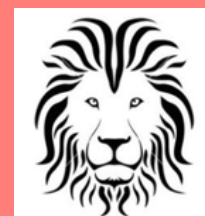


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Spring Term Newsletter



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A Busy Couple of Weeks!

Since the last Newsletter we have had lots going on in school. We held **parent consultation** meetings which were very positive and well attended. If you haven't been able to attend a meeting or wish to meet with your child's class teacher please do get in touch with them through the office to arrange an appointment.

We have had **grandparents' lunches** for the whole school which again were very popular. We have had some lovely messages and cards from grandparents who enjoyed the dinners, often saying it was much better than they remembered from their own school days!

Owls class had their RE lesson about **Christian marriage** which was held in the church with a mock ceremony that the children enjoyed. See a sample of photos below.

Penguins had their end of history unit **Roman day** where they dressed up and did lots of Roman things... see photos below.

Children painted their rocks for the School Council Kindness is Cool Rock Garden today. The Valentine's Disco was a great success last night.

Robins and Ducklings have loved their new **sandpit** as well as the **climbing wall** and they loved dancing with a **Chinese Dragon** on the playground... see photos below.

A busy, fun and productive week of learning that will hopefully stick in the children's memories for a long time.

World Book Day

Just another reminder that we are dressing as characters (or

Dates for Your Diary

February	
27 th	Children return to school
March	
1 st	Possible Teachers' strike day
2 nd	World Book Day – Fairy tale themed lunch and Traditional Tales dressing up. 3:20pm – Penguins RHE parents meeting
3 rd	Tennis coaching for Owls and Penguins to start each Friday pm this half term 3:20pm – Owls RHE parents meeting
7 th	Owls to library bus Tuesday Forest School starts for Y3 and Y5
9 th	Y5 boys cross country team at Rawlett
15 th / 16 th	Possible Teacher strike days
17 th	2:30pm KS2 Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
20 th	Owls visit to Cadbury World 2:30pm KS1 Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
21 st	Class and leavers' photos Swans to library bus
22 nd	Swans visit to RAF Cosford
23 rd	Maths parent workshop 9-10am
24 th	Parent Forum
27 th	Easter Film Night
30 th	Pm Owls Easter performance
31 st	Easter Menu Easter biscuit sale Easter bonnets/hats (EYFS/KS1) and science themed egg diorama competition (KS2) Break up for Easter
April	
17 th	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
28 th	Children return to school

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	Introducing our new non-fiction unit – On Safari - which will focus on writing short journal entries based on adventures.
Maths	Year 1 will be recapping place value ensuring they are secure with numbers up to 20. Year 2 will be recapping mental and written methods for addition and subtraction.
Owls	
Reading	'Future Hero' by Remi Blackwood focusing on retrieval and inference. This book will

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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Teacher Strikes

You will see on the dates that the next proposed teacher strike day is set for **1st March** which is the **Wednesday after half term**. The current situation (which may change of course) is that this day will be the same as last time. That means school might be closed, the same children will be invited to attend as last time and there will be work emailed to parents the day before for those at home. Fingers crossed that government and unions can come to an agreement before then but it is best to be prepared for the worst. There is also a two day strike scheduled for 15th and 16th March. We will endeavour to keep you informed nearer the time.

Easter Competition



objects!) from traditional tales on the Thursday of the first week after half term.

Sports Corner

Owls and Penguins will be starting with tennis lessons after half term on a Friday afternoon run by a coach from the tennis club at Spital Hill.

Girls, do look at the poster at the end of this Newsletter from Coton Green FC who are looking for girls who fancy emulating the Lionesses and enjoying a bit of football down the road at Fazeley.

	then carry on being read as the class reader each day.	<p>The day before we break up for Easter we will have an Easter Bonnett/Hat parade for EYFS and KS1. KS2 will have an egg diorama competition on the theme of ‘science’. This should be no bigger than a shoe box size. It could depict a scientist or an element of the science curriculum. As long as it contains an egg as a key part of it and has a link to science it will be judged. If you want any ideas, then do talk to a member of staff.</p>
Writing	Non-fiction explanation writing based on "A Journey into the Wonderful World of your Microbiome"	
Maths	Fractions - understanding the whole and how this can be divided into unit and non-unit fractions.	
Penguins		
Reading	The Roman Quests by Catherine Lawrence with a focus on vocabulary and comprehension.	
Writing	Newspaper Report based on the book Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit.	
Maths	Measuring and calculating area and Perimeter of shapes including compound shapes, triangles and parallelograms .	

A message from Maria Hamblin, Fierté CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are looking forward to the half term break. I just wanted to share a few updates with you in relation to our Trust.

We now have nine schools within the Trust. The latest school to join is Manor Primary in Tamworth, which is located in Drayton Bassett, Tamworth. Our Trust is one with primary expertise and includes schools which are village, junior and infant schools. We also have a brand-new Free School Presumption primary school in Tamworth (the first in 40 years) awarded by the DfE and Local Authority, which opened in 2021.

Trust Parent Forum

The first Trust Parent Forum met last week. Whilst there were representatives from some Trust schools, there are still some vacancies. Please contact me if you would like to know more about being part of this team: ceo@fierte.org

The next meeting is scheduled for 27th March 2023 from 5.45pm-7.30pm at Anker Valley Primary our brand-new build school.

The Trust Parent Forum requested that parents are updated each half term in relation to Trust events, news or initiatives. A record of each meeting will be uploaded to the Trust website following approval by attendees.

Fierté Festival

PE Leaders from across all our schools have met to organise our annual Fierté Festival. This year the theme will link to sport. Inter-school and cross- Trust tournaments are being planned for the Festival week in July. PE leaders will focus on cricket, football and netball as well as dance and other popular types of sport our children will enjoy. Each school will participate in an opening and closing ceremony. PE leaders are looking to invite well-known local sporting champions to inspire our children. In addition, tournaments and teams of schools will compete against each other at local sporting venues e.g., Tamworth Cricket Ground and hopefully, Burton Albion. Leaders will also be speaking to children about their wishes and interests for the Festival. We will continue to keep you informed.

Fierté Twitter and Facebook

The Trust Parent Forum felt that parents may not be aware that the Trust shares a fortnightly Twitter and Facebook Communication.

Links are: <https://www.facebook.com/FierteTrust> and <https://twitter.com/fiertetrust?lang=en-GB>

Kindest regards and enjoy your break.

Maria Hamblin (CEO)



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!

Isla
Frankie

Maddox
Sylvie
Amelia

Leo
William R
Emmy

Jeff
Matthew

We are MANOR



Pretend Wedding in Owls

Owls were very excited to learn about the meaning behind different aspects of a Christian wedding in RE.
Thanks to Reverend Iddon for 'officiating' and explaining as he went along.



Pretend Marriage Document
Ref No: **MOCKMANOR1**

Pretend Marriage document issued by Rev. Jonathan Iddon (name)
Vicar (designation)

In the parish of Drayton Bassett, Fazeley & Mile Oak in the County of Stafford.

1. Date and place of marriage	Sixteenth February 2023 at St Peter's, Drayton Bassett	
2. Name and Surname	Leo	Emmy
3. Date of Birth (or Age)	9	9
4. Condition	Single	Single
5. Occupation	Student	Student
6. Residence at time of marriage	Tamworth	Tamworth
7. Mother/Father/Parent name and occupation	Jude (Student)	Dylan (Student)
	Echo (Student)	Rose (Student)
8. Pretend Marriage (not really!) solemnized according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns of Marriage by me.		
9. Signature of parties married	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
10. Name and signature of witnesses	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
11. Signature of the member of the clergy by whom the pretend marriage was (not really!) solemnized.	<u>[Signature]</u> (signing) Rev. Jonathan Iddon <u>Vicar</u> (designation)	



Roman Day in Penguins!

Penguins created mosaics using clay where the children have had to measure and cut up to 100 1cm square tiles, baked Roman honey biscuits, performed our Roman dance that we have been working on in PE with Mr Lloyd, used our knowledge of Roman numerals to crack codes and finally we have completed some ICT based activities applying our knowledge and understanding of the Roman Era.





How Many Robins Can You Fit in a Sandpit?!

Robins sandpit was officially declared open this week. Parents may have noticed from the contents of shoes, pockets and... well, everything! Thank you to Mr Forman for his hard work in building it.





Chinese New Year in Robins

If you drove past and saw a dragon dancing across the playground this week, don't panic. It was only Robins and Ducklings celebrating Chinese New Year. (You may have heard them too!)





Introducing Girls Football

FIRST

SESSION

FREE

AGES

4-12

SUNDAY

26 FEB

10-11AM

**£5 Per
session**

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girls' football?**

Our FA qualified coaches are launching a football programme for girls aged 4-12 to provide girls of all abilities an introduction to football in a pressure free environment.



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