

MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Spring Term Newsletter



Issue 3 'fighting the fires of our future' Friday 3rd February 2023.

World Book Day



Somehow we seem to have managed to include the wrong date for World Book Day in the last Newsletter despite the

logo clearly (and correctly) saying 2nd March! Make sure you choose the right day to dress up as a traditional Tale character. You don't want to be the only one dressed as a Big Bad Wolf or as a Gingerbread Man if you get the wrong day! Sorry for any confusion.

Sports Corner

Last week we took part in the Y5/6 small schools' Sport Hall Athletics at Rawlett. For a full team we needed 6 girls and 6 boys, but we only have 4 girls in total in Y5/6 and some weren't able to take part. We ended up with Tilly from Y6 and Arabella from Y4 as the only girls. We have no shortage of boys in Penguins with 1 Y6 and 6 Y5 boys being keen to take part. The other schools were very understanding in allowing us to take part with our boys all keen to have a go at supporting the girls by making up relay teams etc. It was a pleasure to see how the whole team pulled together, despite having no chance of winning, and were so sporting in their spirit. There were some fabulous individual and team performances but the lasting memory is of that Manor family spirit coming together as one team and making us all proud. Well done to Josh B, Luca, Lucas, Archie, Matthew, Robin, Elliott, Tilly and Arabella.

Dates for Your Diary

February	
w/c 6 th	Teacher/Parent consultation meetings
7 th	Safer Internet Day Penguins to library bus
8 th	Grandparents' lunches for KS2
10 th	2:15-3:15pm - Parent Forum
14 th	'Kindness is Cool' assembly by School Council
15 th	Grandparents lunches for EYFS/KS1
16 th	Owls class wedding in church (RE lesson) Valentine's Discos – Booking on ParentPay 3:30-4:30- Reception, Y1 and Y2 4:45-6pm – KS2
17 th	Pm – paint rocks for a 'Kindness is Cool' garden (School Council campaign). Treat for house points. Break up for half term
27 th	Children return to school
March	
1 st	Possible Teachers' strike day (NEU members)
2 nd	Fairy tale themed lunch for World Book Day World Book Day – Traditional Tales dressing up.
3 rd	Tennis coaching for Owls and Penguins to start each Friday pm this half term
7 th	Owls to library bus
9 th	Y5 boys cross country team at Rawlett
15 th / 16 th	Possible Teacher strike days
17 th	Mother's Day afternoon tea
20 th	Owls visit to Cadbury World
21 st	Class and leavers' photos
22 nd	Swans visit to RAF Cosford
23 rd	Maths parent workshop 9-10am
27 th	Easter Film Night
30 th	Owls Easter performance
31 st	Easter Menu Easter biscuit sale Easter hats and egg competitions Break up for Easter

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Small group reading based around a weekly different phonetically appropriate text selected from our new Little Wandle Scheme
Writing	Writing a range of sentences based on Wombat goes walkabout by Michael Morpurgo
Maths	measuring volume and comparing capacities
Owls	

Wrap Around Care

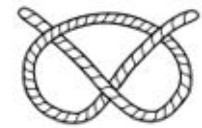


Before and after school care is available as usual for all children who are in school. Contact the school office to book a place.

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Volunteer Day

Mrs Rogers is looking for volunteers to do a few jobs in the Forest School area. This would include painting the back of a shed with black chalkboard paint and a bit of shifting of things like mud kitchens etc. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Thursday or Friday please let Mrs Rogers know on arogers@manor.fierte.org We will be trying to make a day after half term when a few can help together. All volunteers are welcome but, could you be the first dad to volunteer this year?! Thank you!

Wanted – Book shelves

Rock Request

On the afternoon of 17th Feb the School Council have organised a Kindness is Cool Rock painting session. We have enough stones for each child to decorate with a kind message but some are quite small. If you had a stone that measures approximately 10-15cm across that your child could bring in at some point in the week beginning 13th Feb that would be great.

Half Term Tennis Camp

For the upcoming February Half Term Spital Tennis Club are running their ever popular half term holiday camps for ages 4 to 16. Please see more details below.

February Half Term Tennis Camp 2023

Venue:

Spital Tennis Club
Wigginton Road
Tamworth
B79 8RH

Time:

9am to 12pm

Dates:

Monday 20th February
Tuesday 21st February
Wednesday 22nd February
Thursday 23rd February
Friday 24th February

Age:

4 to 16

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- <https://microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-spital-tennis-club/p/spital-february-half-term-camp>

If you have any questions please contact matt@microsports.co.uk

Reading	Reading a non-fiction text and answering a range of questions based around the KS2 content domains.
Writing	Building on their writing skills using the FANTASTICs and BOOMTASTICs to build sentences and then an entire setting description based around a spring scene. (For more info on the boomtastics and fantastic visit the writing curriculum page on the school website)
Maths	Learning about length, they will look at mm, cm, m and km and how this knowledge can be applied to calculate perimeter.
Penguins	
Reading	Reading 'Escape from Rome' Book 1 of The Roman Quests series by Caroline Lawrence with a focus on vocabulary, retrieval and inference.
Writing	Continuing our sentence stacking lesson to re-tell the story of 'One Small Step', a CGI Short Animation film.
Maths	Year 5 Maths - Revisiting fractions, decimals and percentages - focus on multiplying fractions, fractions of amounts and equivalents. Year 6 Maths -Algebra.

Attendance

As mentioned previously, school attendance since Covid has still not fully recovered and the government are raising the expectations on schools and parents to improve this. Here at Manor we have always had above national levels of attendance but we are still below the levels we had before Covid. In nearly all cases absence at Manor is due to genuine medical reasons but we do have some holiday in term time and some persistent absence and lateness from some. Governors recently adopted the [Fierté attendance policy](#) which is based on the latest government expectations. This has a strict set of protocols that we must follow including sending letters, contacting parents of children with poor attendance and arranging meetings. In the most part there are good reasons for the absences and we will be simply informing you of the level of attendance and offering support to help improve it together. After all, we all want the same thing... A good education for our children.



Mrs Armstrong has been rejuvenating her book corner in Penguins and would like a small set of shelves approx. 100cm tall in white or light coloured wood. If you have any going spare we would be most grateful if you could email a picture of them to armstrong@manor.fierte.org so Mrs Armstrong can see if they are suitable.



Thank you!

Term Dates

Please click the link to check [Staffordshire Schools' Term Dates](#) to make sure that any holidays you may wish to book are taken in the 13 weeks of school holidays and don't incur an automatic penalty notice for holidays in term times. We are also closed to children for the following INSET days.
Monday 17th April
Monday 24th July
Tuesday 25th July
Thank you for your support.

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:



Aspiration - We do our best!

Adeline	Max	Jacob
Ayisha	Dylan	Gabriel
Bella-Rose	Evie	William R
Bella		Alfie A

Manners
We are polite and respectful

Aspiration
We do our best

Nurture
We are kind and look after each other

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

Resilience
We never give up