MANOR WAY MAIL

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Manor Way Weekly News Roundup

It has been another great week around school, filled with exciting news and upcoming updates!

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their visit to Pioneer, and we will be sharing a full photo gallery next week so you can see all of their adventures. Meanwhile, don't miss this week's special feature on last Friday's WAT Primary Games, packed with achievements and highlights from the day.

For parents interested in supporting school events, the Friends of Manor Way meeting takes place today; if you couldn't make it, please reach out to Miss Wall for more information. We are also thrilled to share that our brand-new reading nooks are officially complete, and we look forward to sending you a flurry of photos next week to showcase these wonderful improvements.

Reminders for next week

- **Year 4** have **swimming** on Monday. We depend on volunteers to make this happen providing support to walk to and from the Swimming Pool, to ensure ratios. Please contact Miss Timmins as we are low on numbers.
- **Year 3** have their **Stone Age Workshop** on Friday. Please ensure that consents and payments have been made on Arbor. We are looking forward to seeing you in your Stone Age 'dress'! (Make sure you have a warm coat or jumper for playtime please)
- **Reception parents** have a **phonics workshop** next Thursday 24th September. Please come along and learn about how we teach your child phonics. All family members are welcome including grandparents and anyone who is interested and loves reading to your child.
- **Parking** - please ensure that you do not park over residents drives or on corners. It is really difficult for our wonderful neighbours and some of them have been blocked in when trying to leave home for work and school.
- **Photo Consent** - please ensure you have the correct photo consent for your child on Arbor. Please contcat the office if you have any queries.
- We like to **limit waste** as much as possible. We are seeing a huge increase in food waste with some parents booking **hot dinners** and providing a **packed lunch**. If you have concerns about your child's eating at school please let the class teacher know.
- **Parent volunters** are needed to help support our amazing **Forest School** Programme every **Monday and Tuesday afternoon**. If you are available to help please let the school office know.

Staff Update

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Bartlett, who is leaving Manor Way after three and a half years as the welcoming face of our school. While we are sad to see her go, we are delighted that her new role offers flexible working and more quality time with her young family, and we wish her the very best for the future!

But fear not, Mrs Bayley, our other smiling face at the window, will be in the office on a full time basis.

Thank you Mrs Bartlett for all you have given to our Manor Way Family. We will miss you!

Our Reading Bears

This year we are continuing our 'Reading Bears' initiative! Here are a few notes that will hopefully answer any questions you may have.

Each child will have the chance to bring the class bear home during the year, either from Monday to Thursday or from Friday to Monday.

There is a selection of books in the bag for you to choose from. It is not expected that you read everything in the bag, especially for older year groups where the books are quite long!

Please remember to sign your bear's diary to keep a record of your reading together. You are not expected to take the bear out on your family adventures—it is absolutely fine to just read with him at home!

WAT Primary Games

We are incredibly proud of all the children who represented Manor Way Primary Academy at this year's WAT Games. They represented our school exceptionally well throughout the day, demonstrating superb sportsmanship, teamwork and an impressive level of skill across a range of sporting events.

Their fantastic efforts were rewarded with some brilliant results, with our Year 4 team winning the Hockey Tournament and our Year 6 team winning the Rugby Tournament. Both teams showed determination, teamwork and excellent sporting behaviour from start to finish.

In the afternoon, the children took part in a full programme of athletics events, including relay races, 60m, 150m and 400m races, howler and long jump. There were some outstanding individual and team performances, with every child giving their very best for Manor Way.

A special mention must go to the Year 4 boys' relay team and Sebastian Overton who excelled in their events and produced a fantastic performance. We would also like to congratulate Harry Darby, who demonstrated a superb level of intelligent and skilful running in the 400m race, showing excellent tactical awareness and determination throughout.

To round off an incredible day, Manor Way finished 2nd overall out of the seven primary schools in the Trust, with just one point separating 1st and 2nd place. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work, determination and sporting excellence shown by our children throughout the competition.

It was a fantastic day of competition, and we couldn't be prouder of every child who represented Manor Way. Well done to all of our athletes!

Events Coming Up!

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24th September	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop - 9am please enter through Reception after dropping children off
25th September	Year 3 - Stone Age Day Workshop - Stone Age Costume optional but fun!
29th September	School Nurse Assembly
1st October	Celebration Lunch
2nd Oct - 8th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
14th October	Harvest Assembly - 14th October, please bring in your donations for the Black Country Foodbank and place on your donation station on the way into school. See link
19th October	Flu Vaccinations. Consents will be emailed nearer the date.
20th October	Reception - Sycamore Adventure Trip - adult volunteers required please.
23rd October	School Disco • Reception and KS1 3pm - 4 pm • KS2 4. 10pm - 5.10pm
3rd & 4th November	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
4th November	Reception Intake September 2027 Open Morning - 9.30am
4th November	Year 4 - Roman Day Workshop. Come dressed as a Roman!
5th November	Year 5 - Egyptian Day Workshop. Dress up as an Egyptian!
11th November	Remembrance Day Assembly
13th November	Bee Kind Day. Dress in yellow and donate daffodils to brighten the school site and remind everyone about the importance of mental health when they flower year on year.
28th November	Christmas Fayre - 11am - 1pm
2nd December	Reception Intake September 2027 - Open Morning - 9.30am
9th & 10th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.30am
11th December	Year 1 - 6 Christmas Theatre Trip to The Old Rep Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast. Volunteers welcomed and appreciated!
14th December	National Elf Service Day. Come dressed as an elf to deliver Christmas cards to our neighbours and read to our friends from Lapal House Care Home.
15th December	Christmas Hat & Dinner Day. Wear your most festive hat with school uniform.
16th December	Christmas Jumper & Jeans Day when we visit Santa's Grotto and have Winter fun in Manor Way's Dragon Wood
17th December	Christmas Party Day - Dress to sparkle and shine!
18th December	Christmas Pyjama Day. Come dressed in your PJ's and donate to Mary Steven's Hospice. School finishes at 1.15pm. Come and join us on the playground for Carols around the Tree.