



# MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Summer Term Newsletter



Issue 1 'Lighting the Fires of our Future' Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Governors (still!) Wanted

Do you know anyone who would like to contribute to their community through the voluntary role of being a school governor? The Local Governing Board of Manor Primary have vacancies for co-opted governors to join them in striving to make the school as good as it can be. We have a full quota of parent and staff governors but you may have a work colleague, a relative, a neighbour or a friend who has the time to offer for a good cause. If you know someone who fits this bill, then do ask them to get in touch with the school office and we will arrange a chat over a cuppa to explore the possibilities. Thank you for your help in this.

### Dodgeball Postponed

The dodgeball tournaments at Thomas Barnes in May have been postponed because of building work on their playground. Hopefully new dates will be set for later in the year.

### Easter Competitions

Well done to all those who took part in our Easter eggstravaganza with hats/bonnets that were fabulous and egg dioramas that were so imaginative and detailed. We hope you had as much fun making them as we did seeing them. All were eggcellent but it was a competition so our poor judges had to choose some winners. They were:

- Ducklings - Lottie
- Robins – Jacob
- Year 1 – Sylvie
- Year 2 – Maddox
- Year 3 – Zachary
- Year 4 – Evie
- Year 5 – Harry
- Year 6 – Robin

We hope they enjoyed the chocolate eggs!  
Thank you to all who stayed to watch the parades in the hall. There

### Dates for Your Diary

April	
27 <sup>th</sup>	School closed to most children for teachers' strike
May	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday Monday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School closed to most children for teachers' strike
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coton Green FC tournament Y3/4 and Y5/6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Coton Green FC tournament Y3/4 girls
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Help Out – volunteers invited to join us
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS Tests for Y6
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Cross country (third new date!)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Hill from Amington to meet some Y6
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Dean from Rawlett to meet some Y6
26 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
June	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
8 <sup>th</sup>	5pm parents meeting for Penguins – Laches Wood
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Penguins to Laches Wood

### Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Y1 daily reading of phase specific texts from Little Wandle. Y2 SATs style reading texts and comprehension.
Writing	Creating our own set of instructions for making a vehicle.
Maths	Introducing time: O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.
Owls	
PE every Wednesday, Forest School on Tuesdays for Year 3	
Reading	"Charlotte's Web" by E.B.White. They will be focussing mainly on inference, retrieval and vocabulary.
Writing	Children will be sentence stacking building their knowledge of and using a range of skills. Writing will be based on the book 'Float' by Daniel Miyares
Maths	Fractions including equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.
Penguins	
Reading	Reading the book 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans with a focus on comprehension and SATs style questions

### 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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### Watches with Cameras

As technology moves on we need to keep adjusting our rules to keep up! We are fine with watches being worn in school (at own risk so nothing valuable obviously) as it encourages time telling. We are also fine if the watch is combined with a 'fit bit' to encourage activity. Again, nothing too expensive! Apparently though, there are now watches with cameras on. These are not allowed in school as there could be safeguarding risks with cameras on site. If your child is lucky enough to have such a device, please do not send it to school with them. Thank you.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to all who completed our parent

was a lovely atmosphere of support for all of the children created by all who were there.

### Owls Easter Performance

Thank you to those who were able to join us for Owls Easter performance in church in the last week. The children had worked hard with Mr Lloyd to learn the songs and readings and they did a great job. Thank you to Mr Lloyd who had managed to produce the performance single handed in a short space of time.

	especially those requiring more than one piece of evidence from the text.
Writing	Continuing with our Greek Myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur' with a focus on effective sentences
Maths	Year 5 continuing our unit on Statistics with a focus on interpreting tables and timetables Year 6 SATs revision - converting measurements ( ml, l, cm, m, g, kg and time)

survey before Easter. There was some very helpful and constructive feedback with ideas for ways we can keep on getting better. Teachers have read and discussed all of the comments together at staff meeting this week and have taken them on board. Every question had between 70% and 100% positive responses which was great to see. Of course the areas where there were lower levels of agreement are those that we will be focusing on to see if we can make any changes. Some of these will be added to the next Parent Forum agenda. We will continue to work on these and keep you updated.

### The Big Help Out

Hopefully you will all have heard of 'the Big Help Out' by now. This is the theme chosen by King Charles for the Coronation Bank Holiday. The idea is to get an army of people out to do voluntary work and make a difference to other people in the community. At manor we wanted to encourage the children to get involved so we have set aside the afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May for them to do some voluntary work. We also have a bit of money to spend on resources to support us in this thanks to Sandhu Stores. We also have some red white and blue flowers sourced through Mr Berekis' garden centre. So far we have thought of planting and weeding or litter picking in school and around the village, and making bug hotels to place around the village and school. We have contacted the Parish Council for any help or suggestions and we would love parents to get involved, whether that is by joining us on the day and helping to supervise groups around the village, by providing any resources you may have such as half a bag of compost or a wheel barrow for the day, or by suggesting areas we could improve or people who might appreciate a bit of help. Children could sweep someone's drive or weed their front garden but only if parents nominate them for us first. Do use your local knowledge and let us know any ideas you might have.

### 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.**



**Bruno**

**Giaan**

**Leo**

**Harry**

**Phoebe**

**Ruben**

**Lane**

**Jeffery**

**Luca**

We are MANOR



**Manners**



**Aspiration**



**Nurture**



**Open-mindedness**



**Resilience**