



July 5th 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Please find the latest attendance figures below. Thank you to all parents/carers and children who continue to support the school in its drive to increase attendance. However, as you will notice our attendance figures have been lower than we would like for the last few weeks. We have 2 weeks left in term and it would good to see our overall totals increasing back to 96% and above. On a positive note, we currently have 77 children who we hope to invite to our end of year attendance trip. Invites will be sent out next week so please look out for them.

Week ending 14 th June	
Year 3/4	99.7%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 2	98.1%
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 5/6	92.6%
Year 4/5	88%
Overall	95.3%

Week ending 21 st June	
Year 3	98%
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 4/5	95%
Year 3/4	93%
Year 5/6	91.3%
Overall	95.1%

Week ending 28 th June	
Year 3	98%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 4/5	94%
Year 5/6	93.5%
Year 1	93%
Year 3/4	91.9%
Reception	88.8%
Overall	93.9%

Year 4 multiplication tables check-

Over the last few weeks our Year 4 children have been undertaking the national Times Table check. From next year, this will become a compulsory annual event similar to the Year 1 Phonics Screening. Although participation was voluntary this year, our children have worked extremely hard at improving their times table knowledge and their speed of recall. During the times table check, the children have 6 seconds to answer each question which as I'm sure you will agree requires rapid responses! Regular practice on Times Table Rockstars has really helped this, and we are delighted to let you know that 80% of our Year 4 children achieved full marks and 96% of them achieved at least 80%. Our class average score was an amazing 24 out of 25!

Due to our success this year, next year's Y4 children will have similar access to the computer suite for daily practice.

Manor Park Garden Party

On Tuesday the weather was finally kind and we were able to successfully hold our second garden party. Thank you to everyone who joined us and spent lunchtime with the children. It was wonderful to see the school field full of people enjoying the weather and spending quality time as a family.

Garden Gang Garden Party

On Tuesday 25th June the Garden Gang held their first allotment garden party, where they were able to showcase the fantastic allotment and the range of produce they currently have growing. Although the rain tried to spoil events, everyone had a great time, concluding with refreshments and a sample of produce to take home. During the event, our budding gardeners were able to ask Sam Youd - the retired head gardener from Tatton Park for some tips! A big thank you goes to Mrs Rogers for all her hard work with both the allotment and the Garden Gang. We look forward to their continued success next year.

Nursery visit to Sharstone House

On Thursday 4th July our nursery children went on a trip to visit the residents of Sharston House. They sang lots of songs and played their rhythm sticks to music which the elderly ladies and gentlemen absolutely loved! The highlight of the visit was in the form of tasty gingerbread cookies, which the residents had made specially for the children. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school. What a wonderful start to our community links - we hope to visit again in the Autumn term.

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair takes place tomorrow between 12.00 and 3.00 with lots of exciting stalls planned as well as the finals of our inter house Netball Tournament. The weather is still forecast to be hot and sunny so we look forward to seeing you all there to support the MPSA and staff in raising as much money as possible to support your children.

Year 2 Birds of Prey

Year 2 had an exciting time on Tuesday when they were visited by some unusual visitors - several birds of prey and a ferret! Some of the different birds they observed included a barn and tawny owl, a red legged screamer, a vulture and a harris hawk. The children had the opportunity to hold the birds and to find out about their lifestyle.

Sam - 'I thought it was amazing because you could see all the different birds.'

Paisley - It was funny because the red legged screamer kept running around the hall.'

Amelia - 'It was lots of fun because we were able to stroke the owls. Mr Cotterill also held a bird and had to clean up the pooh!'

Alfie - 'I thought it was amazing because some people could hold the birds. I liked the hawk the best because my grandad used to keep them.'

Whole Class Feedback visitors

As a follow on from our Whole Class Feedback training which we facilitated with Bexton, we have played host to a number of teachers from other primary schools over the last 2 weeks.

The teachers, who have come from all over the country have spent time in the classrooms, observed feedback in practice, looked at books and talked to the children. They have all left with a fantastic impression of Manor Park and lots of useful ideas to take back to their own schools.

Year 1 Mini Beasts

As part of Year 1's Topic work this half term, we are covering minibeasts. To bring the curriculum to life, a visit from Rent a Beast last week allowed the children to get up close and personal with different minibeasts. There was a huge selection of minibeasts for the children to learn about including African land snails, millipedes, giant stick insects, beetles, leaf insects and tarantulas! The children loved learning about these interesting invertebrates and how to care for them and even had a go at handling them! They absolutely loved the opportunity to get hands on with a variety of creatures and especially enjoyed holding the stick insects, blue beetles and millipedes! A huge thank you to Rent a Beast!

My World

On Friday June 21st, the Year 5 children continued on their My World journey and visited Barclays Technology centre. The children enjoyed learning about the world of banking and the growth of the technology Barclays uses. They particularly liked the command centre where staff are available 24/7 to ensure Barclays is running smoothly. It was lovely to see a few of the parents from the school and learn about their place of work. The children behaved beautifully and were brilliant ambassadors of Manor Park.

Year 5 Halle concert-

On Wednesday 19th June, Year 5 attended the Bridgwater Hall to attend Come and Play with the Hallé. The children played their brass instruments alongside a full orchestra. It was a wonderful experience for all and a privilege to observe the children as they demonstrated their musical skills. They also had the fantastic opportunity to listen to the orchestra play some special pieces of music including Darth Vader's

theme song from Star Wars. Thank you to all parents for your support. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the concert. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Year 5 Academy visit

On Thursday 20th June, Year 5 attended a PE day and Knutsford Academy. The children played such games as tag rugby and bench ball and got to know some of the PE staff from the school, who may become their teachers in the future. Many of the children from Manor Park received special certificates from the staff for shining in the games. As always, all of the children put in maximum effort and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Reports out Tuesday

Our end of year reports will be sent home with the children on Tuesday July 9th. Please check your child's bag if you don't receive one!

Our Stars and Geniuses were -

Week ending - 28th June 2019	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Edward	Nevaeh
Luis	Sonny
Hannah	Nathan
Nathan	Lamara
Leighton	Imogen
Archie	Meg
Aaron	Kaydee
Week ending - 5th July 2019	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Scarlett	Lilly
Shakira	Lilly
Paisley	Evie
Jake	Bobby
Corey	Sebastian
Rhys	Adam
Izzy	Lewis

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

6/7/19 Summer Fair
9/7/19 End of Year reports out
9/7/19 Year 6 Evening Performance
10/7/19 Year 5 My World Graduation event
10&11/7/19 Year 6 New Intake Day KMAT
11/7/19 Full Governing Body Meeting
15/7/19 School Council - Whole School Non Uniform Day
16/7/19 Attendance Treat
17/7/19 Transition afternoon- Met your new teacher
17/7/19 Awards Night
18/7/19 MPSA School's out disco
19/7/19 SCHOOL CLOSES

2/9/19 SCHOOL OPEN for INSET Training
3/9/19 SCHOOL OPEN for INSET Training
4/9/19 School open for children

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill, Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead