

## School News 1st April 2021

### Happy Easter

Well everyone, we have reached the end of another term in these unusual times we are living through. Who knew that when we broke up in December we wouldn't be back together again until March. You have been incredible rising to remote learning and we thank you for your support.

We also have had an unexpected couple of weeks with some children having to self isolate due to a small number of positive cases. We are thankful that we have had so little impact, in school, from Covid during this pandemic and staff, parents and children responded so well to this situation despite it being a worrying time for all. I am pleased to share that the staff are recovering slowly and that all the children are well and I can confirm that the Easter bunny carried out a special Manor Way Easter egg delivery to them all yesterday. Thank you for your cooperation and support, it is very much appreciated.

We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday, that you enjoy the Manor Way Growathon and that you take care, when restrictions start to be further eased, during the holidays. We will see you all back on Tuesday 20th April. Happy Easter!



### Goodbye Mrs Reece

A fabulous assembly today celebrated Mrs Reece's time at Manor Way and wished her luck and success at her new school where she takes up the role of Headteacher, at St Oswalds, in Kidderminster. Your contributions in assembly were magnificent - be very proud of what you achieved. We know that Mrs Reece will be awesome and we thank her for everything she has done at Manor Way and look forward to staying in touch with her. Good luck Mrs Reece.



### A word from Mrs Reece

I would just like to say a huge thank you for making my time at Manor Way so special. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of such an incredible school and to work with such lovely families. Your children are amazing and I feel truly honoured to have been part of their journey here and to have been able to watch them grow and flourish in the way that they have.

Thank you for all of the kind words and gifts that I have received. I have been overwhelmed with all the messages of support. I'm looking forward to new challenges but I will miss all of your smiling faces.

Keep on being brilliant and have a very 'Happy Easter!'

Mrs Reece

## Easter Egg Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following children for creating some eggstraordinary eggs and winning the Friends of Manor Way egg decorating competition- a cracking effort!



Year 5- Seth **Volcanic Eggruption**



Year 3- Kian

**Spider Egg**



Reception- Zeke



Year 1- Imogen  
**Pigomelette**



Preschool- Esme

Year 4- Quinn  
**Eggward Scissorhands**



Year 2-  
Kanhaiya **Mr Fl-egg-tt**



Year 6- Savannah  
**Eggburger, Sidegg Man, Darth Egger,  
Captain AmmeGGica & Egg Mario**



A HUGE thank you to the FOMW for organising this competition, providing lots of super prizes and also for giving all of the children at Manor Way an Easter treat! Wow! (Don't worry, some of them are waiting for you to come back after the holiday).

## Did you see the Easter bunny?

There was chaos in school today when the Easter bunny came but he did leave a chocolate surprise for all the children.



## Our learning this week...

**In **Preschool**,** this week the children have been taking part in some fantastic Easter Crafts and challenges. They have been using their mathematical skills to measure the size of their bunny jumps! Their counting skills to count their jumps, Zara completed a massive 31! I have enjoyed your 100% effort Preschool and look forward to seeing you all after the Easter break. Have a lovely restful Easter break, keep yourselves safe, and don't eat too much chocolate. Best wishes Miss Hurst and Mrs Drew.



**In **Reception**,** this week the children have been learning all about the story of 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk'. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary around this story such as 'wee', 'humongous', 'petite' and 'terrifying'. They have used this language to talk and write a sentence in the classroom. For maths we have been halving fruit and numbers. We have also planted lots of different seeds, which are already starting to grow. Well done to all the children working hard remotely at home. Have a lovely Easter break, watch out for the Easter bunny and keep yourselves safe. Best wishes Mrs Whitmore and Mrs France.



**In **Year 1**,** we have had a wonderful week learning about the Easter story and Easter symbols and traditions. We have made Easter cards and explored signs of Spring in our outdoor area. We have also planted sunflower seeds and are excited to watch them grow. In maths, we learned about division and multiplication. We had a fantastic time making 'Array Cities' and used these to practise our multiplication skills. I have been so proud of the children's resilience and creativity over the past couple of weeks and am looking forward to all the fun and super learning that awaits us in Summer Term! Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

**In **Year 2**,** I have been so proud of the children for their positivity and enthusiasm in our live lessons! They have also worked very hard with completing their work on Google Classroom - well done Year 2! In maths, we have been learning about fractions and in our reading lessons we have been reading 'Bill's New Frock'. In our English lessons, we have been looking at the story, 'The Building Boy' and as part of this, we have been learning to use repetition, alliteration, dialogue and similes! In music, we have been learning about the composer, Eric Carle and learning about what an orchestra is and the different family of instruments that make up the orchestra. This week at school, we have enjoyed planting sunflowers and going on an Easter Egg Hunt! Well done for all your hard work Year 2 and have a very well deserved break - I can't wait to see you all soon.

**In **Year 3**,** we have had a fantastic week to end a fabulous term. In maths, we have continued to explore fractions. In writing, we have written some brilliant non-chronological reports on imaginary creatures. Look on dojo if you would like to see some! In science, we have been looking at the functions of a plant. We even got to plant some sunflower seeds! In curriculum, we have loved creating our own music inspired by Benjamin Britten. Myself and Mrs Mason are so proud of each of you and how hard you have worked. Have a lovely Easter break, relax and we hope you get a visit from the Easter bunny!

**In **Year 4**,** we have had a busy couple of weeks. The children have worked so very hard in their assessments for arithmetic and reading and I am so proud of all they have achieved. I am also really impressed with how well everybody has responded to a return to remote learning for the last week of term. We have been looking at decimals and decimal fractions in maths and we have also been continuing to write our stories, based on the short film, Feast. I can't wait to see the finished versions! Have a great Easter and I look forward to seeing you all back in the summer term.

In **Year 5**, we have transitioned seamlessly from classroom based learning to remote learning. We have continued with the normal curriculum and the effort and enthusiasm of the children has been nothing short of phenomenal. I am so very, very proud of them and so grateful to you, as parents and carers, for supporting them to do so. We have been looking at 2D shapes in maths and have revised some key arithmetic strategies. In English, we have been writing all things dragon - we have had some very creative responses to the writing tasks too. We didn't forget about Easter either - today saw the end of our virtual Easter Egg Hunt. Did you guess the phrase correctly? It was 'hot cross buns'!

In **Year 6**, our children have worked tremendously tackling their mock SATS this week. It has been a fantastic opportunity for us to see the super progress children have made despite having a period of time working remotely from home. I have been really impressed with how our class has adapted to using different written and mental strategies in mathematics as well as how they have used evidence to support their answers in reading. Away from the SATS, class 6 have worked expertly together when playing rounders and other team sports in PE. They have also learnt about the story of Easter and designed celebratory Easter cards. Well done Year 6 - have a fantastic break!

## Lunch Menu

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

For the week commencing 19th April the lunch menu is: **Week 1**

For the week commencing 26th April the lunch menu is: **Week 2**

## The Big Battery Hunt- Update

Wow, you have all been amazing battery hunters and now the counting is complete I can tell you that Manor Way collected an amazing **1863** batteries!

That means so far we have collected **2863** batteries.

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed, they are on their way to the recycling centre as we speak! Don't stop there though, we are always looking to improve our recycling total.

## 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. 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

### **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