



Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and successful learners
School News 5th October 2018

School report



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Brier Mill Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3HA

Inspection dates

11–12 September 2018

Overall effectiveness	Good
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Outstanding
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Outstanding
Outcomes for pupils	Good
Early years provision	Outstanding

We are delighted to share with you that Ofsted has judged Manor Way Primary Academy as a **good** school. Ofsted has also judged; leadership and management, Early years, personal development, behaviour and welfare as outstanding.

You can access the full report on the school website from today:

<http://www.manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/useful-information/ofsted-information>

The report will be available on the Ofsted website from Thursday 11th October.

Some of the report highlights are below:

- *The headteacher provides strong leadership*
- *Leaders and staff are ambitious for pupils to succeed*
- *Pupils are proud of their school and feel safe, valued and supported*
- *There is an ambitious and shared determination among all staff to continually strive for improvement*
- *There are very good relationships between pupils, parents and staff.*
- *Most parents and carers pay tributes to the efforts of the skilled and dedicated leadership and staff teams who are transforming the school*
- *All the parents who spoke with inspectors, and the large majority who responded to the Ofsted survey, are very pleased with their children's education, with one saying: 'Over the time my children have been at the school we have seen many changes for the better. They [their children] are so happy in school.'*
- *Since becoming an academy, the trust and governors, leaders and staff have improved standards and teaching. There is excellent capacity to continue improving the school*
- *Staff and governors have developed a positive and supportive school community*
- *Teaching in years 1 to 6, which is at least good, helps pupils to achieve well*
- *Children in the early years get off to a great start*
- *The teaching of reading and phonics in the early years and key stage 1 is very effective*
- *Pupils listen carefully and respond enthusiastically during class discussions*
- *Pupils who have special educational needs make great progress*
- *The pastoral support and excellent care given to vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils*

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- *The staff treat pupils and families with dignity and respect*
- *Leaders and staff have devised an excellent curriculum*
- *Science, sport and the performing and creative arts are very strong features of the curriculum*
- *The school has a strong and vigilant culture of safeguarding to ensure that pupils are safe, protected, healthy and happy in school*
- *Pupils behave exceptionally well*
- *Pupils are proud of their school. They dress smartly. Pupils with specific responsibilities wear the school badge with honour.*
- *Pupils enjoy school and this is clearly reflected in their smiling faces as they come through the school gates each morning with their parents and families*
- *Staff morale is high*

This result is down to the superb positive and consistent teamwork from everyone involved at Manor Way, our tremendous staff, our pupils who feature so impressively throughout this report, parents and carers, the Local Advisory Board and Windsor Academy Trust. Well done everyone. **Tony Potter, Chair of Governors**

Our Learning this Week...

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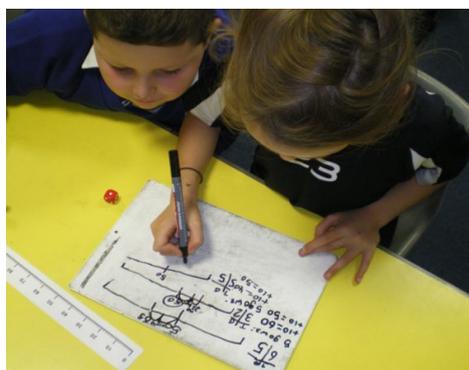
We have had such fun learning about Harvest. We have described different vegetables, planted seeds and even created a class scarecrow! We have found out so much and can't wait until our very own vegetables begin to grow. The children have also enjoyed reading stories by the author Julie Donaldson, which we will continue to explore next week. If the children have any favourite books that they would like to share, please bring them in as we really love reading in Preschool!

Reception News

In Class R this week we have been looking for signs of Autumn. The children have been on a nature hunt around the school grounds collecting leaves, cones and twigs to make into picture. The children have made the most fantastic scarecrows with Mrs France. The children are settling into the routines of the school brilliantly, it would be great for next week if the children can start coming into class in the morning on their own. Well done Class R!

In **Year 1** we have had another brilliant week! In English, we have been writing diary entries and postcards. In reading, we used our inference skills to work out who the owner of the 'lost shoe' was. In science we have been looking at the season, Autumn.

In **Year 2** we have been securing our understanding of place value and the number system. We have begun to explore our new text, 'Amelia Earhart', and have been using inference to look for clues in the text. In phonics we have reviewed alternative spellings and what happens to words when we add suffixes.



In **Year 3**, we have been working hard editing and improving our Grendel character descriptions, before we publish them. In maths, we have been working on trial and improvement in problem solving and had a very exciting lesson with Mr Lewington. We also really enjoyed our Relax Kids session on Monday and we are now equipped with lots of different strategies to help us calm down and relax when we feel anxious about something.



In **Year 4** we have been working hard on our place value skills, and have also been learning to count in 25s. In English we have used rich vocabulary in a setting description, and in art we have refined our sketching skills to sketch a Roman soldier.

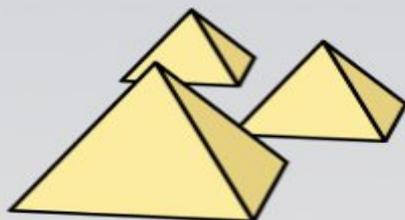
In **Year 5** this week we took our learning outside to Astley Burf.



The Lost Tomb... Finally Found!

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On the fourth of November, Egyptologist Howard Carter, unexpectedly found the lost tomb of King Tutankhamun. Various gold treasures were found at The Valley of Kings, in Egypt, during the discovery of this extravagant tomb.



"It is a blessing to have found such a thing. I even thought for a split second that I was having a far too vivid dream. What a shock I got when I realized I wasn't!" Howard told us gleefully. It turns out that the many rooms were filled with towers of gold rings and heavy jewellery, sparkling amulets scattered around the rooms.

Howard's kind sponsor, Lord Carnarvon, was thought to have jumped with joy when he saw the significant sight of Tut's ornate tomb.

Archeologists on the site said that a young waterboy was in the distance, when he tripped over a small stone. Carter and his team were quick to uncover that the stone was actually one of many steps leading to a

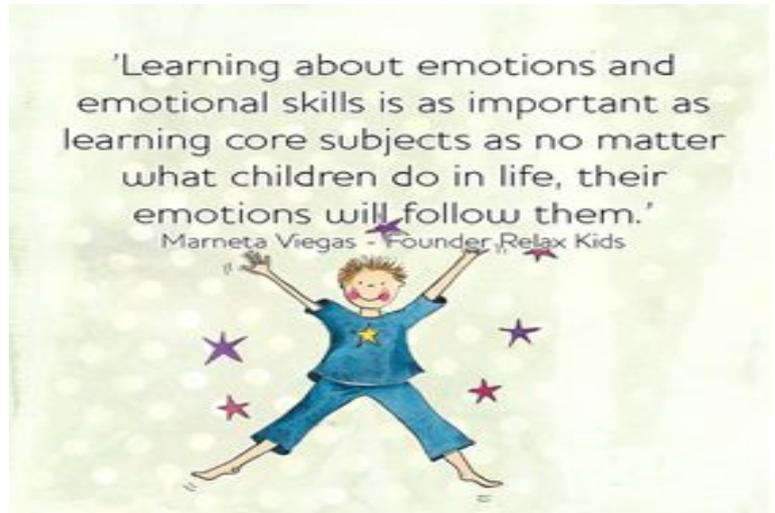
As a result of this extraordinary find, many museums will be gifted with multiple amazing artefacts. Howard

In **Year 6**, we have finished our newspaper reports about the amazing discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and have started to look at inheritance in science. We have also had our mock SATs week. Everyone has worked exceptionally hard and I'm really proud. Well done!

This is one of the newspaper reports. This was written, edited and produced by Millie Reed in year 6. Well done Milly!

Relax Kids

This year, Manor Way are very excited to be working with Gen from Relax Kids in finding ways to equip our pupils with the tools they need to recognise and embrace their emotions. The classes are having sessions with Gen to explore the feeling of 'Worry' and how to work with through that emotion. They will go on to explore further feelings as the year goes on. Gen will be holding a session for parents on **Monday 22nd October at 9am** where she will explain how the sessions work and will share some of the techniques we are developing in school. We hope you can join us.



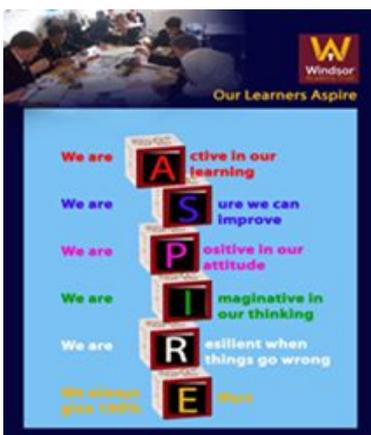
A message from Gen:

I am delighted to be running 'Relax Kids with Gen' sessions at Manor Way Primary throughout this academic year. Relax Kids was created in 2000 with one goal - to help children feel happier, more positive and believe in themselves. Relax Kids believes that relaxation and a positive outlook are the keys to good mental health, self esteem, emotional intelligence and emotional resilience. Our mission is to give children and young people the tools they need to help them manage stress and anxiety and to be more resourceful when facing the challenges of daily life. In our sessions we are focussing on our big emotions and aim to teach the children to learn how to recognise these emotions and to be able to self-regulate. We try a variety of skills - such as breathing, stretching, positive affirmations and relaxation - the children will build their self-confidence and learn strategies to manage any overwhelming feelings.

Join me on **Monday 22nd October at 9am** in the school hall to learn more about Relax Kids and how the whole family can benefit. In the meantime please do visit the Relax Kids website at www.relaxkids.com or my Facebook page at 'Relax Kids with Gen - North Worcestershire'.

Praise Assembly (9:05am Friday)

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



Year 1: Megan, Jessica, Brooke and Noah

Year 2: Erin, Amelia, Jenson and Maisie

Year 3: Charlie, Jamie, Mariya and Archie

Year 4: Maisie, Saffron, Darcey and Ezra

Year 6: Paige and Chloe H, Elsie, Lillie,

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

Attendance Week ending Friday 5th October 2018

Whole school 96%

Reception: 96 %

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 98 %

Well done and congratulations to **Year 5 and Year 6** for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
9th October	Swimming Year 5 starts (9 weeks) Netball Match at Lapal Primary School (after school)
11th October	Tag Rugby match (10:30am - 12:30pm)
16th October	Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.45pm
17th October	Reception Open Day for September 2019 starters (9:30am) Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.45pm
19th October	FMW Glow in the Dark Disco (Reception & KS1 5pm - 5:45pm and KS2 6pm - 7pm)
22nd October	Relax Kids Introduction Session for Parents - 9am - 10am
25th October	Break Up for half term
5th November	School Opens
9th November	Remembrance Day
21st November	School Photographer
29th November	Flu Vaccinations Class R - 5
7th December	INSET DAY
12th December	Christmas Play 1:30pm
13th December	Christmas play 9:30am
14th December	FMW Christmas Fair pm
18th December	Christmas Hat making
19th December	Christmas Dinner
20th December	Christmas Party
21st December	Break Up Learning Reviews go home
7th January 2019	INSET DAY
8th January 2018	School Opens

2018 Autumn Term Dates

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018

2019 Spring Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 07 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019
Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

2019 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019
Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019
Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019

Teacher Days 2018 - 2019

Friday 7th December 2018
Monday 7th January 2019
Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 24th June 2019
Monday 22nd July last day of term 2019
(Election Day TBC 2nd or 3rd May 2019)