

Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and Successful Learners



School News 30th April 2021

Dear Parents

Another two weeks have flown by at Manor Way and during that time we have welcomed Oliver, Oliver, Nimret, James, Leo, Eliza, Harlow, Rory and Brock into our Manor Way family as they have all started in our Preschool. We are excited to have them join us and really impressed with how they have settled, well done!

Thank you for being so supportive at the end of the day with pick up times, it ran like a dream today. Finally, please remember that Monday is bank holiday and we are closed and Thursday is election day with school closed for pupils. On this day we will be running Parents' meetings to discuss your child's progress and successes, please check that you have booked an appointment.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend and I hope the sun shines.

In Preschool, we have had a wonderful week welcoming new friends to our class. We have continued our learning based around our Whole Class Story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been caring for three caterpillars, we have observed one build his own cocoon. In maths we have been focusing on our counting and have started some new learning surrounding recurring patterns. Great work this week as always Preschool!



In Reception, we have had a wonderful week trying to capture the 'Evil Pea' from our whole class story of 'Supertato!'. This story has captured the imagination of all the children which has been displayed through our writing, construction, roleplay and creative ideas this week. They have tried to catch the Evil Pea by designing junk model traps and they have been spotting all around the school the mischief he has created! A fabulous week of learning Reception class, just make sure the peas are all safety frozen in the freezer!

In Year 1, we have been excited about our new topic, the Great Fire of London. We had a campfire and used our senses to learn more about fire as well as learning about fire safety. We also had a visit from West Midlands Fire Service who showed us some of the equipment they used to fight fire. It was very informative. In English we have been studying the text, 'Walter the Baker' by Eric Carle and have found out what pretzels taste like and how they are made. In our maths lessons we have begun to learn about fractions as equal pieces of a whole. What a fun start to the Summer term!



In Year 2, this week, we have been working hard on our writing and maths assessments. In phonics, we have been learning about the past tense and in maths, we have completed our unit on fractions. In reading, we have enjoyed reading the story, 'Meerkat Mail'. In curriculum, we have started our unit on the 'Titanic'.

In Year 3, this week, we have been putting fantastic effort into completing our maths assessments. Alongside this, we have been continuing to learn about fractions and how they might be used in real life situations. In our writing lessons we have loved publishing our non-chronological reports after all of the hard work we have put into them. In curriculum, we have finished our final lesson of 'Magic Moments' by evaluating the pieces of music which we composed, inspired by the work of Benjamin Britten. In science, we have been looking at different types of seed dispersal and deciding which type we think is most effective.

In Year 4, we have been working hard completing our maths assessments. We have also been learning about coordinates and using them to identify different points on a grid. We have also been translating them. In our English lessons we have enjoyed completing our stories



about Feast and have produced some wonderful writing. We have completed our 'Magic Moments' work in our curriculum lessons and have been able to recreate the ending of 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' using body percussion, and performed this as part of an ensemble. We were very excited to make an Anglo-Saxon helmet to launch our next theme, about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. In our science lessons we have been learning about the digestive system and we made our own lift-the-flap posters to show the functions of each different part of this.

In Year 5, the children have published their explanation texts about The Snoozatron. They have produced some fantastic pieces of writing all about the weird and wonderful machine. They got their heads around using a protractor really quickly and are now able to measure and draw angles confidently. They have made an incredibly enthusiastic start to our next theme, all about The Romans in Britain. Class 5 have practically had their heads glued to our whole class novel, Holes. There is a huge groan every time it is time to finish our reading session! It is wonderful to have such an enthusiastic group of learners - well done, Class 5.



In Year 6, children have produced some fantastic diary entries as Bilbo Baggins at the start of his adventure with dwarves and a wizard in The Hobbit. I really like how children have selected chatty language carefully and tried to spell tricky year 6 words correctly. In maths, it has been fantastic to see children solving problems involving area and perimeter in both quadrilaterals, triangles and compound shapes. As well as all of this, I have been really impressed with the start we have made in our new History theme all about the Mayans. Class 6 were able to locate the Mayan civilization settlements on a map and compare them to Ancient Egypt as well as understand where they fit on a historical timeline. Keep up the good work Year 6!



Staggered Starts and Collection

Please see a reminder of the current staggered timings below.

Drop off

Class	Time	Where
P	8:45am or 12.30 pm	All children to enter the main playground
R	8.45 - 8.50	Walk around to the classroom
1		
2		
3		
4	8.40 - 8.45	Enter up the steps into the side entrance to the left
5		Enter up the steps into the fire escape
6		Enter up the class fire escape
		Enter through classroom door

Pick up

Class	Time	Where
P	3.20	From the main playground. Your child will be released to you when you reach the top of the playground.
R		
1		
2		
3	3.25	
4		
5	3.30	
6		

Lunch Menu

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

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

For the week commencing 10th May the lunch menu is: **Week 1**

Parents' Evening

Parents Evening is being held all day on Thursday 6th May. A ParentMail went out before the Easter break to enable you to book your time. A link to the sessions will be sent out to parents and carers close to the time.

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](#).

ASDA

Asda have 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.

Safeguarding - Loudmouth Lesson for Class 5 and 6

Loudmouth Education and Training is a theatre in education company that supports schools and colleges with their Relationships and Health education (RHE). Loudmouth has been working with schools and colleges since 1994 and provides a range of programmes to help children and young people lead healthy, happy, safe lives.

Helping Hands is a programme designed to support primary school's safeguarding work in raising their pupil's awareness of safe relationships. The programme uses filmed drama, animation and accompanying activities to help pupils to learn about staying safe on and off line and recognise the signs their body may give them when they feel unsafe. The programme explores difficult topics such as domestic abuse and child sexual abuse and exploitation in a safe and gentle way. The programme also raises awareness of where to go for support and raises their confidence of reporting concerns and abuse.

Class 5 and 6 will be taking part in this lesson week beginning 10th May. Any questions please speak with your child's class teacher.

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