



# Manor Way Primary Academy

## Happy and successful learners

### School News 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Manor Way Minis

Our new topic is 'Our World' and this week we have started with 'New Beginnings'. What a fun week it has been. Well done to those children who are new to Pre-school this week. You have settled so well and enjoyed your time in Pre-school. We have been talking about all the new events in our lives recently. Isla told us she had some lovely new shoes and Ollie has had a lovely new super station. We all enjoyed circle time, taking it in turns to speak and listen to each other really nicely. We have been matching animals with their babies and have enjoyed getting messy with paints to mix them and make some new colours. Gosh how we've grown over the holidays! So much so that we talked about growing and even thought about the new plants that will start growing soon. Our shape of the week is a...rectangle. The children are getting really good at being shape hunters and finding similar shapes in their environment. We had fun making wands so that we could make wishes for the New Year and played keepie uppie in P.E. with the leftover balloons from New Year's parties. What a busy week!

#### Reception News

In Class R this week, we have been looking at our new topic 'Our World', focusing on People and Communities. This week we have been learning about doctors and nurses. For maths, the children have been measuring themselves with blocks, lego, hands, crates, logs, etc to see who is the tallest and shortest in class. Our Doctors Surgery role play has been a great success. The children have really enjoyed booking appointments to see the doctors. Waiting in line, having a diagnosis and being given a prescription! We clearly have some doctors and nurses in the making! During Literacy we have been writing 'Ouch' stories, about the children's own experiences of visiting the hospital or doctors. In phonics, we have been learning the digraphs oo, or, ur and trigraph ure and using these in our words to write sentences. Another fantastic week, well done Class R!

In **Year 1** this week, we have started our new text in English, 'The Gruffalo' and so far we have sequenced and acted out the story and made wanted posters for the Gruffalo. In maths, we have been learning to count on from ten using tens frames and counters. We have also been finding how many tens and ones there are in a number using a variety of resources such as dienes, straws and tens frames. In phonics, we have been learning the alternative pronunciations for 'u' and 'ow'. We have had a brilliant week and have worked so hard!

In **Year 2**, we have begun studying our new book, 'The Bog Baby'. We have used the story to further develop our descriptive writing and will be doing some art work based on the main character. In science, we have been reviewing what we already know about habitats and have enjoyed finding and comparing habitats in our school grounds. We're looking forward to planning our own habitat investigations over the coming weeks. Our maths topic this week is multiplication. We have been exploring multiplication as equal groups and will be learning more about the 2 and 5 times tables. We have been doing a super job of helping Miss Skidmore settle in at Manor Way and she has been very pleased with our positive attitudes and wonderful manners.

In **Year 3**, we have been doing lots of practical activities to support our understanding of subtraction in maths. We have been very excited to start our new topic, based on the book 'Oliver and the Seawigs' and we have been busy getting to know the characters and creating our very own decorative sea islands. We also had a fantastic trip to Windsor High School last Friday when we went to watch their performance of 'The Sound of Music'. We really enjoyed it and Mrs Gibbons was very impressed by how quickly we managed to walk there!

In **Year 4**, we have been working so hard on understanding different representations for subtraction calculations and have been taking our learning deeper by taking on challenges. I think it's safe to say that our confidence has really grown! We started our 'Sound' topic ever so briefly by creating posters about sound and we are well underway with our 'Fantastic Beasts' topic. We have invented some crazy beasts of our own by rolling dice and we have started to use the text to identify what may be appealing to the reader so that we can build up to creating our very own version of 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them'.

In **Year 5**, we have begun our new book related topic; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. We will be studying musical arrangements from the film and move towards creating our own moving portraits. In English, we will be using the basis of the story to write our own "Daily Prophet" newspaper report about the first tri-wizard task. In maths, we have begun the next unit; division. We have been showing our understanding through the use of equipment and by using a variety of representations to solve many new division challenges.

In **Year 6**, we have begun our new science unit, 'All Living Things'. We have learned about the scientist and philosopher Aristotle, and how he classified living things into 'kingdoms'. We then had a go at classifying animals and plants ourselves, using these kingdoms. In English we have started to read our new class book, 'The Midnight Fox' by Betsy Byars, and have already begun to plan and draft a piece of writing based on the first few chapters: a diary entry written in the voice of a chosen character. In Maths we have learned how to calculate the area of triangles and parallelograms.

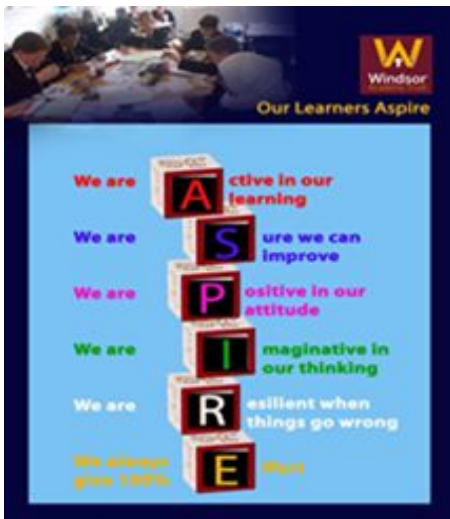
## Phonics Workshops

Thank you to all the Reception and Year 1 parents that came to the phonics and handwriting workshop. We are sending information home to all parents and the powerpoints will be put on the website.

Have a look at us all in our lizard position learning to write!



## Praise Assembly



A great big well done to children that have been celebrated this week for demonstrating the ASPIRE learning behaviours. They are:

- Reception: Tristan Jones and Brooke Perry
- Year 1: Abigail Naden and Kabir Mashiana
- Year 2: Pippa Grossett and Tyler Knight
- Year 3: Ellie Sheppard and Darcey Harding
- Year 4: Lily Barber and Jasmine Haque
- Year 5: Joshua Brooke and Millie Knight
- Year 6: Jyun Richardson and Luke Davies

Thank you for supporting us by attending this assembly and saying 'Well Done' to this week's stars.

## Attendance Week ending Friday 12th January 2018

- Reception: 84.47%
- Year 1: 91.34%
- Year 2: 90.22%
- Year 3: 98.12%
- Year 4: 92.28%
- Year 5: 91.94%
- Year 6: 92.47%

Well done and congratulations to **Year 3** for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week.

## School Clubs Spring Term 1

Day	Time	What	Who	Location	Run by
Mon	Lunchtime	<b>Year 6 IXL Maths</b>	Y6 (timetabled)	Computing Lab	Mr.Perrin overseen by prefects
Tue	Lunchtime	<b>Year 6 IXL Maths</b>	Y6 (timetabled)	Computing Lab	Mr.Perrin overseen by prefects
	After School	<b>Dodgeball</b>	Y 3,4,5,6	Hall	Stuart (Your Sport)
		<b>Tag-rugby</b>	Y 4 - 6	Playground	Joel Keenan
Wed	Lunchtime	<b>Girls football</b>	Y 4 and 5	Field	Mr Turner
		<b>Year 6 IXL Maths</b>	Y6 (timetabled)	Computing Lab	Mr.Perrin overseen by prefects
	After School	<b>Football</b>	Y1&2	Field / Hall	Your Sport
		<b>Netball</b>	Y4-6	Playground	Mrs Bailey
		<b>Hockey</b>	Y4-6	Field	Mr Turner

Thur	Lunchtime	<b>Gymnastics</b>	Y 1&2	Hall	Lisa Higgins
		<b>Maths Club</b>	Y 5 & 6	ICT suite/cons	Mrs McCahill
		<b>Year 6 IXL Maths</b>	Y6 (timetabled)	Computing Lab	Mr.Perrin overseen by prefects
		<b>Multiskills</b>	Y2	Playground	Sportsplus
	After School	<b>Football</b>	Y 3,4,5,6	Field	Your Sport
	After School	<b>Dance</b>	Y 1 and 2	Hall	Sportsplus
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	After School	<b>Gymnastics</b>	Y 3 – 6	Hall	Lisa Higgins

## Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
Mon 15th Jan	Year 4 provisional trip date to WILD Zoological Gardens 10.15 - 4.30pm
Tue 16th Jan	West Midlands Fire Service to Year 4 at 10am - safety talk
Thur 18th Jan	January Fun Lunch Day
Fri 19th Jan	INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 6 9.15am
Fri 26th Jan	INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 1 9.15am
Thur 1st Feb	Parent Forum 3.30pm conservatory
Fri 2nd Feb	INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 2
Mon 5th Feb	3.30 - 5pm Football League
Fri 9th Feb	FMW Valentine Disco - donation day chocolate
Tue 13th Feb	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.40pm
Wed 14th Feb	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.40pm
Thur 15th Feb	FMW Meeting 3.30pm
Fri 16th Feb	INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 3 BREAK UP
Thur 1st March	Music Stay & Play (DPA) 4.5pm
Fri 2nd March	Year 1 Trip Provisional Date - Wyre Forest SA INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 4

Mon 5th March	Football League
Thur 8th March	FMW Meeting 3.30pm
Fri 9th March	INSPIRE workshop for parents Year 5 Class assembly Year 3 2.45pm
Mon 12th March	Living Eggs Delivery - Reception Class
Wed 14th March	Year 3 trip - Birmingham TBC
Fri 16th March	Whole school Science Day
Tue 20th March	Provisional year 6 trip to Dudley Zoo - awaiting confirmation from zoo.
Thur 22nd March	Parent Forum 3.30pm conservatory
Fri 23rd March	Year 1 Class Assembly 2.45pm
Thur 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade 2.00pm Class 4 Assembly 9:30am Spring Term Learning Review sent home BREAK UP

## 2018 Spring Term Dates

Term Starts: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Half Term: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd february 2018

Term Ends: Thursday 29th March 2018

## 2017 - 2018 School Closed Days

4th September 2017 Inset Day

5th September 2017 Inset Day

29th September 2017 Inset Day

24th November 2017 Inset Day

2nd January 2018 Inset Day

25th June 2018 Inset Day

## 2018 Assessment Dates - KS1, KS2 and Phonics Screening Check

Key Stage 1	Activity
May 2018	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 11 June 2018	Phonics screening check week

Key Stage 2	Activity
Week commencing Monday 14 May 2018	Key stage 2 test week
Weeks commencing Monday 4 June and Monday 11 June 2018	Science sampling test period (for selected schools only)



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### Sticky Saturday

**Red House Glass Cone**  
**Saturday 18: 1.30pm-4.30pm**  
 Come along to our FREE session and have a go at being messy and sticky. Quick simple crafts to make and take home.  
 Drop in any time and allow about 30 minutes.

[Read more](#)



### Diddy Dinos

**Dudley Museum @ The Archives**  
**Friday 24: 10am - 11am or 11.30-12.30pm**  
 Our newly named story and craft session aimed at pre-school children and their carers.  
 Booking is essential £2.50 per child.

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### Dinosaur Day

**Dudley Museum @ The Archives**  
**Saturday 27: 10.30-12.30 or 1.30-3.30pm**  
 A FREE event for teachers and their families. Join us for a taster of our 'How to be a dinosaur' day for primary schools, bring you family and enjoy some time together. All attendees will be entered into a draw to win a FREE school trip for their year group.  
 Pre-booking essential. 01384 815571

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### Dudley Museum

**Dudley Museum @ The Archives**  
 Come and see us in our new setting!  
 Follow Dudley's story from pre-history to the present day. As well as the geology displays, collections include Dudley Castle finds, Dudley Local Heroes and local glass. Art work from our collection includes Dudley landscapes and in focus display of Sir Frank Brangwyn.

Open: 10am until 4pm, Monday to Saturday Free parking

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