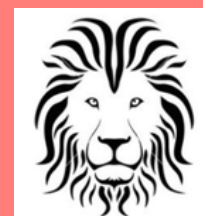


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



Issue 4 'fighting the fires of our future' Friday 20th October 2023.



Year 4 Cross Country

The latest intrepid team of runners did us proud again with their determination and resilience in the Year 4 Cross country race at Rawlett. Zach, Rose, Caleb, Erin and Arrietty managed to run the whole 800 metres without stopping and came home in the middle of the main bunch of 80 runners. Well done to all!

Next week is the Year 6 event. Year 5 was supposed to be this week but was postponed until the new year as several Tamworth schools are closed for the bye-election.

Parent Lunches

Great to see so many parents enjoying lunches again this week. If you enjoyed the sausage and mash you will love the roast dinners served on a Wednesday when next half term's parent lunches are on again!

Harvest Festival

Next Friday 27th is our Harvest Festival celebration at 2pm in church. Do feel free to arrive in plenty of time (and bring some cash!) as PTA will be selling hot drinks at the church before the service from 1pm. They will also sell Hallowe'en tattoos afterwards on the playground (see posters below). Each class will sing a song for the parents, there will be whole school songs, readings and of course our traditional rendition of 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. We will also be

Dates for Your Diary

October	
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 pay a £1 donation. Spotty cakes for lunch
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

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Little Wandle Phase appropriate weekly texts.
Writing	To plan and write our own stories based on Vlad and the Great Fire of London

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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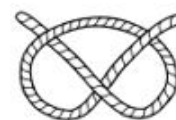
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Parent Survey

Thank you to those who have completed our Autumn Parent Survey. There are some great bits of constructive feedback and lots of very positive comments. The star ratings were all between 4 and 4.9 out of 5. See the Word Cloud below.

You said...You would like this Newsletter to be an easier to read format for mobile phones.

We did...Contacted the new website provider to book a demo of their 'Newsletter builder' Add-on to see if it would work for us. Hopefully we will be able to use that format for Newsletters if it is affordable and meets our

organising a collection for the Food Bank. Please send children into school with food that is suitable for donation. This means dried or tinned food that will not go off. Please be aware that children will need to be able to carry it to the church so a carrier bag might be useful if there are several items. We will also need some kind volunteers to help load a car and transport the food to the Food Bank after the service. Do pop into the office to let us know if you can help.

Children in Need

On 17th November we are supporting Children in Need by asking children to pay £1 (or whatever you can afford) to come to school wearing anything spotty and/or Children in Need branded items such as Pudsey ears or a t-shirt. Any clothing without spots or branding should be uniform please. A [donations page](#) has been set up on ParentPay for anyone who wishes to use it for donations to the charity. Many thanks for your support.

Penguins visit



Penguins had a great trip to RAF Cosford this week where they learned all about the RAF in World War 2 and the Battle of Britain. Do check out the photos on Facebook. Thank you to the anonymous donor who helped to subsidise the coach costs by £300 making the visit affordable for parents.



Maths	To be able to recognise and solve a range of addition and subtraction problems
Owls	
Reading	Children will be reading and appreciating a range of poetry. They will explore the themes, rhyming patterns and voice tones needed for reading poetry effectively.
Writing	Children have worked hard at learning an autumn poem off by heart. In the next two weeks they will be focussing on a range of poetry including Haiku's, Cinquain and acrostic poems. children will understand the building blocks of these types of poetry and create their own harvest/autumn linked poems in each of the styles named above.
Maths	Children will learn the fundamentals of multiplication so they understand what it means to multiply numbers together. They will also spend time practising and looking at shortcuts for key times tables.
Penguins	
Reading	We will be using a technique called 'Reader's Theatre' to practise reading fluency. Mrs Armstrong will be changing our information sheet about the Battle of Britain into a play script so we can practise our fluency and understanding of a text.
Writing	This week will be our BIG WRITE week where we will be using all of our wonderful ideas to write our own story set in England or Germany during the war.
Maths	Multiplication is our focus for the week before half term - we will be multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits, 3 digits by 2 digits and 4 digits by 2 digits. After half term we will move on to division. Keep practising those times tables -they will help massively with our multiplication and division lessons.

Playtime Snacks

Some parents have been asking for some clarification on our policy for snacks at playtime. This is always difficult as we need to have simple rules that everyone can follow despite nutrition and food being a complex issue. Our basic message that we teach the children is about a balanced diet with 'sugary' and 'fatty' foods being nice for an occasional treat. We ask that these treats are mostly kept for home. Judging what is 'healthy' is an impossible job for staff and most parents who are not nutritionists! Some things are easy to judge such as sweets and chocolate bars and staff will feel confident to challenge these, but cereal bars with chocolate

criteria of being mobile phone friendly.

You said...You felt most supported in helping your children by visiting their classrooms in workshops.

We did...We have a maths workshop after half term that will be based in classes working on areas that could be followed up at home with your child. We have more workshops planned through the year with less input in the hall than previously and more time in classes.

You said...children have settled well and transition was good but one parent suggested teachers send a letter/message right at the start of the year to clarify PE days, homework etc.

We did...This is booked in for next year as part of INSET Day before school starts. Sometimes there are changes at the start of the year with our providers such as sports coaches and swimming so it takes a week or two for the timetable to settle down but we will certainly endeavour to keep you better informed of this.

You said... Can we have the app back?

We did... We have already requested this be set up on our new website so should be available soon. We will let you know as soon as possible.

You said...One parent said Nursery children who were full time shouldn't have a staggered start in Reception.

We did... Staff have discussed this previously and reduced the stagger to 2 days that we have now. This allows the teacher to visit new starters in Ducklings on those two afternoons which means children have met the

Mrs Whiffin Leaving Us!

After spending over 7 years here as part of the Manor family, Mrs Whiffin has taken the leap into a full time role at the school her children go to. She will be leaving at half term. Over her time at Manor she has covered a multitude of roles, starting as a part-time maternity cover teacher then taking on a permanent, part-time teaching assistant post. She has supported children right across school including tutoring and has always been popular among children and staff. We will of course miss her, and we wish her and her family all the best for the future. Good luck Mrs Whiffin; do come back and visit!

chips etc. are more difficult. We clearly can't be reading the packaging on each item!

The kitchen sell wholemeal toast with non-dairy spread and pancakes that don't have any extra topping or sugar. There are fresh vegetables and fruit available for free each day.

So... to summarise, please could we ask parents to consider sending snacks that are what they would consider to be 'healthy' for their child. Some examples might be cereal bars, fresh or dried fruit, bakes without extra sugary toppings or fillings, flap jack, fresh vegetables like carrot or pepper, bread sticks, popcorn...

Please don't send:

- anything containing nuts
- anything with chocolate spread as they look the same as Nutella
- sweets
- chocolate

Portions should be 'snack sized' rather than e.g. full sandwiches or 'family sized' sharing packs. Children are not allowed to share their snacks with others.

If you are unsure, please do feel free to ask and we will try and communicate any concerns we may have to you. Together we can hopefully help our children to form some good habits and develop a healthy relationship with food.

teacher in a safe home environment before they start. Something we feel is important. We can individualise the start for different children but we do need the slight stagger for Reception to allow home visits to take place.

You said... You would like some more non-sport related after school clubs.

We did... We will put this to staff to see if there are any ideas or volunteers. We currently have a lunchtime book club and always run a spring term Y6 study club. We will also look out for offers from companies, though these do tend to be much more expensive. The After School Care Club do crafts and games and children are always welcome to stay for that if you want an extra hour of peace! If any parents have any skills that they might wish to offer such as arts and crafts, music, cooking, chess, gardening, science... then staff would often be willing to support you in running a club?

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:

Resilience - We never give up!

Flo
Sophie
Olivia W
Lottie

Hayden
Imogen
Mireya
George

Arrietty
William
Echo
Zachary

Isabelle
Lucas
Eleena Mae
Archie

We are MANOR

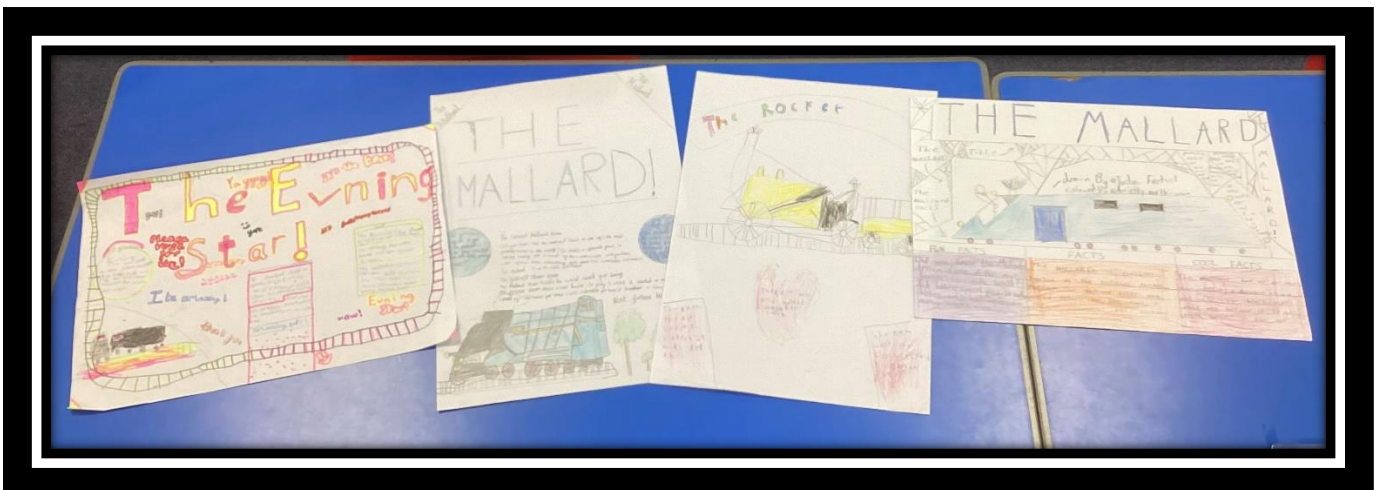


What do we do well at Manor?

(parent survey question and word cloud of answers)

staff are always amazing
school community
staff are very approachable
family school school fun
children are very happy
School Clubs
environment for my children
enjoyable for the children
lovely
office staff
staff at manor
day at school
school
village school
school work
staff
staff are incredible
Staff are friendly

Owls work on influential steam locomotives. Children presented their work then voted for their favourites.



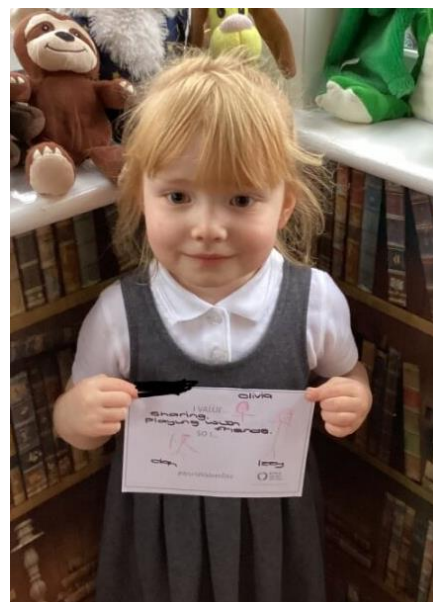
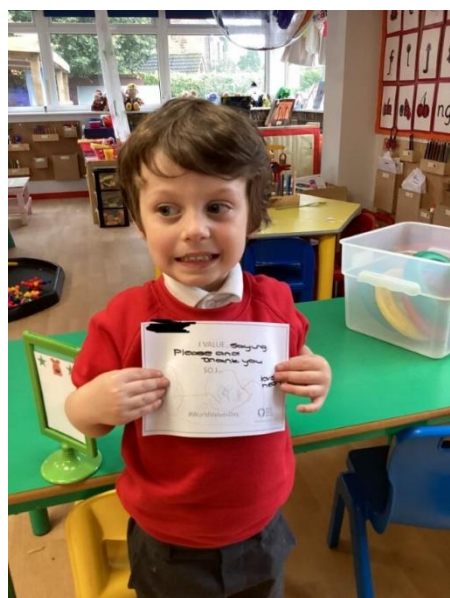
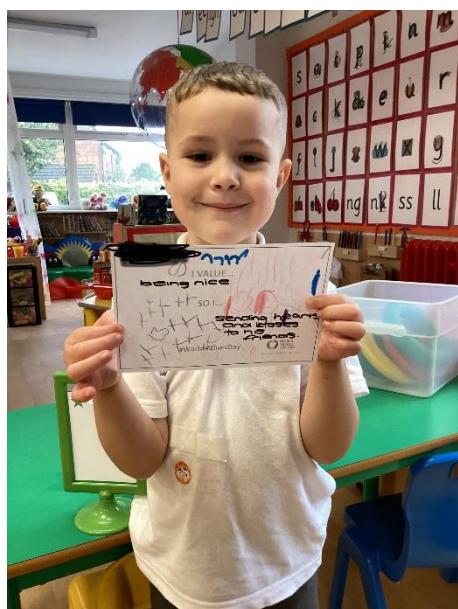
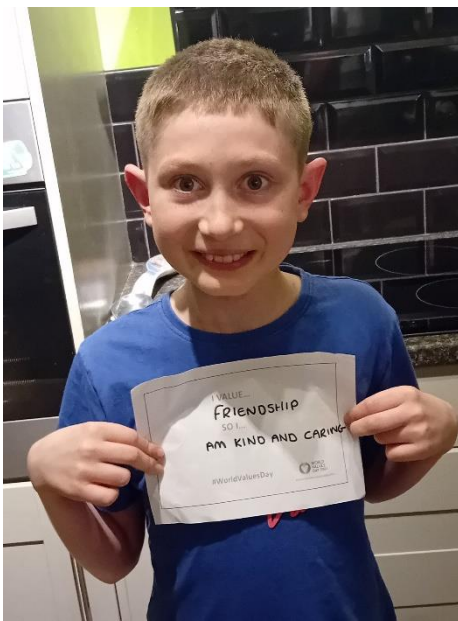
Photos from parents' 'Stay and Read' session.
Thank you to those who were able to join us.



Poetry recital and story mapping in Owls



Thursday this week was 'National Values Day'. Following assembly, children were challenged to choose a value to work on and share a selfie from home or school.





FOR SALE

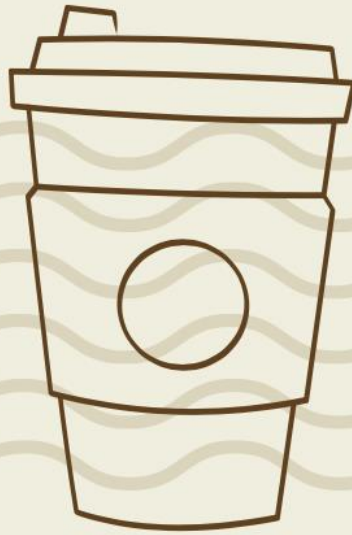
Halloween tattoos

**FRIDAY
27TH OCTOBER**

**50P PER TATTOO
CASH ONLY**

**AVAILABLE AT THE HARVEST
FESTIVAL & PLAYGROUND**





HOT DRINKS FOR SALE

A PTFA FUNDRAISING EVENT

27.10.23 • 1:00-2:00PM

St Peters Church, Drayton Bassett

DRINK + BISCUITS £1

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**CASH ONLY**  
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