

School News 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Another fabulous week in school with successes and achievements galore. Our children are working hard on their times tables and we have had pen licences and certificates awarded across school this week. Well done to the children that were awarded Praise certificates in assembly this week and last week.

	Praise certificates have been awarded to:
Reception	Edie, Florence, Charlotte & Jaien
Year 1	Eddie, Harry, Imogen & Alesha
Year 2	Elaina, Robyn, Joanna & Alice
Year 3	Evelyn-Rose, Tristan, Esther & Shakeel
Year 4	Alex, Sophie M, Siena & Rosie
Year 5	Jack, Lacey, Adam & Riley H
Year 6	Hassan, Hannah, Lily & Guy

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Drew

Many of you know Mrs Drew and will join us in wishing her all the very best as she leaves Manor Way, when we break up for half term, after 14 years here. Mrs Drew is known and loved by all and has been a constant face and support in our Early Years for many years, meeting and greeting, and settling both children and parents into school at Manor Way. If anyone ever needs a pick me up we know Mrs Drew will be there with her 'cupboard of joy' and always keeps spirits high. We wish her all the very best with her new adventure and more time with her family. Thank you for everything you have done and good luck!



Mrs Drew writes:

After almost 15 years my time at Manor Way is soon to come to an end. I have a new adventure to go to but I will be thinking of all the friends I have made here over the years. I would like to thank staff (friends) and all of the children and parents past and present for all of your kind words and lovely smiles everyday- these won't be forgotten. You have all been and will continue to be a huge part of my memories.

Never forget what you can make with a cardboard tube!

With great respect, marshmallow hugs and kindness, I send my love.

Thank you forever! Mrs Drew

Eid Mubarak

We hope our families celebrating the end of Ramadan this week had a fabulous time. We hope this time of prayer and feasting has been a special one after the year we have all experienced. An extra thank you to Samir, Rahil & Faaria's family who sent in samosas for the staff today, much appreciated!

In Preschool, we have had a super start to our learning all about 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion'. In maths we have continued to work hard to recognise numbers and use this knowledge to build giraffe necks. Using some new mathematical language, too! In Preschool we are working hard to develop our independence. I am blown away at the grown up manner we are using when entering school! Everyone is working towards putting their own coats and bags on their pegs, adults please continue to encourage this. Keep up the great work all!



In Reception, we have been learning all about Africa through the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. The children have retold the story in their writing, made african necklaces from paper plates and tasted the fruit in Handa's basket. The children really enjoyed trying the kiwi fruit the most! We have also been learning to subtract a number jumping backwards on a numberline. Well done for another fantastic week!



In Year 1, we have had a fabulous time exploring fractions and we now know all about halves and quarters. See if we can tell you about this! In English we have written up our own retells of 'Walter the Baker'. We used wonderful vocabulary and we are working really hard on making sure our sentences make good sense and are correctly punctuated. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week we thought about nature and how exploring nature helps us to feel good. In computing we have been learning about sorting and grouping and have explored different ways we can classify each group. What a wonderful fortnight it has been!



In Year 2, this week in English, we have completed our unit on 'The Building Boy' and next week, we will be planning and writing our own version of the story! In phonics, we have been learning the spelling rules for when adding the suffix 'er' to words. In maths we have continued our unit on 'measurement' and have learnt how to measure in cm and m as well as learning to compare measurements. In our curriculum lesson, we have been learning about the Titanic and why it was special.

In Year 3, this week in maths we have been continuing to work on fractions and how we can add fractions together. In English we have made an excellent start to planning our formal letters which we will be writing next week. In curriculum we have enjoyed beginning to explore the Tudor period and how the Tudor rose was created. From this, the children created their own roses which symbolised themselves and what is important to them. Well done Year 3!

In Year 4, we have been working hard recognising and naming different types of angles. We have used an angle measurer to help us with this and now consider ourselves to be experts on acute, right and obtuse angles. We have moved through the planning stage for our own stories based on Feast, and have begun writing our first drafts. We are very excited about this! In our curriculum lessons we have been finding out about the Viking invasion at Lindisfarne and have created our own comic strips to show the events which followed. What a busy couple of weeks!

In Year 5, we have completed our whole class writing based on 'Cosmic' which has involved more underage drivers! Next week we will be writing our own versions of the story. In maths we have wrapped up our unit about angles and have moved onto looking at coordinates and translations. We have also been busy getting our teeth stuck into all things Roman Britain and were shocked to find out that the Romans used British prisoners of war as slaves!

In Year 6, this week in maths we have learnt about how to plot coordinates in 4 quadrants and how to translate them into different positions. In English, we have made a fantastic start to our adventure narratives by planning our story opening and build up as well as collecting some fantastic vocabulary that we can use in our independent writing. I have also been really impressed with how our children have designed their very own Mayan city, considering where to position the growth of crops by diverting the river to make canals supplying water to them. Well done Year 6 - it has been a great week!

Pen Licences

A huge well done to Lilia, Brooke & Finley who have been awarded their pen licences this week!

Lunch Menu

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

For the week commencing 17th May the lunch menu is: **Week 2**

For the week commencing 24th May the lunch menu is: **Week 3**

Thursday 20th May is our Fun Lunch day which you have already placed orders for. Please note Grab Bags will not be available on this day so if your child is not having a 'fun lunch' you will need to send in lunch from home please.

Coats in school

Please remember to send your children into school with a coat as the weather is still very unpredictable and they still go outside even if it is raining slightly.



iPads for Learning- Year 3

A letter was emailed to Year 3 parents on 7th May outlining the exciting iPads for Learning opportunity and asking parents to sign up for the information sessions.

The information sessions take place live on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th May, 6.15pm to 7.00pm.

Please click [here](#) to sign up for this exciting opportunity.

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PLUS...

This summer term, we're asking children to send us their own dazzling National Book Token designs. Six weekly winners will get their artwork made into a £10 gift card – one for them, and one for everyone in their class!

nationalbooktokens.com/create

National Book Tokens' big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to **win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library**– and if your entry is picked, **you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!** Please help Manor Way to win this prize by nominating us via the [website](#), it's just at the bottom of the page and will only take a moment!

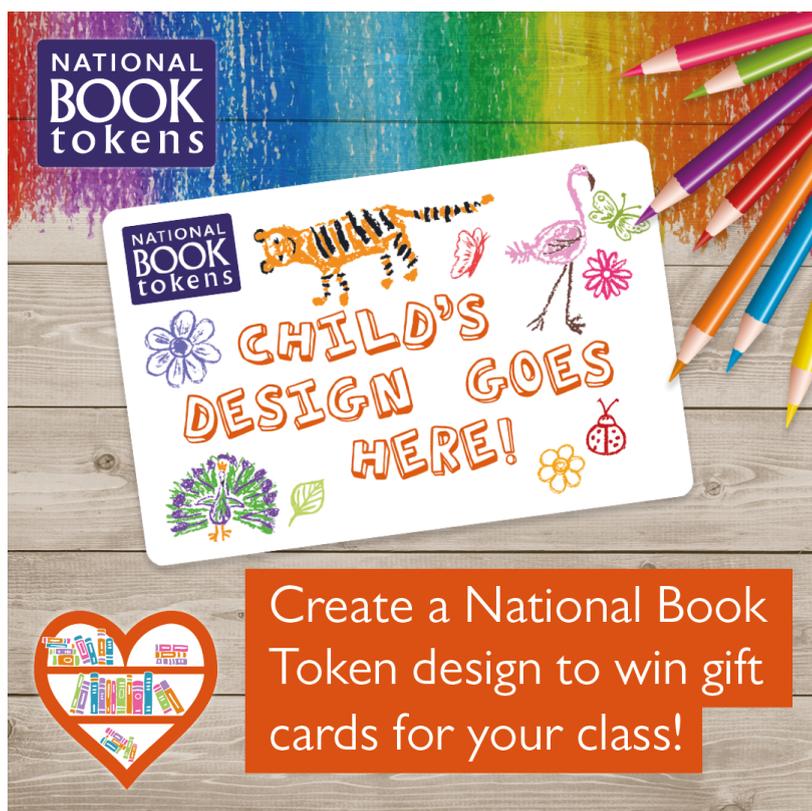
The children can also get involved in another National Book Tokens' competition- here's how:

This summer term, we're asking children to send us their own dazzling National Book Token designs. Whether it's your school crest doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, we want to see it all!

Six weekly winners throughout May and June will get their artwork made into up to **35 gift cards, each loaded with £10/€10** to spend on brilliant books – that's one for you, and one for everyone else in your class!

The closing date for entries is Sunday 13th June 2021.

Find out more [here](#).



ASDA

ASDA has contacted school with the offer of school uniform for parents who may be struggling financially. They can supply uniforms for two children. If you are interested please contact the school office.

School Uniform Exchange

As children grow so quickly and uniform is expensive, we would like to start a uniform exchange. We are creating a nearly new rail where parents can purchase these items for a small donation to school fund. If you have items of school uniform that are in good condition, that you would like to donate, then please wash and iron and remove any labels prior to bringing uniform into school.

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Year 5 parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021. To register, parents need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org.

DPA Music Lessons

Students can still enrol for music lessons with Dudley Performing Arts at just £9 for an individual 20 minute lesson. Everything you need to know including how to enrol can be found on their website [here](#).

May Half term Holiday Club

May Half term Holiday Club run by our Activity Club will be running from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th June. If you would like a place or have any questions, please contact Trudy Fowkes on 07746592589 or afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

TERM DATES

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 3rd May 2021 (Bank Holiday)

Thursday 6th May Local Election Day

Monday 28th June 2021

2021 -2022 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Inset Days 2021- 2022

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021