



# Manor Way Primary Academy

## Happy and successful learners

### School News 19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

## Our Learning this Week...

### Manor Way Minis

We are so pleased that our seeds we planted have grown! We have observed how they have changed and even used our imagination to decide where the beanstalk could be climbing to! This week we have also begun our wizarding topic. All the children are excited by this and have been extremely busy exploring the role play area!



### Reception News

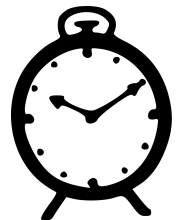
In Class R this week we have been read we have read the story 'After the Storm' about Percy the Park Keeper. We had lots of fun creating story maps to retell what happened in the story. We have also been investigating the insides of pumpkins and making pumpkin rice crispy cakes, which tasted yummy! We have also learnt a lot about recycling and have created our own recycling area in the outside environment. The children all looked fantastic at the 'Glow in the Dark' Disco too!!!

In **Year 1**, we have had another fantastic week! In English, we have been focusing on the story, 'Meerkat Mail' and have been writing about Sunny's adventures. In maths, we have been looking at addition. In science, we have been learning about reptiles.



In **Year 2**, we have had a very exciting fortnight learning about Amelia Earhart. Last week, we discovered a suitcase with some pilot equipment had landed outside our room. This week, a letter we discovered confirmed that these items belonged to Amelia Earhart and we have been writing letters to Amelia to let her know where they are. In Maths, we have begun our new topic of time. We are learning to tell the time to a 15 minute period and are finding out about how many minutes are in an hour and hours are in a day.

In **Year 3**, we have had another busy week. We have been learning all about time and how to read clocks with Roman numerals as well as 24 hour times. We have also done a great piece of writing inspired by a picture of a castle this week. We are also looking forward to our trip on Monday!



In **Year 4** we have continued to work on our mosaics in our art lessons. In English we have learned how to infer information in a text by looking at clues to help us, and in maths we have used a written method to add, and now we are learning how to use efficient ways of adding mentally. As part of our topic work we have learned how and why Hadrian's Wall was built and looked on a map to find the places it went through.

In **Year 5**, we have been extremely busy trying to complete our persuasive letters, applying for jobs as the Protector of Athens. Maths has proved challenging as we moved into our new unit - addition and subtractions. We have also enjoyed looking at the phases of the moon and how the moon changes over a 28 day cycle. We have also been diligently preparing our Ancient Greek artwork for display.

In **Year 6**, we have of course been working exceptionally hard but I think our highlight has been our trip to Wren's Nest Nature Reserve! Amelia even managed to find a trilobite (the Dudley Bug) and our guide was very surprised, as he said one hadn't been found in a while.



We're going on a fossil hunt...



We're going to find a big one...

We're not scared!



What a beautiful day!



## Tables and Key word Test on Fridays

A reminder that the first Friday after half term children will have a test of their year group spellings.

Times tables tests will take place weekly on the following days:

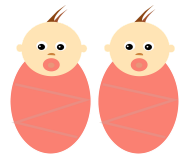
Thursday Years 2 and 5

Friday Years 3 and 4

Year 1 will continue to practise counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and Year 6 need to continue practising their tables but testing will focus on arithmetic this term.

## Good Luck Mrs Wilkinson

I am sure that you would like to join with us and wish Mrs Wilkinson well as she starts her maternity leave next Friday. We will miss her very much and can't wait to see her back in school visiting us after Christmas with her new bundles of joy. Everyone is so excited!



## New Year 4 Teacher

We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed a Year 4 class teacher to cover for Mrs Wilkinson who is starting her maternity leave on 26th October. Miss Rowe will start teaching on 5th November, but will be coming into school before the holiday for a handover visit with Mrs Wilkinson.

Mrs Rowe will be in school and happy to meet Year 4 parents at 3.30pm on Thursday 25th October.

## School Photographer

Academy Photography will be in school on 21st November. They will be taking photographs of families from 8am. If you would like to have a family photograph taken then please sign up.

The photographer will also be taking individual children's photographs as well as the Junior Leadership teams and Pre-school.

## Forest School

During the year every class will have the opportunity to take part in Forest School. It is on a Thursday afternoon. **This half term Year 4 will be having forest school sessions.**

The first date for Forest School is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. On Forest School day children can come to school wearing their PE kit (blue joggers and Manor Way hoody) or if you don't have the joggers and hoodie please wear your school uniform. Children without school joggers or hoody must bring in layers of old warm clothes and will get changed after lunch. Please also bring named wellington boots in a plastic bag. Children should also bring their forest school waterproofs jacket and trousers.

### We need your help!

For Forest School to work well we need helpers, the more helpers we get, the more fun activities we can do. Parents, grandparents and family members why not come to our sessions and find out what it is all about. We look forward to seeing you there in your wellies! Mrs Bailey and Miss Dowler







## School Uniform

We have had 12 blue jumpers in the lost property box and none of them have names in them. If you have lost a jumper please come and check if they are yours.

Please can we urge all children to have named uniform including ties as any mislaid items can be given back to their owners by 'Team Tidy'.

A reminder please that shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back.

Only plain stud earrings are suitable for school and we would prefer children not to wear them on PE days as they need to be removed before taking part in PE. School cannot be responsible for any lost earrings...

## Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday 9th November at 9:05am, Class 5 will be performing their Remembrance Day assembly for all Class 5 parents. If any other parents or family member would like to join us to remember with us then please come along. It is a traditional remembrance service with a bugler. **Poppies will be on sale from next week in class and on the gates.**



## Parent Workshops - Dudley Castle Tales, Aliens Wear Underpants and Parents First Aid Session

We have a range of fun activities happening at Manor Way with the help of Dudley's Family Learning Services. We have our second session of Dudley Castle Tales workshop running on Thursday 25th October for Class R - 6 at 1:30pm to 2:45pm.

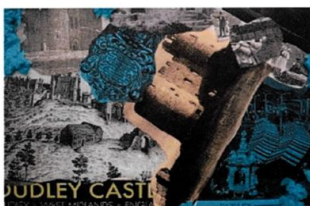
We have an 'Aliens Love Underpants' workshop running on Tuesday 6th November for Preschool to Year 2 starting at 9:15 - 11:15am.

And finally we have a Parent's First Aid course on Monday 12th November for parents from all year groups at 1:30 - 3:30pm. This will teach you basic first aid for your family. Keep your eyes peeled for the information below and the consent form on ParentMail!



### Dudley Castle Tales

A Family Learning Festival short course designed to explore the Dudley Castle theme in fun and creative ways through adults and children working together.



It is essential that you bring proof of ID with you (driving licence, bank card or passport) and evidence that you, or a family member, have lived in the UK/EU for the last 3 years (UK/EU passport, birth certificate, driving licence showing UK birthplace) or that you have immigration status or are an asylum seeker

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### Family First Aid

To help parents deal with family first aid situations and resuscitation techniques.

12.11.18

1:30 - 3:30

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### Aliens Love Underpants Workshop

Activities will focus on the child's book 'Aliens Love Underpants' and will be accompanied by a carousel of activities such as alien models, balloon 'alien heads', space ships, books and designing your own underpants!

Tuesday 6th November 2018

9:15-11:15 am

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## Times Tables Rock Star Club



Mr Perrin will be working with a group of children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Monday and Friday morning from Monday 5th November. The club will begin at 8:15 and finish at 8:45. Please come to the front door, where Miss Moretto will sign you in and deliver you to the computing lab. As the academic year progresses, we will be offering the club to more children so, watch this space...

## Club Payments

Please can you ensure that payments for clubs are made to the school office and not to the coaches. Payments also need to be made in full for each half term. Please send in next half term payments before we break up. Thank you.

## Lunch boxes

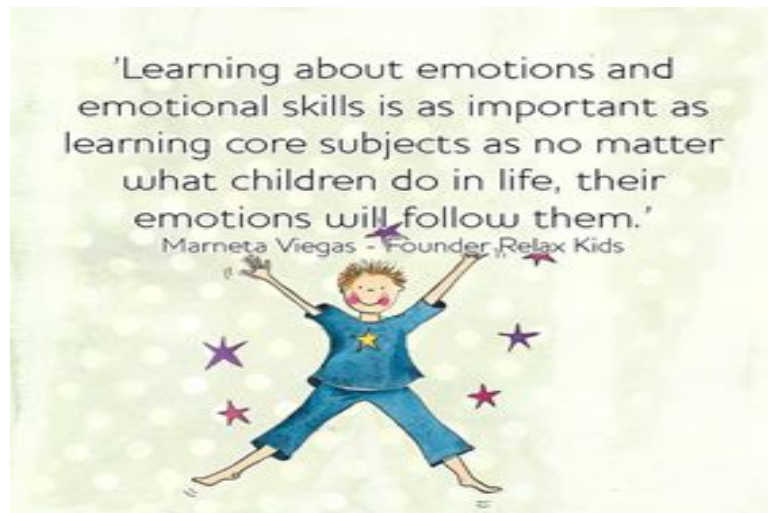
Please can all lunch boxes be clearly named as some children have the same lunch boxes and they are getting mixed up on the trolleys. Thank you.

## Relax Kids - Parent Session

Gen will be holding a session for parents on **Monday 22nd October at 9:00am** 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 9:00am** 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](http://www.relaxkids.com) or my Facebook page at 'Relax Kids with Gen - North Worcestershire'.

## Year 1 and Reception Phonics Workshops

We will be running a phonics workshop for parents and carers of Year 1 on Wednesday 28th November at 9:15am and for Reception parents on Monday 3rd December at 9:15am. Both workshops will be 1 hour long and tailored towards explaining how we teach phonics and how you can support at home.

The workshops will give you an overview of:

- How we teach phonics
- How we teach handwriting
- How you can support at home

Please keep an eye out on ParentMail for the consent form!

## Sports Round up Football

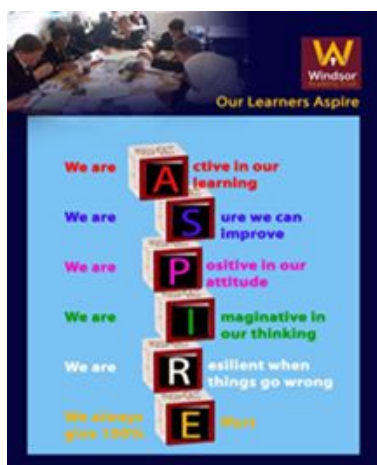
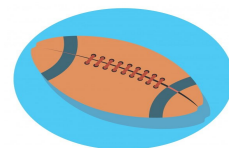
Well done to the Football team who won their first 2 matches at Leasowes on Monday 1st October. Year 5 were at Astley Burf so well done to the year 4's who played. The team were William C , Joshua and Bradley B , Archie H. Lewis L, Cody S, Noah P and Sidney M.

## Netball

The Netball team also won both of their matches 14-1 against Huntingtree and 6-0 against Lapal The teams were William C, Bradley B , Eden B , Elsie S, Amelia S-F, Chloe Har, Paige O, Ava P and Lillie S.

## Tag Rugby

On Thursday 11th October The Tag Rugby team played in a tournament at Old Hales Rugby Club, They won their round and have qualified for the next round which is Level 3 School Games. They were all brilliant, well done William C, Joshua and Bradley B, Romeo D, Archie H, Elsie S, Ava P, Eden B, Leighton B and Cody S.



## 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: Scarlett, Mason, Zara and Evelyn-Rose
- Year 2: Daisy-Bow and Cameron, Mary and Charlie
- Year 3: Pippa and Riley, Madison and Seth
- Year 4: Hannah, Romey, Jiya and Rahil
- Year 5: Brandon, Jide, Issa and Chloe
- Year 6: Millie R, Saad, Joshua, Archie

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

## Attendance Week ending Friday 19th October 2018

Whole school: 96.64%

Reception: 93.10%

Year 1:	98.37%	Year 2:	95.17%
Year 3:	94.48%	Year 4:	97.24%
Year 5:	100%	Year 6:	98.67%

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

## Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
22nd October	Relax Kids Introduction Session for Parents - 9am - 10am Year 3 Trip - Bodenham Arboretum
25th October	Dudley Castle Tales Workshop R - 6 1:30pm
26th October	Break Up for half term There are many things happening around the Dudley Borough during half term, please see the link provided by Dudley MBC <a href="https://www.fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd/">fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd/</a>
5th November	School Opens
6th November	Aliens Love Underpants Preschool - Year 2 9:15 - 11:15am
9th November	Remembrance Day Class 5 Remembrance Assembly 9:05am
12th November	Parents First Aid course (parents welcome) 1:30pm - 3:30pm
16th November	Children in Need Day. Come dressed up as dotty, spotty disco dudes and divas ready to join in with the sponsored silent disco!
21st November	School Photographer from 8am
28th November	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9:15 - 10:15
29th November	Flu Vaccinations Class R - 5
3rd December	Reception Phonics Workshop 9:15 - 10:15
5th December	Year 1 Trip - Black Country Museum
7th December	INSET DAY
11th December	Christmas jumper and jar donation day
12th December	Christmas Play 1:30pm
13th December	Christmas play 9:30am
14th December	FMW Christmas Fair pm (time to be confirmed) Preschool Trip - Dudley Zoo (Santa)
18th December	Christmas Hat making
19th December	Christmas Dinner
20th December	Zion Church Christmas Production 9:30am 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)