

School News 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week we have had at Manor Way!

We would like to congratulate our wonderful year 6 children on completing their sats with maturity and determination. We are really proud of the manner in which they approached this week and we know they tried their very best. They supported each other and showed the really strong bond that they have as a year group. Our year 6 pupils were exceptional and continue to be outstanding role models for all our other children.

We would also like to thank all our Year 6 parents who have supported school and the children this year by attending Sats Clubs, voting days, Easter schools and working through the homework and activities that have been set. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Here are our wonderful Year 6's enjoying a rest after their busy week.



We hope that everyone has a great weekend and if you are going on the 'Frozen' trip next Thursday please look out for a letter with a revised drop off time due to roadworks on the way to London. It's an early one!

Lisa Buffery - Executive Headteacher

Celebrating Success

Praise Certificates were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working hard on their ASPIRE Character Virtues!

  Praise Certificates- Friday 29th April  		
R	Georgia Wilkinson	For showing courage in all areas.
Year 1	Dylan Maguire	For showing courage on our school trip.
Year 2	Ava Smith	Being courageous in all areas of learning.
Year 3	Poppy Bovan	Being courageous in writing.
Year 4	Kian Marriott	Being courageous with his writing
Year 5	Henry Busby	Being courageous on stage.
Year 6	Olivia Harper	Being courageous when tackling tricky SATS questions..

  Praise Certificates- Friday 6th May  		
R	Cian Harland	For showing respect in all he does.
Year 1	Theo Waldron	For always being respectful of others.
Year 2	Dylan Bevan	For showing respect towards the adults and children at all times.
Year 3	Emily Boswell	Showing respect to all adults and children.
Year 4	Mason Fantham	For showing respect to peers and adults in school
Year 5	Daisy-Bow Bagley	For always showing respect.
Year 6	Finley Gittens	For being a fantastic role model to others in all areas of school life.

Praise Certificates- Friday 13th May		
R	Cassius Maddocks	For organising his own belongings
Year 1	Ayla Jones	For keeping her belongings and her table organised
Year 2	Freya Wooldridge	For being organised at all times and also helping her peers with their organisation.
Year 3	Madison Harland	
Year 4	Scarlett Tate	Organising herself and supporting others to do the same
Year 5	Jacob cooper	Organising his equipment, uniform and always being ready to learn. He looks after his belongings too.
Year 6	Charlotte Price	Always being ready to learn and having the equipment and books needed.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Hot Chocolate Friday awards are given to celebrate pupils who are always displaying the right attitude and behaviour. The following children received these awards during the today:

Hot Chocolate Friday!	
Reception	Oscar
Year 1	Elliot
Year 2	Joey
Year 3	Harrison
Year 4	Cameron
Year 5	Ellie-Grace
Year 6	Seth



Our learning this week...

In Preschool, we continued with our Whole class reading book 'Billy and the Beast'. The children have been learning all about capacity during maths. As part of our capacity sessions we turned our classroom into the monster milkshake parlour. The children took turns to pour the milk and count the scoops of milkshake powder needed. The children have mastered lots of mathematical vocabulary and this was put to good use during this session. "Look Miss Hurst mine was delicious and now the glass is empty!" The children have also learnt about health and nutrition. We completed an active game in which we categorised all the fruits and vegetables. Following this we made our own recipe and ingredient list in order to create a "terrible beauty soup" inspired by our whole class reading story. The children all had an input as to what vegetables they would like to include. All the children were then able to taste their creation. It had a mixed response but everyone tasted it and used some great adjectives to describe the soup. Well done all! We have continued with another fun week of learning. Miss Hurst.



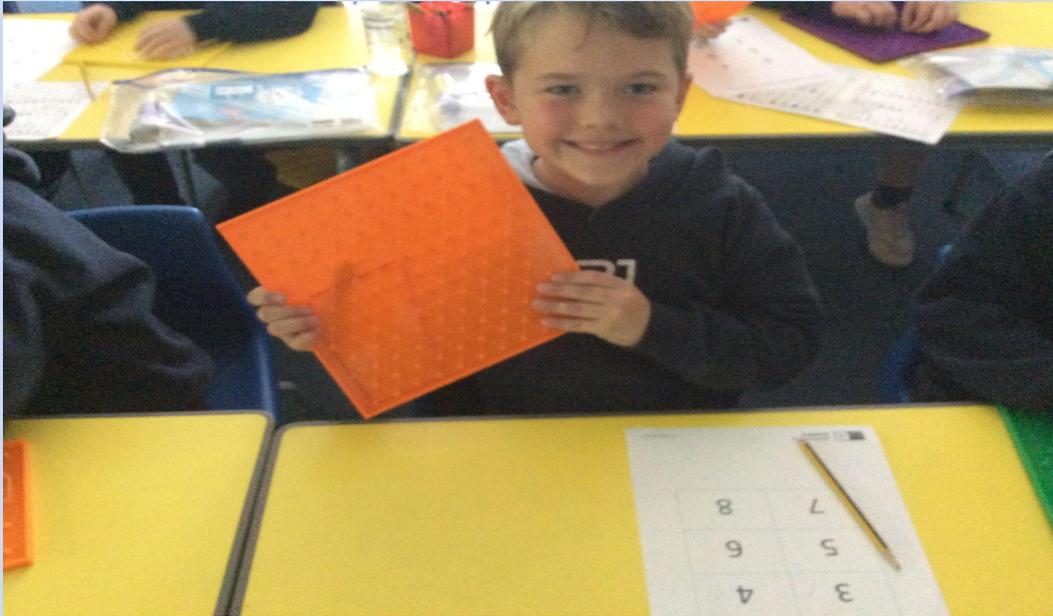
In Reception, we have based our learning around our whole class reading book 'What the Ladybird Heard Next' written by Julia Donaldson. We have been on our own ladybird hunt, searching all the places we may find ladybirds... Class R thought the plants outside would be the best place to find a ladybird! We have been looking into the different life cycles and will continue with this next week. We have also enjoyed investigating in our pond explorer role play area. The children have used the technology to highlight their learning during play. The children have made symmetrical butterflies, in maths



In Year 1, we had a great start to the term with our French day. We enjoyed learning some French words and phrases as well as trying some French food. In English, we continued to explore persuasive leaflets and plan our own themed adventure parks. We built rides for the parks and planned our own persuasive leaflets to draw in the customers which we are now writing up. We showed great creativity in our designs and our theme parks sound amazing! In maths, we started to learn about larger 2 digit numbers and explore place values to 100. We have now completed our Great Fire of London theme and have started our 'Magic Moments' theme with a fun-tastic animal parade. We have also been listening to 'The Carnival of the Animals' and learning about its composer, Camille Saint-Saens.

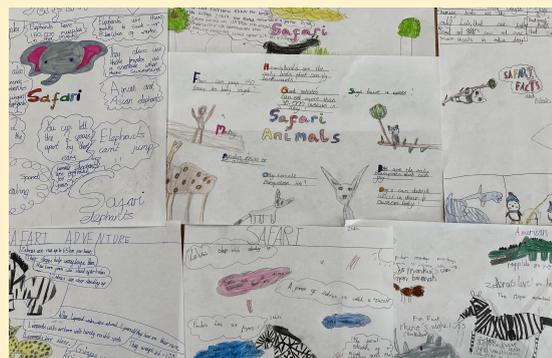
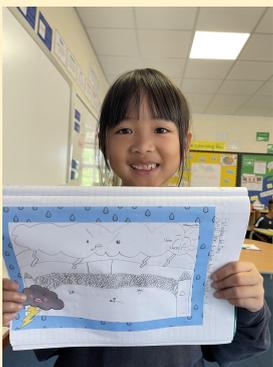


In Year 2, in English last week we completed our sentence stacking lessons on 'George and the Dragon' and this week we have planned and written our own versions of the story. In maths, we have started our new topic on shape and have been learning about sides, vertices and symmetry. In curriculum, we have completed our topic on the Titanic and in our final lesson, we discussed the different reasons that may have caused the Titanic to sink.



In Year 3, last week we finished our persuasive writing about Selly Manor. In maths, we have enjoyed exploring angles and types of lines. In reading, we have been super excited forming predictions all about our new whole class reading book 'Akimbo Adventures'. We think this could be the best read yet! In curriculum, we have started our new theme 'Magic Moments' and have explored how music can change the way that you feel.

This week, in English we have started writing a poem about the seasons. In maths, we have continued our work on shapes and identified perpendicular and parallel lines. In curriculum, we have dug deeper into how music can trigger our imagination. We enjoyed listening to 'Storm' by Benjamin Britten and drew illustrations to show how we felt while listening. In reading, we loved researching all about the safari animals through using the chrome books. Look at our work below!



In Year 4, we have had an excellent start to the new term. We have begun a new unit on decimals in maths and have enjoyed using the dienes equipment to support our understanding of these. In English, we have been looking at playscripts. As part of our experience day, we looked at a series of clues to help us work out what happened in the village of Eyam in 1665. We identified that it was struck down with the plague and have begun writing our playscripts about what happened at this time.

We have absolutely loved the animation workshops that we have taken part in as part of the Artsmark Award, and spent time in this week's session creating the background, characters and props for our animations. We also began our Magic Moments curriculum theme, and we loved creating pictures inspired by 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by Edvard Greig, as well as animations to retell the story of Peer Gynt's escape from the trolls, as portrayed in this piece of music.

In our science lessons, we have been looking at teeth. We have found out the names and functions of the different teeth we have and also carried out an investigation into the effects of different liquids on the shells of eggs (as this is similar to tooth enamel). We have used our findings to help us understand how to better take care of our own teeth.



In Year 5, we have thoroughly enjoyed working towards animating short films all about the Commonwealth Games and we can't wait to start filming over the next two weeks. In maths, we have started learning about percentages. In English, we have started writing about a boy who is accidentally mistaken for an adult and is allowed to test drive a Porsche.... Watch this space for some thrilling narratives! Year 5 have been incredibly focussed and even earned an extra 5 minutes break time from Miss Buffery for their excellent conduct in assembly this week. I am one very proud teacher! Keep it up, Class 5.



In Year 6, we have worked incredibly hard preparing for our SATs and I know that this week, we have reaped the rewards of this. All children showed perseverance throughout and overcame any obstacles that came in their way. After the SATs, they enjoyed an afternoon of rounders and eating ice-creams, before getting back into their learning with finding out all about a mythical creature of a Rhasaurilla and exploring our new genre of writing - 'Non-Chronological Report'.



Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in school:

[Lunchtime Supervisor.](#)

[HLTA](#)

[PE Teacher](#)

Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 9th - 13th May 2022 %	
Reception	92.1
Year 1	94.7
Year 2	94.0
Year 3	95.2
Year 4	93.3
Year 5	99.7
Year 6	94.8



**Well done and congratulations to
Year 5
for receiving the
Attendance Trophy last week!**

Message from NHS

How to Access a Vaccine for 5-11 year olds

For decades, vaccinations have protected our children and young people from potentially serious diseases, including measles, flu, meningitis and mumps.

By the time they leave school, a child will typically have been offered vaccinations against 18 different diseases or infections – the COVID-19 vaccine is one more vaccine that children will soon be able to have to protect them from illness.

The Government's Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations recommends that 5-11 year olds be offered the vaccine, which has been approved by the UK's medicines regulator. The vaccine will reduce the chance of your child becoming unwell from COVID-19 and increase their protection against any future waves. Your child will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over.

COVID-19 is still active and causing some children to miss out on their education and things they enjoy, and getting your child vaccinated will boost their immunity and keep them doing the things they love.

From Monday 4 April, parents can take your child to a vaccination centre, community pharmacy or GPs offering jabs for this age group. From Saturday 2 April you can view these sites and make an appointment through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

Vaccinations are also available for 5-11 year olds at some local [walk-in sites](#). Simply check the walk-in finder website before attending to make sure they can vaccinate your child.



Preschool Applications

We have a few places available in our Preschool for September starters. To apply, or for more information, please contact the school office on:

information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Dudley HAF

Free summer holiday family activities, playscheme sessions and food for families whose children are in receipt of free school meals. Sessions taking place across the borough. Families have to register by May 26th.

[Register your Child – HAF](#)

Community Active Travel Fair Saturday 21st May 2022

A Community Active Travel Fair at **Halesowen Athletics & Cycling Club** on **Saturday 21st May 12-3pm** is being held. It will be a family fun event with lots of activities for all to get involved in, such as:

- Ride a West Midlands Cycle Hire bike around the track for free
- West African Drumming by Drums Aloud
- Bring your own bike and have a go on the track
- Take part in sports and games
- Find out more about Halesowen Cycling, Athletics, Tennis and Weight Training clubs
- Food and refreshments available

It would be fantastic to have the local schools involved!

Bereavement Support.

We would like to let Parents/Carers know that should your child need any support in relation to the loss of a family member we have a trained member of staff (Mrs Douglas) in school. Please do not hesitate to contact the School office if your children need support as we can put support in immediately and for a period of time.

DIARY DATES

16 - 27th May	Jubilee Curriculum Theme
19th May	London Frozen Trip
24th May	Kingswood Information Meeting 4pm
26th May	Wear Red, white & Blue clothes to school & Fun Lunch Day!
27th May	Jubilee Party Lunch
6 - 8th June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week
14th June	New Reception Parents Induction 9.30 - 10.30 am
20th June	Dads & Doughnuts Day
21st June	Parents' Evening
23rd June	Parents' Evening
1st July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 9.30 am
1st July	Friends of Manor Way Quiz - TBC
7th July	EYFS Sports Day 9.30 - 10.30 am
12th July	Summer Fayre - after school
15th July	EYFS Graduation
15th July	Leavers assembly and Awards 1.30 pm
15th July	Year 6 Sleepover

TERM DATES

2021- 2022 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022 (pick up 1.30pm)

2022- 2023 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October 2022

Term End Friday 16th December 2022

Inset Days 2021- 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022

(Monday 2nd May- May Day Bank Holiday)

Thursday 5th May 22 Election Day

Monday 27th June 2022

(Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra Bank Holiday)

Monday 5th September 2022