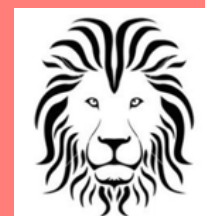


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Summer Term Newsletter



Issue 3 'Lighting the Fires of our Future' Friday 19th May 2023.

Y3/4 Dodgeball Champions... Again!

Last year our Year 3/4 children went to Thomas Barnes for a dodgeball tournament and came away as winners. This year the tournament was moved to Rawlett due to building work at Thomas Barnes and our Year 3/ 4 team entered again. The team had mostly attended Mr Littler's after school club through the winter and had developed an understanding of the game that meant they were able to win most of their games and reach the final. The final was against a team from Thomas Barnes who had beaten us in an earlier match so we went in as underdog's. Undaunted, and drawing on those Manor values of Aspiration and Resilience, the team came away with a brilliant win in the final. Thank you to the 'artful dodger' Mr Lloyd for organising them and parents who provided transport. We are very proud of the team who were: Evie, Emmy, Isabelle, Jude, Jovan, Dylan, Arabella, Leo, Lane and Xander.



My School Fund

We're pleased to announce that Manor Primary is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift

Dates for Your Diary

May	
22 nd	Y1/2 rearranged dodgeball at Rawlett
26 th	Break up for half term
June	
5 th	Return to school Y4 to do times tables check over next 3 weeks.
6 th	Y5 cross country at Rawlett
7 th	Robins and Ducklings to Sea Life Centre
8 th	5pm parents meeting for Penguins – Laches Wood
13 th	Swans to Ash End Farm
16 th	Father's Day 'Ploughman's lunch'
19 th – 23 rd	Penguins to Laches Wood
20 th	Y3/4 tennis festival at Spital Tennis Club
21 st	New to Nursery and Reception parents meeting – 5:30pm
27 th	Y5/6 tennis tournament
30 th	Pm – Owls to Coton Centre for 'Doods' concert
July	
w/c 3 rd	Transition week including Y6 to High schools on Wed 5 th . More detail to follow.
w/c 10 th	Fierté Festival week based on sports.
12 th	9:30-11:30am – Sports Day – Parents invited
19 th	Penguins performances 9:30am and 5:30pm
20 th	Y6 Leavers' BBQ and rounders with staff
21 st	Leavers' service pm Break up for summer

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Y1 - Little Wandle texts, Y2 History of farming.
Writing	Creative writing based on 'The Crow's tale' by Naomi Howarth.
Maths	Y1 place value up to 100 – Y2 fractions and place value recap.
Owls	
Reading	sequencing events from 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. They have begun reading and retrieving information on the text this week.
Writing	In the last week of half term children will be writing and editing their narrative based on 'Float' By Daniel Miyares.
Maths	Year 3 will be measuring and comparing capacity (ml and l). Year 4 will be learning about 100ths and dividing by 100.
Penguins	
Reading	Reading about different Ancient Greek Myths where we meet the heroes, gods and monsters of Ancient Greece. We will focus on retrieval, inference and vocabulary.

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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Y6 SATS

Year 6 completed their SATs tests last week and all did brilliantly. We were so proud of the way they handled some tricky papers and all did their very best. They now have 2 months to wait for the results but whatever the outcomes we couldn't have asked more of them. They certainly deserved their treat day last Friday!

Y6 Transition

Still a long way to go to the end of term but we have had visits from high school staff this week to speak to the Year 6's who will be joining their schools next year. Year 6 will also be spending at least one day at their new school on July 5th when Tamworth secondary schools have their transition days.

Laches Wood

<p>vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our nursery on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!</p> <p>How to get involved</p> <p>Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Manor Primary Academy. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!</p> <p>Sign up today at myschoolfund.org</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>It has been many months since we had any complaints about parking so thank you for being considerate in how you park outside school. Please continue to make sure that access is not blocked to the back of the houses on New Row opposite school by leaving a route through beside the church at all times. We also continue to be very grateful to the Village Club for allowing staff and parents to use their car park free of charge. It would be very difficult without their generosity.</p>	<table><tr><td>Writing</td><td>Diary writing - we will work towards writing a dairy entry in role as one of the characters from Theseus and the Minotaur.</td></tr><tr><td>Maths</td><td>Year 5 will continue with our Decimals lessons where they will be adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals in addition to sequencing decimal numbers. Year 6 will continue with their travel project where they will calculate budgets, costings including conversions and read and understand timetable and time problems.</td></tr></table>	Writing	Diary writing - we will work towards writing a dairy entry in role as one of the characters from Theseus and the Minotaur.	Maths	Year 5 will continue with our Decimals lessons where they will be adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals in addition to sequencing decimal numbers. Year 6 will continue with their travel project where they will calculate budgets, costings including conversions and read and understand timetable and time problems.	<p>Laches Wood residential visit is just starting to loom on the horizon with only a month to go before parents get a week of peace and quiet! The deadline for payment was today 19th May, unless paying by instalments, in which case the final £22 can be paid by 16th June. Please contact the school office if you have not completed payment and we will see what we can do to help.</p>
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	<p>Holiday in Term Time</p> <p>Just a polite reminder that we are not allowed to authorise holiday in term time (other than in truly exceptional circumstances) and all holidays of a day or more will result in a penalty notice being issued. As the majority of our families do, please try to keep holidays to the 13 weeks of school holiday each year. Our average attendance is slowly creeping up to 95.3% currently. This is good, but still below the 97% we got nearly every year before Covid. Thank you for your support in this.</p> <p>Fierté Minibuses</p> <p>The cost of coach travel has become very expensive in recent months and has made educational visits costly. We had hoped to be able to use the Fierté minibuses this year to help bring down costs but that has meant relying on staff from other schools to drive us and they have not been available. We have several staff who are keen to be able to drive for us but, quite rightly, there is a strict medical and testing procedure in Staffordshire to qualify. There are huge backlogs in the system meaning waiting many months for appointments. Several staff are now getting these appointments through now so we hope to have drivers qualified at some point over the summer term.</p>					



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.

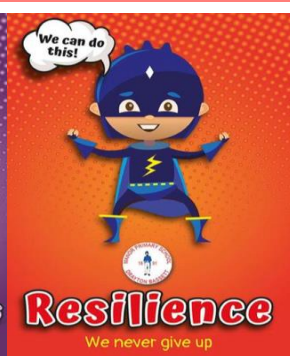
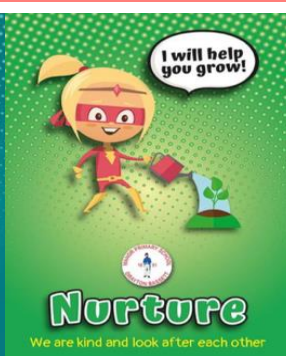
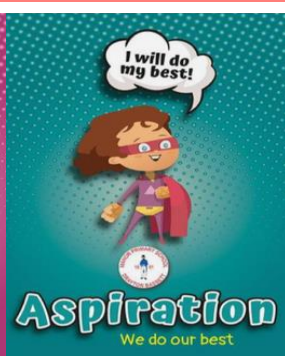
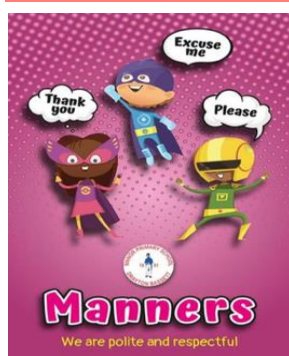
Alena
Amber
Myla

Hattie
Zachary

Hayden N
Rose

All of Year 6!
Luca
Lucas

We are MANOR



Forest School with Year 5

The year 5's were tasked this week to make a cairn. A cairn is a man-made tower of natural stones which you often see people trying to construct on a pebbly beach or even a landmark or memorial. The year 5's thought that this was going to be a very easy task. They thought wrong; they found it very frustrating trying to get the stones to balance. They did manage to do this in the end with lots of careful hand-eye co-ordination and concentration.





Forest School with Year 3

The year 3's had an afternoon of cloud gazing and mindfulness where they lay on a mat and looked up at the moving clouds. They discussed how fast the clouds were moving, how much cloud cover there was and the colour, as well as whether they could make out any shapes of animals or objects amongst them. They also did some sketching on a chart of what shapes they could see. They then closed their eyes and relaxed while Mrs Violet told them a mindful story about relaxing and calming down. Forest School and outdoor learning is great for mental health generally.

