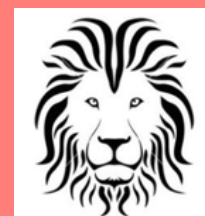


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



Issue 3 'Lighting the Fires of our Future' Friday 6th October 2023.



Year 3 Cross Country

Well done to our Year 3 runners in week's cross country at Rawlett. There were over 100 runners in total and our children did brilliantly to keep going nearly all the way round the 600 metre track. We only had 2 girls running but they both finished in the top 8! Better than any other school. Unfortunately it needed 3 to make a team so we won't make a county final in Year 3 this year but we are very proud of Amber, Isla, Ruben, Bruno, Maddox and Tommy. Good luck to Year 4 next week!

Fire Drill

If you live in the village you may occasionally hear our fire alarm sounding for about 5 minutes. We make sure we have a termly practice so that everyone knows what they are doing in cases of emergency. We vary the times of day (e.g. lunchtime, PE days etc.) and days of the week then review how the drills have gone making sure fire doors close properly and registers are taken efficiently etc. We usually have an empty building within about 30 seconds and registers completed within 2 minutes at a safe muster point away from the building. The first drill of this year went very smoothly last week. We do warn staff it is about to happen on the first occasion so they can prepare Nursery and

Dates for Your Diary

October	
10 th	Y1/2 Parents' lunch
11 th	9-9:30am – All Parents – 'Stay and Read' 9:30-10:30 – Robins (Reception) parents – Phonics workshop in hall then lesson in class
12 th	3:45pm – Year 4 cross country at Rawlett
13 th	9am – Parent Forum
16 th	Village Club Car Park closed between 9:30 and 1:30pm
17 th	Library Bus – Swans Penguins to RAF Cosford – WW2 visit Y3/4 Parents' lunch
23 rd	Flu Immunisation 3:40-6pm Parent/Teacher consultation meetings
24 th	Y5/6 Parents' Lunch
25 th	3:40-6pm Parent/Teacher consultation meetings
26 th	3:45pm – Year 6 cross country at Rawlett
27 th	Biscuit Sale Harvest Festival – donations for Food Bank PTA sale of 'Hallowe'en' tattoos after school 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
15 th	Ducklings/Robins parents' lunch
17 th	Children in Need – Wear spots and bring a £1 donation. Spotty cup cakes for sale
22 nd	Swans Parents' lunch
29 th	Owls Parents' lunch
December	
1 st	PTA Film Night after school (poster below)
6 th	Penguins Parents' lunch
12 th	9-9:30am – Stay and Read for parents Library Bus – Swans
14 th	PTA Christmas Disco (poster below)
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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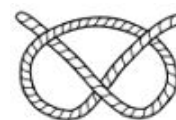
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MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning last week. Hopefully you enjoyed a coffee, cake and chat as well as making £101.05 for a valuable cause. The children certainly enjoyed decorating the cakes in class and enjoyed eating them even more!

Club Car Park

Please be aware that there is work being done to the road at the entrance to the Village Club Car Park between 9:30am and 1:30pm on 16th October. The entrance will be closed during this time. It should be fine for pick up and drop off hopefully, but you will

Reception or any other children who may not like the loud noise, but subsequent drills are done with no warning. They can be a bit disruptive but children soon get used to them and take them in their stride and are then prepared for emergencies. Apologies if we disturb the peace of the village but I'm sure our neighbours understand!

Parent Lunches

It was great to see our parent lunch invitations for Nursery and Reception were so popular. We do hope you enjoyed the sausage and mash day. I know the children do! Hopefully we will see as many of you for the upcoming lunches for the other classes.

Teacher Training Placements

We have very skilled and experienced teachers here at Manor and Birmingham City University have found us to be a valued 'Principal Partner' in supporting their teacher training programme. We have two placements in this autumn term with one associate teacher having a placement in Owls and one in Penguins. In offering a placement at our school we get a number of advantages such as: having an extra professional adult in the classroom to support children; new ideas and enthusiasm; our teachers need to be on their game to model the best practice and it makes them reflect on their own performance; time for our staff to focus on supporting children that need a boost or developing their own subject leadership while the associate teacher is leading a lesson. There is of course extra work that comes with it for our mentor teachers but they are keen to give something back and help develop the next generation of teachers and it adds an extra vibrancy to our provision.

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Phase appropriate texts from Little Wandle in small groups with some Y2 pupils beginning whole class reading.
Writing	Diary entries based on the Great Fire of London
Maths	Addition and subtraction number facts
Owls	
Reading	Children will be exposed to an age-appropriate text and practise reading, comprehending and answering questions on the text with no prior knowledge.
Writing	Writing a range of autumn and harvest-based poetry including haiku, acrostic and cinquain poems
Maths	Year 3 will complete their addition and subtraction block by learning the column method for up to 3 digit numbers Year 4 will learn what the area of a shape is and compare areas of shapes.
Penguins	
Reading	Reading extracts from novels set in WW2 and independently applying comprehension skills to answer test style questions.
Writing	Continuing with our retell of the Rose Blanche story with a focus on punctuation (brackets, commas, colons), precise verbs, conjunctions and figurative language (similes, alliteration, pathetic fallacy)
Maths	Multiplication and Division - with a focus on: factors, multiples, prime numbers, mental calculations, multiplying numbers up to 4 digits X 2, (long multiplication for year 6) and dividing numbers up to 4 digits by 2 digits.

PTA

We have a new PTA! A very productive meeting was held this morning and a committee was formed with the key posts filled such as Chair, Vice Chair, treasurer and secretary as well as several other enthusiastic members. They will be starting small but they are bursting with ideas that will add to the fabric of our school community with social and fun events combined with fund raising. There are some initial dates added to the calendar above. Do get involved if you can, even if it is just to offer help for an event. The committee are always friendly and welcoming to any new faces. See posters below!

need to move any cars from the car park straight after drop off or they will be blocked in for the morning. Thank you for parking considerately and also thank you to the Village Club for continuing to allow us to use their car park free of charge.

Swans visit

Swans had a great time on their visit to Tamworth Castle this week. The trip was themed around the Great Fire of London. Go to our Facebook page to see lots of fabulous photos. Thank you to parents who provided transport to get the children there and to our volunteer helpers for making the visit possible.

Stay and Read

A really simple idea. When you drop off on Wed 11th next week, come into school and spend up to half an hour sharing a book with your child in class. This is a chance to develop that love for reading, speak to the teachers to get any ideas or tips and it allows all children to get some one-to-one reading time in school. It should be fun. We look forward to as many of you joining us as possible. Reception parents are then invited to stay for a workshop on phonics with Mrs Armstrong before rejoining the class to watch Mr Forman's phonics lesson.



Star of the week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for this week's value and for excellent work:



Open-Mindedness - We are tolerant, celebrate our differences and try new things.

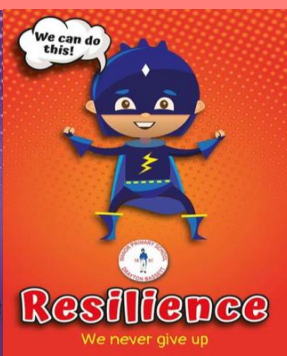
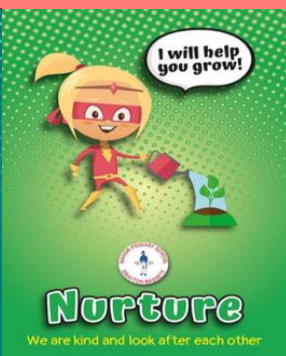
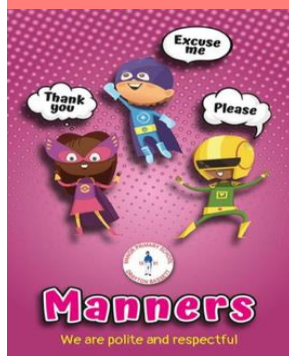
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Claudia
Stanley
Woody

Pippa
Finn
Charlie
Ayisha

Phoebe K
Jude
Bruno
Alice

Ted
Alfie J
Arabella
Jeffery

We are MANOR



Owls have been working hard on their aboriginal Dreamtime artwork.





Owls have also created a homemade compass by putting a magnet in a small bowl, then floating that bowl in a larger bowl of water, as in this picture. Why not try this at home?



SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 01 December 2023



MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Date for the diary (robins to penguins)
(more details to follow from the PTA soon)



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Thursday 14th December
Manor Primary School Hall
(more details to follow)

Date for the diary