

Manor Park Primary Academy Newsletter

Confident Children Enjoying Learning

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Forthcoming Events

Monday 7th Jan 2019

School returns for the start of Spring Term

Wednesday 16th Jan 2019

Years 2 SATS Info Meeting at 9.15am

Thursday 17th Jan 2019

Year 1 to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.30-6.20pm

Wed. 23rd Jan 2019

Year 1 to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.30-7.20pm

Tuesday 29th Jan 2019

Year 1 to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.30-6.20pm

A Word from Ms Scrase

Christmas is a time for giving and our children recently raised the magnificent sum of £414.22 for Family Lives (formerly known as Parentline) during Anti-Bullying Week as part of their "Wear Something Blue Day!"

The generosity of our parents and carers is also very much appreciated. Whether it be in time given to the school as a helper on school visits, donating money to our after school club programme to help buy resources or paying for workshops and trips, this support is invaluable with cuts in budgets affecting the school.

I would also like to mention the generosity of Myriam Gelling and her team who give so much of their busy lives to raise funds for the school through Friends of Manor Park. They do a fantastic job and all the children have recently benefitted from their efforts

with pantomimes in school, a visit from Santa and crackers with their Christmas lunch.

We have welcomed lots of our parents and carers into school to join our festive celebrations. It was lovely so many of you came to the flood-lit carol service. Thankfully, the rain held off.

The Christmas performances this year were wonderful with dancers, singers and the play of the Nativity story. Thank you to the children, staff and parents who make these events so special.

The staff and I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th January 2019.

Year 6 Remembrance Wreath



This term, the children in Year 6 worked together to make a Remembrance Day wreath to honor the 151 men from Sutton who gave their lives during the First World War. A poppy was made for each of the men, whose names were written in the centre of each. The wreath was then used as part of the Remembrance celebration at St. Barnabas Church on Saturday 10th November 2018.

You said...we did

You said.... you would like randomised passwords for pupil's LgFL/J2Launch accounts to increase security, rather than DDMM PINS

We did... we have now changed all pupil passwords from DDMM to a randomised 4 digit PIN. New PIN passwords we sent home with the children.

Foundation Stage News

This term Nursery children looked at a variety of different 'seasonal stories', including 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom!' Every week we sat in our story groups and listened carefully to an adult reading one of the exciting stories, answering questions about the characters and the events. We had lots of fun acting out the bear hunt in our garden, walking through real grass, water and mud to try to help us recall the sounds in the story. (See picture right) When we read 'The Gruffalo' we looked at many different types of animals and had a go at acting like them! Finally, we learnt our Christmas songs to sing and sign at our 'Christmas Celebration'. Everyone tried their best and our parents and carers were thrilled with our singing!

This term, Reception has been thinking about what happens when we fall asleep. We explored different celebrations, bedtime routines, nocturnal animals and people who help us at night. We have spent some time learning songs and lines for our Winter Performance. (See picture right) All classes have had the opportunity to have ballet lessons on a Tuesday with Mrs Webb. We included a dance for each class in the performance to show what we had been learning. We finished the term learning about the story of Nativity, who celebrates and why we celebrate at this time of year.



Year One News

This half term in Year One, our topic was 'Splendid Skies and Beyond.' During Engage week, we discovered that a spaceship had crashed in our outside area! We thought about why the spaceship may have crashed and wondered where the aliens travelling in the spaceship may be hiding. We then drew pictures of what we thought the aliens look like and designed a spaceship to help them get back home. In Literacy, we wrote a letter to thank the aliens, from our story 'Aliens in Underpants save the World', and used the joining words 'and' and 'because' to add detail and description to our sentences. We then wrote our own chronological reports about the planet Mars using all of the new and interesting facts we had learned. In Maths, we have been using lots of different methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. We have used objects, number lines as well as our number bonds. We have enjoyed looking at fractions and finding half of different shapes.



Year Two News

In Year 2, our topic for Autumn 2 has been Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We had an important task given to us during our Engage Week from a special knight called Knight Loras, who asked us to design a new castle. We had lots of fun learning about the features of castles using non-fiction books and used this information to plan our own castle! After that, we worked in groups to design and build models of castles using different materials. During the half term, we also took part in an exciting medieval workshop. The workshop was all about life in the medieval times. We had the opportunity to learn about how, during medieval times, people would grind flour and make butter using a churn. We also got to hold and try on armour and even dress in traditional medieval clothes.



Year Three News

This term in year 3, our topic has been 'Urban Pioneers.' We started by looking at the works of Banksy. We explored how he uses stencils to create his art and compared this to the work of Escher who is also well known for his love of stencils. Taking leaves from the playground, we used this as our stencil and produced some excellent artwork. We were also lucky enough to have an artist come into class and help us paint our own Banksy's using professional paint and canvases. In Literacy, we used a range of persuasive techniques to try and persuade councils that graffiti is art not crime. In our Geography lessons, we compared the town of Sutton to a town in Germany and looked at the differences and similarities. In the lead-up to Christmas and for our RE learning, we also took part in a Christmas workshop where we learnt how Christians celebrate the festival of Christmas.



Year 4 News

Year 4's topic began on a journey through the underwater world at the London Aquarium. The children had the opportunity to interact with many different types of sea creatures. (See picture right). From this learning platform, the children then sketched sea creatures they had observed, thinking about tones and textures. In Science, we created food chains discussing the different roles they play in the ocean. We researched the inventor of the submarine (Cornelius Drebbel) in History and the different layers of the ocean in Geography. We created our own underwater aquariums and wrote dilemma stories based in the depths of the ocean.



Year 5 News

This term we have been learning about Space. During Engage week, we researched the 8 different planets using the internet, and made our own informative posters to show what we had found out. After, we created our own mnemonics to help us remember the order. In Art, we even made our own papier-mache planets (See picture lower right) Did you know there are different layers to the sun? We created our own diagram to show them and their different sizes. Using tin foil and a torch, we explored how shadows are formed; we made a person out of tin foil and watched as the shadow got longer, the further away the light got. The closer the light, the smaller the shadow! In Literacy, we wrote our own newspaper reports about the Apollo 11 landing on the moon. The Science Museum also came and did a workshop with us, where we learnt lots of new interesting facts about Space. We also made our own rockets and took part in a competition to see who could shoot theirs the furthest!



Year 6 News

This half term, Year 6 have learnt all about the heart and circulatory system during their topic 'Blood Heart'. To start their learning, children were given the opportunity to dissect a sheep's heart and work together to discover the different parts of the heart. (See picture right). During the dissection the children were able to identify the aorta and also investigated how blood flows through the heart using string and water. As part of the Engage Week for Blood Heart, Year 6 children also had a go at making their own stethoscopes. They investigated how to hear their heartbeats the clearest by trying different lengths and thicknesses of tubing as well as altering the size of the funnel. To deepen and enrich their learning about the heart, Year 6 took part in a Science workshop led by the Science Museum, London, in which they learnt about the different parts of the blood and their functions. In Art children have looked at images of the heart in real life and abstract form. They had a go at using different mediums to create their own pieces of art using the heart they dissected as inspiration.



We are delighted to announce that you (with Mrs Costerton) have been chosen to appear in the BBC Christmas special of Call the Midwife on Christmas Day at 7.45pm. Beth who is appearing in the BBC Christmas special of Call the Midwife on Christmas Day at 7.45pm. Beth is far right in the picture in a white satin dress with her hair in pigtails, as part of a Nativity scene and we understand that she was amazing! Thank you so much to Mrs Costerton for letting us share this proud moment and a huge well done to our little star, Beth. We can't wait to see the programme.



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Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas nativity with the Aliens and they were especially looking forward to sharing this with their grown-ups. It was a huge success and the children did a great job! Well done to all of the children in Year 2. (See picture above)



Sports News

On Wednesday 28th November 2018, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to Wallington Girls School to compete in the Sutton Indoor Athletics Heats. As a team, they competed in both track and field events including javelin, chest push, speed bounce, long jump, triple jump, vertical jump and various running relays. As well as winning some of the events, the whole team showed fantastic team work, determination and perseverance in all of their events to finish fourth out of the eight schools. We are all very proud of this great achievement. Well done everyone.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

REMINDER: The new After School Club programme will start on Monday 14th January 2019. Parents and carers will receive notification of which club(s) the children have been allocated during the first week of Spring Term.

SIBLING CLUB WILL RUN AS NORMAL ON FRIDAY 11th JANUARY 2019.

YEAR 6 BOOSTER CLASSES RESUME WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The classes with the highest attendance for week ending 14th December 2018 are **Agate Class** with 99.3% and **Turquoise Class** with 99.1% attendance.

Weekly Behaviour, Achievement and Sports Certificate Winners

	<u>BEHAVIOUR</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>	<u>SPORTS</u>
AMBER	Fifi and Susumu	Prajhan and Skyla	Sebastian
AMETHYST	Harold and Aarush	Krithi and Milana	Salman
AGATE	Preston and Stiliyan	Ahad and Ben	Alex
CORAL	Daniela and Keira	Hania and Lucas	William
DIAMOND	Tulla and Zach	Hysini and Benett	Muneeb
QUARTZ	Atta and Eranda	Anshika and Hamail	Estele
JADE	Qadriyah and Atanas	Jacob and Brielle	Earl
EMERALD	Jayden and Aliyah	Saayah and Max C	Jacob
MOONSTONE	Olivia and Muzammil	Ava and Ali	Natalia
OPAL	Micah and Harrish	Maaya and Hanra	Marisol
ONYX	Abeishan and Eysan	Henry and Brayden	Alex
TURQUOISE	Brooke and Erdi	Andrei and Mohamed	Aman
PEARL	Alice and David	Ruby and Sushaeni	Anchit
BERYL	Sam and Elijah	Wiktor and Filipa	Hirthooshini
SAPPHIRE	Newton and Laila	Rayhanna and Pippa	Paige
TOPAZ	Jenna and Archie	Lucas and Tazreen	Esme

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

