

## School News 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Superhero Day to you all! The children and staff looked amazing today and we had a ball! We hope that you and the children have enjoyed creating their costumes and coming together to help raise money for Comic Relief. If you haven't already done so, please do help us to support Comic Relief by donating via our [just giving page](#).

Firstly, a big well done to our Year 6 children who worked really hard on their Mock SATs last week. They are flying and it really helps to prepare them for their Sats and know what it's all about. Some of our other classes have also undertaken their NTS assessments this week and we will be sharing the results of these with you at the end of term when you receive the children's End of Term Learning Reviews.

The children have also outdone themselves at the Science Fayre this week, showcasing their home made projects from the lifecycle of a butterfly to growing a rainbow. Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning. We can only imagine the fun you have been having at home putting these together! What wonderful budding scientists we have! Thanks to Miss Skidmore for organising the events this week including a virtual session from a lecturer at Coventry University all about sustainable transport in the future.

We are excited to look ahead next week and amongst all our learning we have a Nursery trip to Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Centre, a Year 3 trip to Selly Manor and a visit from Dawn Haywood, our CEO on Monday. Another exciting week!

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

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!

 <b>Praise Certificates- Friday 18th March</b> 		
<b>R</b>	Alice	For being a responsible member of the class
<b>Year 1</b>	Ariella	Always being a responsible member of the class
<b>Year 2</b>	Ava	For being a responsible member of the class
<b>Year 3</b>	Michael	For being a responsible member of the class
<b>Year 4</b>	Holly	Being a responsible member of the class
<b>Year 5</b>	Riley	For taking responsibility for the right behaviour choices.
<b>Year 6</b>	Emmie-Leigh	Taking responsibility for her learning.

## 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 last two weeks:

 <b>Hot Chocolate Friday!</b> 		
<b>Reception</b>	Harley	
<b>Year 1</b>	Zachary	
<b>Year 2</b>	Alesha	
<b>Year 3</b>	Dexter	
<b>Year 4</b>	Tristan	
<b>Year 5</b>	Lottie	
<b>Year 6</b>	Riley	

## Our learning this week

**In Preschool,** we have started our new learning surrounding our new Whole Class Reading book "Dear Zoo" Written by Rod Campbell. The children have enjoyed sharing all their knowledge and stories about animals with their peers. Thank you to all the families who sent in photographs. The children really enjoyed sharing these with each other. As part of science week we have been very busy undertaking a number of different experiments. We have made slime, planted beanstalks, and watched a magical eruption caused by different chemicals mixed together! On top of all this we have celebrated St Patrick's day by learning an Irish Jig with Miss Hurst. What a wonderful action packed week of learning! Well done Preschool, I look forward to seeing you all next week. Miss Hurst.



**In Reception,** the children have been learning all about growing a seed for Science Week. They have individually planted their seed in a pot outside in compost ready for the warm weather to plant in our vegetable garden. In maths they have been 'estimating' a number and then checking by counting. For literacy the children have written sentences about how they planted a seed. The children are really enjoying working through the 'rainbow challenges' in our continuous provision in class. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to look around our new early years outside environment. The flowers which you helped to plant look amazing.



**In Year 1,** we have completed our story of Grandad's Island in our English lessons and have been creating a new adventure for Grandad and Syd to enjoy as an independent writing task. In maths we compared numbers to find the difference between them and have begun learning about fractions. See if we can tell you what 'one half' is. In our ASPIRE lessons, we compared life in London in 1666 with life in London today and made lots of observations. We have really enjoyed our science week activities! We have been learning about how plants grow from bulbs, tubers or seeds and have planted our own onion bulbs. We also thought

about sustainable vehicles and have come up with our own designs using renewable energy. Most of all, we really enjoyed the Science Fayre and have loved sharing our discoveries with each other. What a fantastic week!



**In Year 2**, this week we have been working hard on our NTS papers. In maths, we have started our new topic on 'addition and subtraction' and in English, we have started a new story called 'George and the Dragon'. In whole class reading, we have been continuing to enjoy 'Bill's New Frock' and discussing the themes arising from the book. In science, we have been learning about the importance of hygiene. On Thursday, we enjoyed visiting the Science Fayre and looking at everyone's brilliant projects!



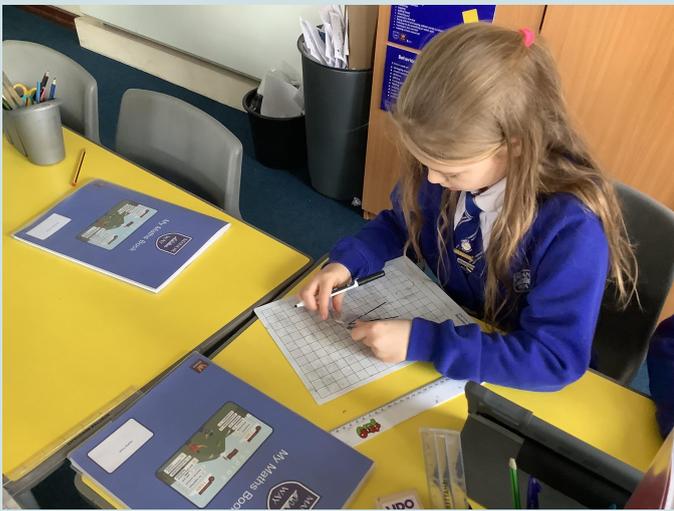
**In Year 3**, we have been super busy! We have done incredibly well completing our NTS papers. In maths, we have been looking at fractions of amounts. In writing, we published our humorous stories. Miss Wall loved reading all about 'The Grass Eating Man' and 'The Car Eating Boy'. In curriculum, we have loved beginning our Tudor topic. We looked at different events in the Tudor period and placed them in chronological order. As well as this, we have enjoyed celebrating Science Week by creating characters fit to live on mars and visiting the Science Fayre!



**In Year 4,** we have been showing off everything we know, as part of assessment week. We have also been enjoying writing a new piece in our English lessons, a poem, based on The River by Valerie Bloom. We have been trying to follow the rhyming pattern of the poem, which has been quite tricky! We have also been taking part in activities for science week. We loved sharing our science projects at the science fair. As part of the growth theme, we found out about how population growth, and the need to feed all those mouths has impacted on the planet. We designed our own low food mile burgers, so look out for these on a menu near you soon!



**In Year 5,** we have been identifying types of angles and have shown great resilience when learning to use protractors to accurately measure angles in maths. In English, we have been working collaboratively to write a poem about The Malfesance - some of us have even managed to keep an ABCB rhyming pattern! We have used Google Earth and the Clips App on our iPads to discover our next historical location - Rome! We have had a go at recording our learning by making a short film on Clips and have really enjoyed it! The children have worked incredibly hard on their NTS assessments this week and I have been very impressed by their improved test technique. Well done, Class 5!



**In Year 6,** following last week's superb Mock SATS scores, we have been working meticulously making corrections to some of the challenging questions we faced - I am so impressed with how resilient we have all been and how we are now using a variety of different strategies to solve problems. In our ASPIRE Curriculum, we had great fun launching our new theme about the Ancient Maya - we have already identified where this civilization was based in the world and when they fit in on a world timeline. In addition, as part of British Science Week, we learn all about famous scientist Jamie Garcia who has played a leading role in developing

recyclable plastic. As well as this, in Art we practised sketching Smaug the dragon and Gandalf the wizard - two popular characters from our whole class reader - The Hobbit. Well done Class 6 on another super week - let's keep up the good work!



## Staffing

### Deputy Headteacher

We would like to congratulate Mrs Fox on her new post as a MAT Leader in another Academy Trust. Mrs Fox will be leaving us at the end of this term and we wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her for the amazing job she has done during her time at Manor Way.

Mrs Whitmore will be the Acting Deputy Headteacher for the Summer Term until we appoint a new Deputy to start in September. We have a strong leadership team in place for the Summer Term and look forward to welcoming our new Assistant Head Laura Brettle to join the leadership team when we return to school after Easter.

### EYFS

Miss Hurst has made the difficult decision to look for a job closer to her new home. Although we are sad to see her leave, we are so pleased for her, as this will save her 15 hours a week in travelling time that she can enjoy in her new home! Miss Hurst will be with us until the end of the school year and will prepare her Preschoolers for Reception and celebrate their graduation with them. Miss Hurst is excited to have fun in the Summer Term with Preschool.

Therefore, we are currently advertising for an EYFS teacher. If you know anyone who is fantastic and would like to join our Manor Way family please click on the [link](#).

## Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 7th - 11th March 96%	
Reception	98.6%
Year 1	92.0%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	91.6%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	100%



**Well done and congratulations to  
Year 6  
for receiving the  
Attendance Trophy last week!**

## Express and Star Cash for Schools

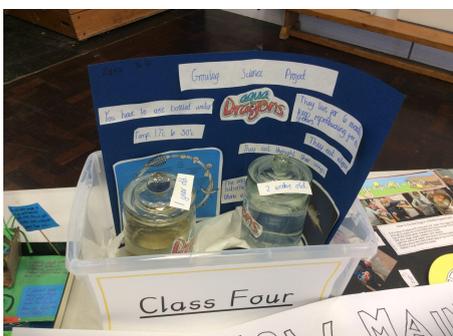
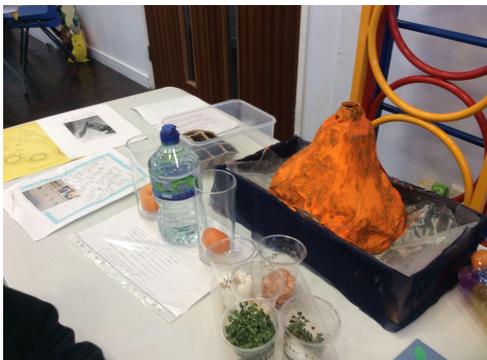
We have signed up for **Cash for Schools**. From **Thursday 3rd March 2022** until **Saturday 2nd April** you will be able to collect cash for school tokens from the Express and Star. The five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil will share the prize pot. All schools taking place will be showcased in a special **Cash for Schools** supplement which will appear in the express and Star on Thursday 3rd March.

## Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022- Monday 21st March- Friday 1st April

This year the charity Sustrans have combined Walk to school and the Big Pedal and have given it the new name 'The Big Walk and Wheel 2022'. Those who have enjoyed taking part in previous years will remember that during these two weeks the pupils and their parents/carers are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Each journey is logged by the class teacher and entered into the database to try to win prizes. If you're new to this, don't worry, more details will follow but I wanted to prepare you so that you can dust off those scooters and bikes in the hope for some nice weather.

## British Science Week 2022

What a fantastic week we have had immersed in this year's Science Week topic of 'Growth'. We have all enjoyed classroom activities exploring the theme, exploring the growth of sustainable living and been inspired by the work of real scientists - past and present. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed finding out about the growth of the sustainable vehicle market and what the future looks like in that area with Doctor Hutchinson and we were all in awe of the wonderful projects that were brought in to share with us in our Science Fayre. What wonderful scientists we have at Manor Way! Well done everyone!



## Vaccine Update – February 2022

As we approach the half term break we would like to make parents of children who are 5-11 and 12-15 aware of the opportunities to book or walk-in for a covid vaccine. This is only for Children aged 5-11 years **in a clinical risk group or living with someone who is immunosuppressed**. Parents and guardians will be contacted with further information or to book an appointment. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Preschool Applications

We have 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](mailto:information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

## Manor Way Activity Club- Easter Holidays.

The Manor Way Activity Club will be running during the Easter holidays the first week Monday 11th April until Thursday 14th and the second week Wednesday 20th April until Friday 22nd April 2022. The club is open 8.00am until 5.30 pm at a cost of £22.00 per child per day. Please contact Trudy Fowkes on 07746 592 589 or email [afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) for more information and to book places.

## 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.

## School Mystery.

Can you help us solve a mystery? We would like to return a photograph album back to its rightful owner and we need your help. The dates in the album are 1977. Do you recognise anybody in either of the photos below? If so, please get in touch with the School Office and we can reunite the album with its family.



## DIARY DATES

<b>21st Mar- 1st Apr</b>	The Big Walk and Wheel 2022
<b>3rd April</b>	Last day for collecting E&S Cash for Schools Vouchers
<b>7th April</b>	Easter and Mothers Celebration
<b>8th April</b>	<b>Break up at 1pm</b>
<b>5th May</b>	School Closed Election Day
<b>9th-13th May</b>	Yr6 SATs Week
<b>8th-12th June</b>	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week
<b>21st June</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>23rd June</b>	Parents' Evening

## **TERM DATES**

### **2021- 2022 Spring Term Dates**

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st February- Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022 (pick up 1pm)

### **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 1pm)

### **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 TBC

(Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra Bank Holiday)