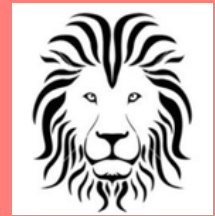


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



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Year 6 Cross Country

Our Year 6 boys ran their hearts out in the cross country before half term and got some excellent finishing positions in the top half of a huge field of runners. It was also a huge field that they had to run round... twice! It was about 1600 metres and they all ran the whole way. Mrs Armstrong was very proud of the effort and resilience they showed. Well done Josh B, Josh C, Elliott, Archie and Lucas.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who were able to join us in church for our Harvest Festival. It was standing room only at the back as the children put on a great show of their singing talents. Penguins children read beautifully and there was an excellent collection for the Food Bank again. The feel of the whole event was enhanced by our fabulous new PTA who sold teas and coffees to early arrivals and there was no lack of willing volunteers to load Mrs Kibble's car ready to deliver the food. All in all, a wholesome and successful end to a long and productive half term. Thank you for all your help and support.

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

Dates for Your Diary

November	
13 th	9-9:45am Maths workshop for parents Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week) 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
24 th	9-10am - Parent Forum Biscuit Sale
28 th	Library bus-Owls
29 th	Owls Parents' lunch
December	
1 st	PTA Film Night after school
6 th	Penguins Parents' lunch
12 th	9-9:30am – Stay and Read for parents Library Bus – Swans
14 th	PTA Christmas Disco
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
January	
8 th	INSET DAY – staff training
9 th	Children return to school Library bus Penguins
11 th	Y5/6 team to Small schools sports hall athletics at Rawlett
23 rd /24 th	Year 5/6 Bikeability
25 th	Y3/4 team to sports hall athletics at Rawlett
29 th	Penguins visit to Synagogue in Birmingham

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Pupils will either receive a phase appropriate phonics book or now be involved in whole class reading with Mr Culff.
Writing	Learning the story of 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew
Maths	Starting our shape unit – focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
Owls	

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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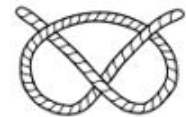
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PE Kit

Just a few polite reminders about PE kit please. Most children wear the correct kit which makes it stand out when the odd one or two don't.

- T-shirts should be completely red (not black) with no other markings unless it is the school logo.
- Plain black crew neck sweatshirts with no other markings unless it is the school logo (no hoodies) **or** the school black and red training top.
- Plain black shorts and/or joggers.
- Plain black pumps or trainers

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.

Social Media and Gaming

The regular issue of children having problems on social media and gaming sites at home and bringing those issues into school has reappeared, especially among some of our older children. As always we would point out that many adults struggle to use social media without getting upset that someone hasn't replied or liked a post etc. Needing the maturity to cope with these issues is why many age recommendations start at 13 years old... not primary aged children. Of course, it is up to parents to decide when they feel their child is mature enough, but we would always recommend keeping a check on what they are saying and doing online. If issues are reported to us and we deem it necessary, we are within our rights to give sanctions following our behaviour policy, if for instance there was clear evidence of bullying. We would obviously much rather issues were resolved by parents at home and that Manor children continued to have positive experiences and fun with their friends in a safe online environment. If you need any support on managing your child's online experience, there are lots of helpful websites such as [Parents and carers | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#) ... or have a chat with any of the teaching staff who would be happy to help.

Sports Leaders

Mr Littler has picked sports leaders out of the hat to work with him over this year. Their job is to help organise equipment and games at break and lunchtimes as well as being a pupil voice when we are deciding what equipment to buy etc. Mr Littler will train them up over the year. Our Sports Leaders are:

(*reminder that swimming starts for Year 3 on Monday afternoon*)

Reading	We have started reading "Monster Spotters Handbook" by Matt Cherry - this will be our class reader so feel free to purchase so children can follow along in class. In the coming weeks children will be practising their fluency and learning some new vocabulary through this text
Writing	Children will be stacking sentences based on the princess and the Pea. They will be taught and then practise skills such as expanded noun phrases, pathetic fallacy, alliteration, similes, personification and more!
Maths	Children will continue with their multiplication and division topic but will begin to focus on column multiplication and division with up to 3 digit by 1 digit numbers (e.g. 342 divided by 3).

Penguins

Reading	Working on; fluency, expression, isolating the main points of a text and questioning how the relationship between the writer and the reader is established within a text.
Writing	Continuing our new unit - Non-chronological Report on Emperor Penguins with a focus on technical and precise vocabulary and writing a range of factual sentences (long, short, complex, subordination...)
Maths	Completing our unit on Multiplication and division including problem solving and worded problems.

School Council and Odd Socks Day

Our wonderful children on School Council voted at their last meeting to run a campaign on anti-bullying this half term. This fits really well with the fact that next week is 'Anti-Bullying' week and the first day is to be marked nationally as Odd Socks Day. School Council would like the children to come to school on Monday 13th next week wearing odd socks; the odder the better. Feel free to tuck trousers into socks to show them off. The idea is to show how we are all different and to celebrate this in a fun way rather than picking on differences as a negative. This fits with our Manor Value of Open-Mindedness. If parents want to join in when they attend our maths workshop that would be great. You could even see if your own workplace fancies joining in as bullying isn't just an issue for children or schools. Feel free to share any photos for the next newsletter as I'm sure school council would be proud if their campaign has helped spread the fun and the message of anti-bullying week further afield.

If children need any extra clothing in winter it should be worn under the t-shirt with short sleeves (e.g. a vest) so it is not visible. Hats, scarves, coats and gloves can be worn at playtimes and on rare occasions may be worn for PE (but if it that cold they will likely be inside!). If you struggle to find the correct uniform please do let us know. We may be able to find something in lost property or point you in the right direction. Most parents have found it so it might be worth asking them if you are stuck.

Attendance

After a good start to the year our attendance dropped dramatically in the second half of last half term. We had some children off with nasty bugs (especially in Reception) and injuries which of course can't be helped. We also had a large number of children who missed school for holidays. Any absence means gaps in a child's learning and staff then need to spend extra time trying to fill those gaps while trying not to take away from the learning of others. Our attendance figures are below the national average currently where we are normally well above at Manor. We also have a large percentage of children below 90% attendance which is classified as 'persistent absence'. Hopefully we are over the worst of any illnesses, and I would ask that any more holidays are taken in the 13 weeks of school holidays each year. If you have any issues around attendance we are always happy to help and support in any way possible.

<p>Annabelle, Amelia, Jude, Erin, Jovan, Max, Emmy, Luca, Harry, Lucas</p> <p>Well done to all – we know you will do a great job!</p>	<p>Robin's Request for boxes etc.</p> <p>Mr Forman would like any recycled materials that you can provide as Robins are planning on making some amazing Space Vehicles! Please make sure anything is nice and clean and that it hasn't contained nuts e.g. no Crunchy Nut Cornflake boxes! Plastic lids for wheels, foil trays for a moon buggy, pop bottles for a rocket... We can't wait to see what they build with your help. Just drop anything into the office or to Mr Forman on the playground. Thank you.</p>	<p>Remembrance</p> <p>With the 11th falling on the weekend this year we held our remembrance assembly on Wednesday and the children did a practice 2 minutes silence where they thought about those who have made sacrifices for us over the years.</p>
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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:

Manners - We are polite and show respect!



<p>Ethan</p> <p>William H</p> <p>Phoebe G</p> <p>Bracken</p>	<p>Amelia</p> <p>Jacob</p> <p>Sylvie</p>	<p>Elliott</p> <p>Jenson</p> <p>Max</p> <p>Bayleigh</p>	<p>Alfie A</p> <p>Joshua B</p> <p>Harry</p> <p>Evie</p>
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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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