

MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



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Super Star Start

It has been a great start to the year from all of our superstar children. They have settled quickly and are into the routine of learning as well as all the other bits and pieces they need to get used to so the days run smoothly. Lessons are in full swing now and we have added some exciting extras with swimming for Year 4 at Kingsbury, Forest School for Year 3, Time4Wellbeing lessons for Owls and Penguins with Mr Stevens, PE for every class provided by Mr Littler and Mr Willis and Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) in music for Penguins taught by Mrs McAusland. Each of these is an expert in their field and it is always fun for the children to hear a different voice occasionally, especially as they progress through school towards High School. You will see from the dates that we have been busy planning and adding events such as class visits, sports competitions, parent workshops... even Christmas! Do print this page and stick it on the fridge or add the relevant dates to your diaries.

Parent Partnership

The partnership between school and parents and carers is vital. It has always been a strength of Manor that parents are supportive and the staff are approachable. Our size means we all know each other and this gives us that family feel across school. Before Covid struck we had built up a good routine of workshops and parent visits into school. Last year for the first time we were able to start inviting parents back in to events and workshops but it took some time to build this back up. This year we are making a concerted effort to offer far more opportunity for parents and carers to come in and see what

Dates for Your Diary

September	
25 th	PCSO's to visit Penguins
29 th	9-10am MacMillan coffee morning
October	
3 rd	Library bus – Owls + Penguins 3:45pm – Year 3 cross country at Rawlett EYFS parents' lunch
5 th	Swans visit to Tamworth Castle
6 th	9am – PTFA meeting
10 th	Y1/2 Parents' lunch
11 th	9-9:30am – All Parents – 'Stay and Read' 9:30-10:30 – Robins parents – Phonics workshop in hall then lesson in class
12 th	3:45pm – Year 4 cross country at Rawlett
13 th	9am – Parent Forum
17 th	Library Bus – Swans Penguins to RAF Cosford – WW2 visit Y3/4 Parents' lunch
w/c 23 rd	Parent/Teacher consultation meetings
23 rd	Flu Immunisation
24 th	Y6/6 Parents' Lunch
26 th	3:45pm – Year 6 cross country at Rawlett
27 th	Harvest Festival Break up for half term
November	
6 th	School closed for INSET
7 th	Children return to school after half term
9 th	Owls visit to Statfold Railway Museum 3:30pm Y5/6 Girls' football tournament at Rawlett
10 th	French teacher from Rawlett to teach Owls and Penguins on Fridays this half term
13 th	9-9:45am Maths workshop for parents Pm – Y3 start swimming on Monday pm's
14 th	Library bus – Penguins
17 th	Children in Need – Wear spots and bring a £1 donation. Spotty cup cakes for sale
December	
12 th	9-9:30am – Stay and Read for parents Library Bus – Swans
18 th	9:30am – Robins and Ducklings – Nativity
19 th	2pm – Swans Christmas Performance
20 th	9:30am – Swans Christmas Performance
21 st	Christmas Dinner for children and staff
22 nd	Christmas Jumper Day Am – parties 1:30pm Carol Service in church Break up for Christmas

Wrap Around Care



Before and after school care is available as usual for all children who are in school. Contact the school office to book a place.

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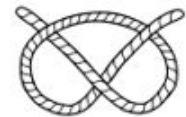
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Help!

If you, or someone you know, can spare us some time, we have loads of ways you can help us to help your children. We always want adults to listen to readers but we also have a few practical jobs such as painting, preparing resources or helping in forest school. Even if it is a one off occasion or half an hour a week it would all help. Just catch a teacher or Mr Robson and have a chat.

Dogs

We love dogs at Manor but they have been getting a bit of a bad press with recent tragic events. We are very grateful that dog owners never come into school with their dogs but wait

their children are doing and share in the life of the school. We understand that many of you work and are unable to come to everything but the invitation is always there and we are always open to substitute family members such as grandparents, as long as you check with us first. The dates list includes:

- Parent lunches for a class at a time.
- Stay and Read sessions where parents can come into the class at the start of the day and read with their child for up to half an hour.
- Maths workshop – straight into class and the teacher will explain the focus for the class this term and then do some activities linked to this that could be done at home.
- Robins phonics workshop. Some time looking at what phonics is all about with Mrs Armstrong in the hall then join a lesson in class.
- Parent/teacher consultation meetings
- Parent Forum meetings
- PTFA meetings
- You are also invited to events such as Harvest Festival, Carol Service and Christmas Performances

We hope you can join us for as many of these as possible!

PTFA

You will hopefully have seen the posters and Facebook adverts for the initial meeting on Friday 6th October to set up a new PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association). The aim is to get a committee together with willing volunteers who can run events that benefit the school community. This can be through the social and fun aspect of community events as well as the raising of funds to support the school and our children. A healthy PTFA can add so much to the fabric of school life, bringing the whole community together. If you fancy checking this out and maybe being added to a list of possible helpers or even having a role on the committee then please do come

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Phase appropriate texts from Little Wandle in small groups
Writing	Writing our own version of 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony
Maths	Final week on place value including comparison of numbers, objects and amounts
Owls	
Please can Year 3 come to school in Forest school kit to save time changing for the afternoon.	
Reading	Working on a range of reading skills based on a non fiction text of Harvest before moving onto Fantastic Mr Fox
Writing	Continue to build sentences for the wordless book "Journey" by Aaron Becker using fronted adverbials, prepositions, similes, metaphors and more!
Maths	Adding and subtracting up to 4 digit number using both mental and written methods (column addition and subtraction)
Penguins	
Reading	Non Fiction texts about WW2 with a focus on text features and organisation and comprehension skills (retrieval and inference)
Writing	Big Write - we will be planning, writing and editing a recount from the point of view of a Jewish refugee during WW2
Maths	Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods (columnar addition and subtraction) and to add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers

Healthy Eating

The quality of our school catering has improved since the summer due to our new kitchen, especially the replacement of the old cooker with modern cooking facilities. What took most of the morning to cook previously now cooks in minutes retaining far more of the nutrients. Most children in the school have a school dinner each day but there are still a small number of children who have packed lunches from home. The vast majority of these are prepared with care and attention with a wonderful balance of food types and are healthy and nutritious. We do though find that there are some that are less well balanced occasionally. If you do send packed lunches into school they do need to conform to our [Healthy Lunchbox Policy](#). Please click the link to see what Fierté expects and what rules you need to conform to. Hopefully we can continue to keep our children both safe and healthy. The Trust has also agreed a new allergen policy which will be published (and shared in this

responsibly outside where they are obviously entitled to be. Even so, the narrow pavements mean that people sometimes have to go into the road to get past dog and owner. We do have some children who are nervous of dogs and lots of excited children don't always mix well with dogs. We have had a phone call from a concerned relative who was worried about seeing dogs waiting outside the school gates. This is something we can't police but we can ask that where possible dogs are not brought to meet children. Thank you for your support.

Democracy in Action

One of our most important shared British Values is belief in democracy and the best way to learn this is through practical means. The start of the year has seen the children voting for their School Council representatives in each year from Year 1 to Year 6. These children met last week and had a visit from the Parish Council to discuss the idea of a pond in the park that had been proposed last year. The children gave a great account of themselves and the Parish Councillors were very impressed.

Children also got together in their House Teams and voted for their Captains and Vice Captains following their hustings speeches. The duly elected members for **School Council** were:

Year 1 – Grayson

Year 2 – Finn



Year 3 – Molly and Ruben

Year 4 – Rose and Jude

Year 5 – Leo and Isabelle

Year 6 – Matthew and Harry

<p>along. If you can't make it but would like to be involved, let the school office know and we will give your details to the new committee.</p>	<p>Newsletter) shortly. This has meant training for all staff and strict rules for keeping children and staff with allergens safe. Though necessary, this has had the unfortunate side effect of meaning we are unable to accept food in school that has not been checked or provided by our wonderful catering team. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused in preventing home baked cakes at the MacMillan Coffee Morning for instance. We had so been looking forward to tasting your baking!</p>	<p>The duly elected House Captains (C) and Vice Captains (VC) were: <u>Bassett</u> Elliott (C), Emmy (VC) <u>Dudley</u> Jovan (C), Luca (VC) <u>Peel</u> Joshua C (C), Alfie A (VC) <u>Bryan</u> Dylan (C), Jeff (VC)</p>
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<p>Star of the week</p>					
		<p>Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for this week's value and for excellent work:</p>			
<p><u>Aspiration - We do our best!</u></p>					
<p>Olivia J Lillie Violet</p>	<p>Seb Adeline William S</p>	<p>Leo Myla</p>	<p>Lane Jovan Harry</p>		

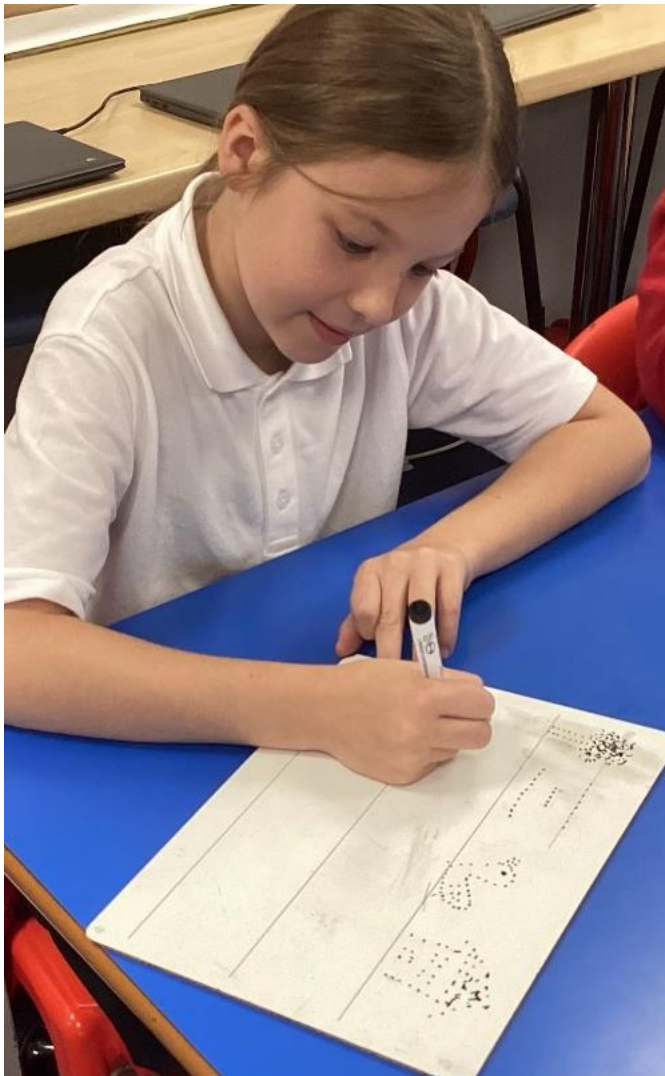
We are MANOR

 <p>Manners We are polite and respectful</p>	 <p>Aspiration We do our best</p>	 <p>Nurture We are kind and look after each other</p>	 <p>Open-mindedness We are tolerant, celebrate our differences and try new things</p>	 <p>Resilience We never give up</p>
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Owls have been doing lots of practical work this week. They were challenged to use concrete apparatus to represent given numbers in the hundreds in the form of bridges and towers.



They also tested the friction of different materials on ramps using toy cars in science.



Finally, they have been practising aboriginal symbols on whiteboards in art. Lots of fun and a great way to learn using problem solving and practical skills.