

Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and Successful Learners



School News 10th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has flown by and we are continually astounded by the amazing effort that our pupils put into their learning, sports and hobbies. Praise assembly, on Friday morning, is always a time when we are inspired by our children's abilities and successes, both inside and outside of school.

Another group of pupils who have made us proud this year is our fabulous Year 6 children. They will take their SATs next week. We already know that our Year 6 pupils have made great strides in their learning and they have grown and developed this year in ways that cannot be measured by SATs. We also know that they have many talents and skills as our Year 6 is full of artists, athletes, scientists, historians, technology wizards, entertainers, fundraisers, kind and generous friends, and lots of comedians! Again, these talents and skills are not measured by SATs.

These children have worked their socks off this year preparing for next week and have shown perseverance and resilience. Year 6, you have already made us proud, so don't worry about a thing and use this as another opportunity to shine. You are all stars in our eyes!

Miss Buffery

Our learning this week...

Manor Way Preschool

In Preschool, we have begun our new topic 'Marvellous Minibeasts'. As part of this, we have focused on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and created our very own caterpillar characters. In maths, we have been busy recognising numbers within 20, some of us have even been careful counters, matching quantities to the correct numeral. In phonics, we have now learnt the following graphemes: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c and k. I wonder if the children can spot these in the environment? Finally, both myself and Mrs Drew would like to welcome our new Preschool children: Annabelle, Elliott, Erin, Joseph, Kai, Riley and Tristan. Everyone is settling in well and becoming familiar with their new routines - well done!

Reception News

In Reception Class this week we have been learning all about the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have made wanted posters to capture the Big Bad Wolf, retold the story and created pig pictures using paper plates. In maths, the children have been learning to count in 2s and 10s. The children have pretended to be the wolf, huffing and puffing different objects to see if they moved or not using our breath. The children have also been making and decorating a house for a character we will be discussing next week. I wonder who it will be? Mrs France and Mrs Whitmore have been very impressed with how the children have settled back into class after the Easter holiday. Well done Reception!



In **Year 1**, we have planned and written our own versions of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication by making and adding equal groups, making arrays and by finding doubles. In Computing, we have been creating animated stories on Purple Mash. In Art, we have created our own artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian with some fabulous results.

In **Year 2**, we have been writing chronological reports about our school trip to Moseley Bog and Sarehole Mill. It was fun remembering everything we learned about on the day. We have also been practising spelling common exception words including 'people' and 'beautiful' as well as various homophones. In Maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction, including calculations which require us to regroup and rename. In PE, we have had a fun time learning how to play fielding games such as cricket and rounders.

In **Year 3**, we have been working hard using set squares and geostrips to help us recognise right angles and angles that are greater or less than a right angle. We have started a new unit of work in English, based on 'Elf Road' by Pie Corbett. We have learnt actions to go with the story and also drawn story maps to help us remember and understand the story structure. We even had a very exciting lesson where we experimented with Google Classroom to support us in our learning and Mrs Gibbons was really pleased with how sensible we were, as well as the fantastic work that we produced.

In **Year 4**, we have been planning playscripts based around a chapter in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. In maths, we have finished our topic looking at angles and are moving onto looking at presenting data. We have had lots of fun in science investigating the best locations to evaporate water from laundry quickly. In Geography, we have started to really get our teeth into comparing Italy and Iceland. Here is a sample of Alfie Homer's learning from the lesson:

	Iceland	Italy
Population Size	358,780	60.59 million
Capital City	Reykjavik 	Rome 
Spoken Language	Icelandic	Italian
Currency	Krona 	Euro 
Famous Landmarks	Blue lagoon 	Colosseum 

In **Year 5**, we have begun writing our autobiographies from the point of view of the monster Caliban, a character from the Tempest. In Maths, we have also been working on angles about a point and angles on a straight line. Our topic - What a Wonderful World - has led us to investigate patterns in which volcanoes and earthquakes occur. This fits in nicely with all our cross-curricular learning in English about the Tempest. Finally, our Science learning has allowed us to investigate water transport in plants. Look out for the results next time!

In **Year 6**, we have been working hard on revision, revision, revision. Don't worry, we've tried to make things fun by playing well-known games like Pointless, Deal or No Deal and Blockbusters. Everyone appears to have a really positive mindset and we seem ready and raring to go for SATs next week! Wish us luck!

Parents Evening

Parents Evening for 11th and 12th June, has gone live on Parentmail. If you have any issues booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

Clubs Update

We have some updates for clubs after Easter:

- Tennis Club will be replacing Fencing Club on Friday after school
- Rugby Club will be starting on Wednesday after school 3.30-4.30pm

Letters have been sent out on ParentMail for these new clubs.

Fusion Friday

We have now restarted our hugely popular 'Fusion Friday'. This is where Reception and Year 1 and 2 join the other children on the Key Stage 2 playground and field, to play together. The older children play with the younger children and teach them to skip and run as well as reading sessions and other activities. We also have a range of sports on offer, such as golf and girls' football.

Lunchboxes

A reminder that all lunch boxes and bottles should have your child's name clearly written on them. Thank you.

SEND Sessions at Hagley Golf Club

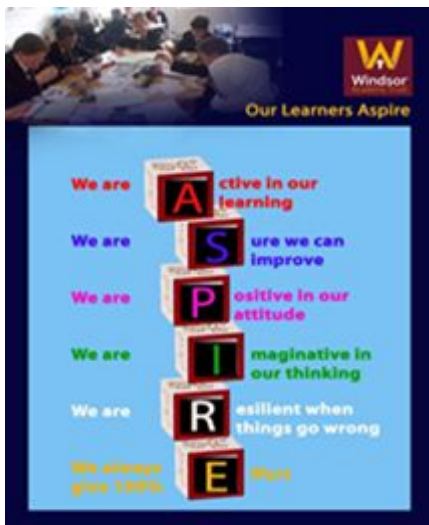
Hagley Golf Club are providing free golf sessions for children with disabilities or SEN at the driving range every Tuesday 4.20-5.20pm and Saturday 1.00-2.00pm. The area is enclosed and is a great opportunity for children to try out the sport and for parents to network. For more information, please contact Gareth Snelgrove on 01562 883852.

Velo Birmingham and Midlands

On Sunday 12th May Scarlett and Jack's father, Mr Tate is taking part in the Velo Birmingham and Midlands to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Here is the link to his Just Giving page. If you would like to donate then please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/veloforthechildren> Good luck Mr Tate!

Praise Assembly (9:00am 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: Rose, Benjamin, Noah and Scarlett

Year 2: Daisy, Amelie, Annabelle and Jenson

Year 3: Riley, Jack, Archie and Isabelle

Year 4: Cody, Lewis, Maisie and Hassan

Year 5: Kieran J, Curtis N, Chloe L, Lily B, Jasmine H and Simon C

Year 6: Chloe S, Millie R, Romeo D, Jake and Saad

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

Attendance Week ending Friday

Whole school: 97.97%

Reception: 99.58%

Year 1: 99.54%

Year 3: 96.25%

Year 5: 99.04%

Year 2: 97.92%

Year 4: 97.50%

Year 6: 96.25%

Well done and congratulations to **Reception Class** for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week.

Clubs Summer Term

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Price Per session	Number of Weeks	Full Half Term Price
Times Table Rockstars	Year 4 - 6	Monday	Before School	FREE	4	FREE
KS1 Football	Year 1 - 2	Monday	After school	£3.00	4	£12.00
Art Club	Years 1 - 2	Monday	After school	£2.00	4	£8.00
SATs Club	Year 6	Monday	After School	FREE	4	FREE
Multi Skills	Year 1 - 2	Tuesday	Before School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Running	KS2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	FREE	4	FREE
Dance	Year 3 - 4	Tuesday	Lunchtime	FREE	4	FREE
Dodgeball	Year 3 - 6	Tuesday	After School	£3.00	4	£12.00
Basketball	Year 3 - 6	Tuesday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Girls Football	Year 3 - 6	Wednesday	Lunchtime	FREE	4	FREE
Netball	Year 3 - 6	Wednesday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Rugby	Year 3 - 6	Wednesday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Musical Theatre	Year 2 - 6	Wednesday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Fitness & Skills	Year R - 2	Wednesday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
KS1 Gymnastics	Year 1 - 2	Thursday	Lunchtime	FREE	4	FREE
KS2 Football	Year 3 - 6	Thursday	After School	£3.00	4	£18.00
Times Table Rockstars	Year 4 - 6	Friday	Before School	FREE	4	FREE
Tennis	Year 3 - 6	Friday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00

KS2 Gymnastics	Year 3 - 6	Friday	After School	£2.00	4	£8.00
Golf	Year 3- 6	Friday	After School	£20.00 for 10 weeks	10	£20.00

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
13th May 2019	SATs Week Year 6
14th May 2019	Swimming Year 3 (5 of 10)
16th May 2019	Mini Tennis Competition (Yr 3 & 4) at Halesowen Tennis Club 1pm - 3pm
21st May 2019	Swimming Year 3 (6 of 10)
22nd May 2019	Academy Photography (class pictures, Year 6 leavers, pre-school)
23rd May 2019	Year 6 Botanical Gardens Trip Break up
24th May 2019	Inset Day
3rd June 2019	Relax Kids Assembly
4th June 2019	Year 4 Trip to Ackers Adventure
5th June 2019	Reception Class heights & weights 9:30am
10th June 2019	Administration of Phonics check Year 2 Trip to WILD Zoo
11th June 2019	Parents' Evening
12th June 2019	Year 5 trip to Think Tank Parents' Evening
13th June 2019	Science Day
14th June 2019	Fathers' Day Celebration
15th June 2019	Friends of Manor Way Family Disco
18th June 2019	Phase Trust - Officially Amazing
19th June 2019	Maths Championships Y3/4 AM BBC Orchestra concert 1:00pm Dudley Town Hall Class TBC
21st June 2019	Preschool trip to Wonderland Pupil collaboration Senate Summit Halesowen District Sports, Halesowen Athletics Club 11.30am
24th June 2019	INSET DAY
28th June 2019	Sports Day
2nd July	Transition day Windsor New Intake Day (pupils going to Windsor Sept 2019 out all day)
3rd July 2019	Reception trip to Hatton Country World Reserve Sports Day
4th July 2019	Aladdin London trip (Y5/6)
10th July 2019	Year 1 trip to Cadbury World
11th July 2019	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1:30pm
12th July 2019	Year 6 Sleepover
15th July 2019	Reports out to parents
16th July 2019	KS2 Planet Jazz 1.30pm Dudley Performing Arts
17th July 2019	KS1 Strings Dudley Performing Arts 9am
18th July 2019	25/25 Reward Cinema Trip for Y6 pupils who achieved the challenge
19th July 2019	Break up 1:30pm

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

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July last day of term 2019

(Election Day 2nd May 2019)

2019/2020 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 02 September 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 01 November 2019

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019