

**Praise Certificates**

Praise certificates last Friday and today have been awarded to the following children. Hige congratulations on receiving your praise certificates.

<b>Reception</b>	Elliot L, Frankie, Alice and Edie
<b>Year 1</b>	Alesha, Lewis, Dylan and Owen
<b>Year 2</b>	Jude, James, Hope and Isobelle
<b>Year 3</b>	Xavier, Noah, Florence and Evelyn-Rose
<b>Year 4</b>	Emily, Cameron, Henry and Annabelle
<b>Year 5</b>	Chloe, Jamie, Pippa and Jake
<b>Year 6</b>	Harriet, Lewis, Mya and Stevie

**In Preschool**, we have been learning about all things monstrous and beasty. Inspired by our new Whole Class Reading book 'Billy and the Beast'. The children have been working hard to use their fine motor skills to put the monster slime into small pots! (Much trickier than you might think!). We have been writing invitations for our Monsters' Tea Party, it was just delightful. In maths, we have been working really hard to read numbers and feed the monsters the correct amount of monster snacks. For our science share, the children had a go at making slime! We were amazed to watch the ingredients form chemical bonds and change consistency when combined! Well done everyone for your hard work this week!



**In Reception**, we have been learning all about our Whole Class Reading book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been retelling the story in sentences for writing, in maths they have been problem solving counting the amount of legs for each person in a boat. We have also been making cards for Father's Day, writing messages and talking about why our Dads are so special.

**In Year 1**, we have had a great start to our new current affairs theme, thinking about the big question, 'Can we feed the world?'. We had a very interesting virtual meeting with the staff at the Black Country Foodbank and found out lots of interesting information about what they do. We have been practising writing and asking questions in English and had the chance to practise this with a visit from the Community Support Officers. In maths, we have continued to learn about 2 digit numbers and their value.

**In Year 2**, in maths we have enjoyed learning to tell the time. In English, we have been writing effective sentences and have been using dialogue, repetition and similes for example. In our Whole Class Reading sessions, we have started our new text, 'The Legend of Kevin'. In science, we had fun making bug hotels in forest school. We have also started our new Curriculum topic which is all about 'Plastic Pollution'.

**In Year 3**, we have had a fantastic week of learning. In maths, we have been investigating the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. In writing, we have been working hard at uplevelling our work and writing brilliant

setting descriptions. In science, we enjoyed celebrating 'Science Share Day'. We investigated whether diet coke or regular coke would float in water and how citrus acids react with baking soda. We were so surprised at what we found!



**In Year 4**, we have been learning about different units of measurement in maths. We have been converting between units and solving problems. We have been looking at persuasive writing in English, and planning and writing a persuasive article about whether we think children's TV shows should be banned. We had some very strong feelings on this subject as you might imagine! We have begun our new curriculum theme all about plastic pollution and we kicked this off with an investigation into the single use plastic waste created in Year 4 over one lunchtime. We were shocked!



**In Year 5**, we have been listening to the stories of refugees from across the world and are writing a speech to help others understand what they go through. In reading, we have immersed ourselves in all things Ethiopia so that we are ready to read our new text, 'The Fastest Boy in the World'. In history, we have found ourselves in the middle of the Celtic revolt against the Romans and have enjoyed presenting everything that we have learnt using Google slides.

**In Year 6**, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading our magnificent stories based on The Hobbit- great job everyone. We have also now started our new writing focus for the next 2 weeks by looking at a balanced argument. I have been really impressed with how children in Class 6 are beginning to recognise some of the features of this type of nonfiction text. As well as this, Class 6 worked expertly as part of the Great Science Share by looking at how we can conserve and save energy in our homes by making an energy plan. It has also been exciting launching our new ASPIRE Curriculum theme looking into the role of sustainability in agriculture- well done Class 6!

## PE Kit

Please ensure that your child wears shorts and a t-shirt for PE with their joggers over the top. Some children did not have their shorts or skorts in school this week and they are too hot in lessons and not wearing the correct uniform.

## Lunch Menu

Thank you for your huge efforts in switching over to our new lunch ordering system on ParentMail during the last two weeks. We are very pleased with how well this has begun and hope that you are also finding the online ordering and payments more convenient. We were very close to having all orders today made through the App which is super!

**From Monday next week (21st June), we will base our portion numbers fully on electronic orders and will not be double checking with the children each morning.** If your child needs a school lunch but you have not pre-ordered, the kitchen will be able to make your child a grab bag (sandwich) only at lunch time.

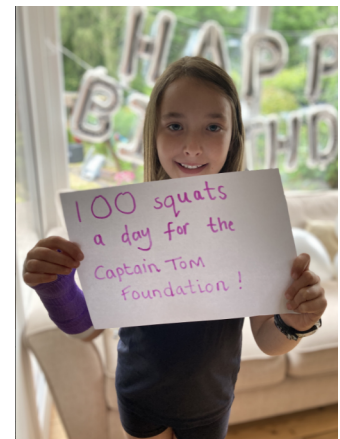
The current lunch menu can be viewed [here](#). If you would like more information on the new ordering system, please contact the school office or the kitchen directly.

## Class Photographs

Class photographs have been sent home with your child today. Photographs can be ordered online or by returning the form and payment inside the envelope provided to the school office (in person or via bookbags). To minimise the transfer of items, please can we encourage you to order online where possible. The deadline for ordering (both online and for returning to school) is **Monday 5th July**.

## Pippa's Challenge

Pippa in Year 5 has unfortunately broken her arm and is so disappointed that she can't play rugby, have dance lessons, do PE or play the piano, so- to keep fit and active- she has set herself a challenge! Pippa was inspired by Captain Tom during the pandemic so she is doing 100 squats a day whilst she is wearing her cast! All money raised will go towards the Captain Tom Foundation which helps charities combatting loneliness and also supports charities supporting young people's mental health following the pandemic. Pippa is hoping Manor Way will all get behind her and donate to her fundraising page for this great cause. If you would like to support Pippa's challenge, please visit her just giving page, [here](#).



## What to wear for the weather?

As we approach the end of the Summer Term and hope for warmer weather, please still send your child to school with their jumper as we will continue to keep classroom windows open for ventilation. On sunny days, please also make sure that your child has a hat/cap in school and suncream on (children will need to put on at home or self-apply). However, with the usual unpredictable British weather, please also remember to send your children into school with a coat as they will still go outside if it is raining slightly.

**Manor Way Caps-** We have restocked our supply of Manor Way Caps and these are now available to purchase from the school office for £4, for your convenience. We will take payments via ParentMail in advance or at the time ideally, but can accept cash or cheque if necessary (please note, we are not currently holding change in school).

## iPads for Learning current Year 3 Pupils

If you intend to sign up iPads for learning for your child ready for September, the deadline is 25th June. If you need any clarification, advice or help signing up please do not hesitate to contact school and speak to either Miss Buffery or Mrs Gowanlock.

## The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Year 5 parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org).

## Transition

That time has come around again and our thoughts turn to the next class that your child will be moving to. We are keen to ensure that we make the transition for children from their present class to their new class a smooth one and we have planned a series of transition activities for the children in our current Reception to Year 5 classes. These activities will help them become familiar with their new teacher and prepare them for a happy and successful start to the new school year. We will share your child's new teacher with you when we have finalised staffing plans.

Date	Transition Arrangements
5.7.21	<p><b>Virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meeting</b> with parents and carers. Each teacher will host two transition meetings in order for parents with siblings to attend their meetings. If you have three children in school we will make separate arrangements for your third meeting with the teacher. Further information will follow.</p> <p>Meeting 1    3.50 - 4.15 Meeting 2    4.20 - 4.45</p>
16.7.21	<p><b>Superhero Day</b> A day where the children and staff (and parents, if you want to!) can come dressed as superheroes to celebrate the fact that they have all been heroes this year. It will be a day of fun and celebration. This will be the last day that your child will spend with their current teacher as they will have two and a half transition days with their new teacher at the start of the last week.</p>
16.7.21	<p><b>Send a Wave</b> New teachers will '<b>send a wave</b>' to the children at home via Class Dojo with information all about themselves. A template of a wave will be uploaded to Class Dojo so children can complete their own and 'send a wave' back to their new teacher.</p>
19.7.21 20.7.21 21.7.21	<p><b>Transition Days</b> Your child will come into school and go to their new classroom and be taught by their new teacher on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of July. This will support them to be familiar with their classroom and their teacher before they break up.  On the last day, 21.7.21, the children will return to their current teacher and classroom for the last hour before dinner to say goodbye and get ready for bedtime and breaking up.  Year 6 will have a series of activities planned for them on these days and their traditional send off at bedtime.</p>

## 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.

## SEND reviews:

These are planned for Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th July and will be virtual meetings.

## 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.

## DPA Music Lessons

Please look out for the ParentMail sent yesterday regarding Dudley Performing Arts Music Lessons for the next school year. The form will give you the opportunity to sign up for individual and group lessons for the following range of instruments:

Recorder (KS1, before progressing to woodwind as children move into KS2)

Flute (KS2 children only)

Clarinet (KS2 children only)

Violin

Guitar

Singing

Drums (one to one lessons only)

Piano

Keyboard

If you are interested, please make sure that you complete the form by **Monday 28th June**. (There is also an opportunity to say 'no' on the form which should then stop the automated reminders and alerts if you prefer).

## Manor Way Activity Club

The summer holiday club is running as usual for four weeks, with the itinerary being finalised closer to the dates due to the changing COVID restrictions. The club will run on weekdays only, beginning on Thursday 23rd July and ending on Wednesday 18th August, 8am-5:30pm. Places are limited and cost £21 per day, with siblings at £17. To learn more about the club and to book places, please contact Trudy Fowkes (manager) by emailing [afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk). No bookings will be taken after Friday 16th July.

## 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

Friday 10th December 2021