paint using straws to see the artistic effects we could make and made our own potions by carefully measuring and combining different liquids. In Art, we studied the artist Wassily Kandinsky. We explored some of his artwork and discussed his use of shape and colour to show how he was feeling. We enjoyed recreating his famous circle painting. In Maths we have used dienes to help us to understand how to add numbers using partitioning. We have really enjoyed challenging ourselves by adding and subtracting numbers mentally and using our own number lines.



Year Three News

We have been learning about Predators this term in Year 3. We started by looking at the differences between prey and predator, designing our own dinner menus. During Science lessons, we compared the diet of an omnivore, such as a lot of humans, to a carnivore such as a tiger or bear. Using our learning, we created our own food chains using paper cups. We researched the different habitats and thought about how a predator finds its prey. Then, we thought about how a predator might move and created our own sequences using this during our PE sessions. We have also been using our map reading skills to locate the different parts of the world where different predators may live. This term we also went to High Ashurst to improve our team work and communication skills. Whilst we were there, we played lots of games where we had to work together such as using bits of carpet or 'boats' to cross the river. (See picture right). We also learnt the sticks to collect that would make the best fire and how to use a flint and steel. We even got to try some popcorn that had been put on the fire.



Year Four News

This term the children's topic has been 'Traders and Raiders'. In our Geography lessons, we discovered how the Saxons raided Britain and created many of the names that we still use today. We discussed the different ways that you could get over to Britain and made our own longship boats! During DT sessions, we made Saxon shields and designed and created some beautiful brooches to trade in Britain. In History, we learnt about the way that the Saxons and the Vikings used to live and compared it to our way of life. They didn't have shops like we have today, so they had to make their own clothes. We tried doing some weaving to help us understand more about their daily lives. In Literacy, we have been working hard on writing our own version of the classic legend, 'The Sword in the Stone, based on the Saxon King, Arthur.



Year 4 mastering the art of Saxon weaving

Year Five News

In Year 5, we have been delving into the exciting topic of Beast Creator. Through exciting fact books, research and BBC nature videos, the children have been able to answer questions they wanted to find out about minibeasts. Their learning began by looking at the similarities and differences between the different types of minibeasts. Using this learning, they then went on a nature walk to forage for items they could use to create their own artwork. As part of our Science learning, the children have learnt about the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. They compared the similarities and differences of them and created their own flow maps. The children also used this understanding to classify different animals.

This term the class book has been Charlotte's Web. In Literacy, the children predicted what could happen at the end of the story and wrote an alternative ending. They then compared the original ending to their own, to see any similarities or differences.



Year 5 foraging for materials to create their own artwork

Year Six News

This half term as part of their learning linked to their topic 'A Child's War' year 6 visited Brooklands Museum. During the trip the children discovered the importance of Brooklands during World War 2 and how the aircrafts created there were used during that period. During the day, they also took part in a workshop to find out more about the people who worked at Brooklands during both world wars and were given the opportunity to handle some period objects from the museum collection. Whilst at Brooklands, the children also took the opportunity to board a Concorde and learn a little about its history. During class learning the children have focused on what life was like in Britain during the Second World War and focused on many significant events throughout this time. The children took an in depth look at The Blitz and used the event as inspiration for their own newspaper articles. They also used oil pastels to create a Blitz Skyline. The focus of the art piece was to create a fiery skyline by blending the oil pastels and a London Skyline silhouette where they needed to think about levels and shape.



Kai pointing to the firing holes on a Hawker Hurricane.



YOU SAID...WE DID...

Our parents/carers views and suggestions are very important to us. You said you wanted Literacy home learning activities to be set weekly in Years 3 and 4 as they are in Years 5 and 6 and separate from the Creative Grid. We considered the results of a parents' survey and have decided to implement this from next half term.



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Athlete Visit to Manor Park

On Thursday 4th October, Manor Park were delighted to have a visit from athlete Hermione Plumtre, a semi-professional 400m hurdler. Each child was asked to be sponsored for a short sports circuit that they would be completing with Hermione. They completed a variety of different activities including spotty dogs, star jumps, press ups and more. They then had the opportunity to ask questions about the different training regimes that Hermione did and what it took to be an athlete. The children really enjoyed meeting Hermione and taking part in training exercises with her. They also raised just under £2000 through sponsorship for the whole day and a huge thank you must go to our amazing parents and carers for their support with this. The school gets to keep £778 of this money which will go towards PE resources for the all children which is wonderful. It was a great experience, enjoyed by all.



Our visit from athlete
 Hermione Plumtre...

Weekly Behaviour and Achievement Certificate Winners

	<u>BEHAVIOUR</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>
AGATE	Ben and Pedro	Diola and George
AMBER	Tallulah and Alfie	Andrenne and Omer
AMETHYST	Ashar and Thami	Milad and Maira
CORAL	isabelle and Lucas	Scarlet H and Finley
DIAMOND	Riyad and Isla	Zayan and Chamali
QUARTZ	Anshika and Estela	Kevin and Simeon
JADE	Thomas and Brielle	Ronnie and Nikolai
EMERALD	Aliyah and Thomas	Nathan and Maya
MOONSTONE	Elena and Adi	Natalia and Damian
OPAL	Mina and Archie	Aiza and Michaela
ONYX	Eliza and Luchshika	Oliver and Naana
TURQUOISE	Samar and Freya	Elsie and Magha
BERYL	Filipa and Yushaanth	Abi and Toni
PEARL	Iliana and Bahand	David and Logan
SAPPHIRE	Rinesa and Stephen	Laird and Oliwia
TOPAZ	Ben and Victoria	Hatti and Alina

Well done, everyone.

Weekly Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance for week ending 12th October 2018 were Aqua and Diamond Classes with 98.7% attendance and Onyx, Beryl and Sapphire Classes with 99.3% attendance. Well done everyone.

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Children and Teenage Yoga During October 2018 Half Term

The following classes will be held on Thursday 25th October 2018

Children with SEN and parent/carer-9am-9.45am-£7 per session. (These lessons must be pre-booked and paid in advance)

5-9 year olds-10am-10.45am-£5.00 per session

10-16 year olds-11am-12 noon-£5.50 per session

(Please note there will be no 5-9 year olds class on Monday 22nd October at 4.30pm or 10-16 years old class on Wednesday 24th October at 4.30 due to the above timetable.)

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT LAURA AT

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