

# Manor Way Primary Academy

## Happy and Successful Learners



### School News 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it has been a wonderful week to remember this week. School has been full of laughter and learning. Your children have continued to amaze us with their resilience, energy and enthusiasm. They are a little tired today and will sleep well this weekend!

Thank you for being so supportive and sending them back. We have had 100% attendance this week!

The children have started learning about our ASPIRE character virtues and learner skills this week and we have particularly focused on 'respect'. Lots of children have been respectful in and around school, saying hello and helping others. Next week will be focusing on 'being responsible'.

A big thank you to Miss Skidmore for organising the fantastic science events we have had and we hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

### Our learning this week...

**In Preschool**, it has been an absolute joy to have all of the Preschool children back together in class. We have been enjoying planting potatoes with Mrs Mason this week. The children have also had lots and lots of fun role-playing and building relationships with each other in our new home corner. We have been doing some observational finger paintings of some "beautiful" flowers. In maths this week the children have worked hard to count different amounts of moon rocks. I have been blown away by your enthusiasm this week Preschool, have a well earned rest this weekend, and I look forward to seeing you next week for another action packed week!



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It's been an exciting day for pupils, parents and school staff as children and young people return to schools and colleges and be reunited with friends and colleagues.

The smiles, cheers and laughter say it all 😊

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In **Reception**, what a fantastic week we have had with all the children back in class together! We could not believe how much you had all grown! This week for our learning we have been recapping our tricky words, phase 2 and 3 graphemes in phonics. The children have been writing sentences about what they would like to 'aspire' to be and understanding how to be respectful. For science week we have started learning all about the scientific 'David Attenborough'. We have made observational drawings of the frog spawn in our fish tank and learnt all about how not to waste water. In maths we have been learning about money and how to buy items using a one penny coin. Have a wonderful rest at the weekend, you all deserve it!



In **Year 1**, we have loved coming back together as the Wonderful Ones! We have been learning about the dark and have thought of some brilliant adjectives and comparisons in order to write our descriptions of the dark. In maths, we have been reviewing arithmetic strategies with a focus on adding multiples of 10 and near multiples of 10. We have also been reviewing 1 more and 1 less. We have shared our wonderful 'Where in the World am I?' projects with our classmates and those children who haven't made one have made one at school. We have also been learning about how to be water efficient with our super workshop with South Staffs Water. Ask us what we can do at home to become more water efficient!



In **Year 2**, it has been so wonderful to have everyone back together again! In English, we have started our new text, 'The Building Boy' and have been using repetition, suffixes, alliteration and dialogue in our writing! In maths, we have continued to look at 3D shapes and in science, we have continued our topic on 'Living Things'. In phonics, we have been learning about homophones.

In **Year 3**, we have loved every minute of being back together! As expected, we have adjusted perfectly to being back in the classroom and myself and Mrs Mason could not be more proud! In maths, we have made an excellent start to looking at fractions. The children have loved shading  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of different shapes. In English, we have started exploring non-chronological reports and how they are structured. In curriculum we have been drawing illustrations to represent the physical and human features both in Wales and in Halesowen- it has been really interesting to compare the two together!

In **Year 4**, we have had a fantastic start to the term. We have begun a new unit of work in English all about a little puppy and his BIG appetite. Miss Buffery brought her beautiful dog, Bear, in for a visit; we found out that she loves her ball and will do all sorts of tricks for a blueberry. We used this experience to gather lots of ambitious vocabulary that we will be able to use in our own writing. We have continued our learning on Iceland and Italy and we have been using Google Earth to find out about the physical features of each country and deciding where we would like to live and why.



In **Year 5**, it has been every bit as wonderful as we had hoped to all be back together. We are even more engrossed in our learning than ever it seems! We have produced a superb summary of everything that we have learnt about Natural Disasters and did an excellent job of presenting our ideas to the class. Not only have we been laughing lots at Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions, but we have also begun planning an explanation text about one: [The Snoozatron](#) to be specific! In maths, we have continued to think very hard about improper fractions and mixed numbers. Well done, Class 5. It has been nothing short of delightful to have you all back.

In **Year 6**, our class has started fabulously since returning this week. I have been amazed by their knowledge of rainforests and some of our posters and presentations for how to help conserve and save the rainforests were brilliant. Away from geography, I have been impressed with children's knowledge and use of formulas in maths- children have even used inverse effectively to calculate missing numbers. In English, our class has prepared and planned a fantastic non-chronological report all about the Amazon rainforest- I have been very impressed with how they have found statistics and key facts to include in their reports. As well as this, we had great fun with our Science workshops all about innovating for the future and the water cycle. Well done Year 6 for a fantastic first week back!

In **PE**, it's been great to have you all back in PE and keeping active. In KS2, we have been playing invasion games and working on teamwork. In KS1, we have been learning what invasion games are with attackers and defenders. Learning how we can score points within these games. After school clubs start next week so make sure you're signed up:

<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30-4:30pm	Year 6- Football	Year 2- Sports Club
<b>Thursday</b> 3:30-4:30pm	Year 4- Football	Year 3- Dodgeball
<b>Friday</b> 3:30-4:30pm	Year 5- Football	Year 1- Sports Club

## Lunch Menu

The current lunch menu can be viewed [here](#).

For the week commencing 15th March the lunch menu is: **Week 2**

For the week commencing 22nd March the lunch menu is: **Week 3**

## Love2Dance Virtual Show

This year we have been unable to do Love2Dance and Easter Dance showcases so the Trust has put together a virtual dance showcase. The show will go live from 6pm on Friday 19th March until the following Monday evening to allow everyone that wants to view it to have time!



## Love2Dance Virtual Showcase

To be part of Windsor Academy Trusts first ever virtual dance showcase follow the link on the google form, learn the dance, record yourself and upload your video.  
Going live across WAT on Friday 19th March!

All Trust schools will be part of the performance and we are told that viewers are in for a treat!



The Love2Dance Virtual Showcase has been moved to **Friday 19th March** and a link to view will be sent out to you in due course.

You can upload your video to [Love2Dance Virtual Show](#)

## The Big Pedal 2021

It's time to get those bikes and scooters out!

Manor Way are pleased to be taking part in this year's Big Pedal. The Big Pedal takes place between the dates **19th- 30th April**. For those of you who are new to the Big Pedal, it's a great opportunity to leave the car at home and travel to school on a bike, scooter or simply on foot, whilst trying to win prizes in a national competition. We are aware that it isn't always possible to leave the car behind and some people need to come in the car or on the bus, but you can still join in by parking a little further away from school and walking, scooting or riding the rest of the distance. And don't think it's just for the pupils, every adult walking, riding or scooting gets counted as well. Every journey counts (on a bike or a scooter or on foot)! Look out for more details about the event and where bikes and scooters will be stored during the school day but in the meantime you can find out more by following the link [Sustrans Big Pedal 2021](#).

So dust off those wheels, check the brakes and let's hope for some good weather!

Mrs Mason



## The Big Battery Hunt

Calling all used batteries!

I'm hoping that lockdown has left you with a lot of used batteries that you are unsure of what to do with. Manor Way would love to take them off your hands. Eco council have been busy counting used batteries ready to send them off to be recycled and we'd love to reach 1000. We have already sent off 1000 to be recycled so every used battery helps. All you need to do is put your old batteries into a plastic bag and the pupils can bring them in and put them into the various battery containers around school, then the Eco councillors will get counting.

## Easter Holiday Club

Easter Holiday Club with Trudy will be running from Wednesday 7th April to Friday 16th April. If you require a place or have any questions, please contact Trudy Fowkes on 07746592589 or [afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

## Symptom-free Covid-19 testing available to you and your household

Parents and carers and anyone else living with a school age child or young person are among the priority groups being given access to free home lateral flow testing kits to test themselves.



In Dudley Borough, anyone who needs to leave their home for any reason (such as work, caring responsibilities, shopping, etc.) is being encouraged to get regular rapid symptom free Covid-19 tests. More details can be found [here](#).

Information on how to access these can be found [here](#) (on the government website).

Twice weekly testing will help detect hidden asymptomatic (symptom-free) cases and help keep pupils and staff safer in school.

Anyone unable to do home testing can go to one of the Dudley lateral flow testing centres. These are at Dudley Leisure Centre and Saltwells Education Centre, with pop-up sessions at Holy Trinity Church Community Centre in Wordsley, Lifecentral Church in Halesowen, St Andrews Church in Sedgley, St James Church in Wollaston and the Salvation Army Church in Lye.

There is also testing at more than 30 pharmacies across the borough. For details on where you can get a lateral flow test and to book visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing).

**You are strongly encouraged to have a lateral flow test at a local testing site prior to starting home testing, to know how a test is undertaken.**

Please do pass on and share this information as widely as possible. Regular, twice weekly rapid testing for people without symptoms is a vital part of the fight against Covid-19. One in three people don't have any symptoms, so don't know they have the virus. Rapid symptom free testing finds hidden cases, ensuring you don't pass it onto family members, friends or workmates, stopping the spread of the virus.

## TERM DATES

### 2020-2021 Spring Term Dates

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

### 2020-2021 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

### Inset Days 2020- 2021

**Monday 19th April 2021**

Monday 28th June 2021