



4th October 2021

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies that the newsletter was not sent on Friday but I was keen to send it today as there are lots of great things happening in school to share with you.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to Mrs Devenport who is our Phonics and Early Years lead for holding a phonics workshop for parents and carers. We are very proud of our phonics provision at Manor Park and have worked hard to ensure that it is high quality and lots of fun for the children. We also understand the value of parental support and that learning is a partnership between school and home. We hope that the workshop was informative and beneficial to all that attended. As always, if you have any specific queries regarding phonics then please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Devenport and we will be more than happy to help.

School Council

I am pleased to inform you that the children have voted for their school council reps for the next 12 months and they are as follows-

Year 1- Amelia & Benji
Year 2- Amber & Hugo
Year 3- Summer & Charlie
Year 4- Levente & Xander
Year 5- Evie & Aidan
Year 6W- Amy & Rayan
Year 6T- Davey & Hannah

House Captains and Vice Captains

Our House captains and vice captains play a vital role in supporting and encouraging their 'team' throughout the school year. Teamwork and thinking/working for others are vital attributes to anyone and we develop these from an early

age at Manor Park. I am delighted to introduce the captains and vice captains for the coming year.

Mainwaring - Molly & Bella
Warburton - Amy & Shelby
Leycester - Logan & Leo
Warren - Izzy & Chloe

Our first competition will be the Rock Wrangle in November where children will be encouraged to earn points in TTRS and Numbots for their house.

We are also hoping to challenge another school to some friendly competition during Rock Wrangle Week...watch this space!

Knutsford Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of our children who took part and completed the Knutsford Library reading challenge. We have received a certificate from the library recognising your hard work. I am pleased that we had such a high percentage of children who completed the challenge. Well done all.

MPSA Cake and Coffee-

Thank you to the MPSA for hosting a 'pop up' cake and coffee afternoon at school on Friday. The parents and staff of MPSA are always working hard in the background organising events to support the children and school. The next event in the diary is the Halloween disco at the end of this half term.

Harvest School Trip

It is lovely that our children can now take part in visits and trips and our Year 4 and Year 5 children visited The Knutsford Methodist church last week to learn about Harvest. Our children enjoyed their visit and were a credit to the school.

School Trips and Visitors

You will begin to receive letters from class teachers informing you about any school trips or visitors to school. Can I ask that you engage with the letters as soon as you can, as the trips and visitors come at a considerable additional cost which the school cannot sustain without the voluntary support from parents. The staff

take a great deal of time to ensure that trips/visitors really add value to the children's learning experience and we do everything that we can to keep the costs to a minimum. Without the fabulous parental support that we receive I am afraid these experiences will be at risk in the future. Thank you for your support.

Knutsford Primary School Sporting Results

Things are slowly beginning to feel more normal and one of the things that has returned is inter school sporting events. Our children have competed against Egerton in Football and Netball and also in the Knutsford Cross Country event. Our football team had a tough afternoon against a very strong Egerton team but our Netball team had a great start to the campaign and triumphed over Egerton. Overall it was pleasing that the children achieved an aggregate victory of 20-11 over Egerton in the two events.

We took a team of 20 children to the cross-country event. All of the children who took part were a credit to themselves and to the school. In some very difficult conditions, (it wouldn't be Cross-country without torrential rain!). The team came 4th overall out of 6 schools, a special mention to Maisie in Y4 who came 2nd in her event.

Well done and thank you to everyone who supports these events.

Parents Evening

Letters have been sent to all parents and carers with information about our parent's evening. They will be remote via Microsoft Teams, please send your telephone contact details back with your replies just in case the technology does not quite go to plan, (we are confident that it will though).

Cheshire Academies Trust

It has been 9 months since we joined Cheshire Academies Trust and I thought it would be nice to update you on how we are collaborating and working together. Since the beginning of term: our Maths, English, SEND and Early Years leaders have all attended a leadership meeting.

Mrs Jeffery and I attended a leadership away day to review the strategic plan of the trust and share good practice amongst the schools. We continue to work closely with schools within the trust on shared priorities. Mrs Crosland and the office team are also working closely with the other schools. I am very pleased and proud to share that our staff are at the forefront of developments in the trust and will continue to be so moving forward.

We are also hosting visits to schools who are interested in joining the trust and will be joined by a school this week.

STAR AND GENIUS AWARDS

<u>Week ending -24th September 2021</u>	
<u>Genius of the Week</u>	<u>Star of the Week</u>
<u>Mikey Smith</u>	<u>Poppy Brookes</u>
<u>Dora Enstone-Carroll</u>	<u>Ehtna Wright</u>
<u>Georgia Sloan</u>	<u>Caylem Hayford</u>
<u>Sofie Jandusova</u>	<u>Luis Malloy</u>
<u>Tyler Walsh</u>	<u>Lewis Waring</u>
<u>George Paton</u>	<u>Chloe Goulden</u>
<u>Hannah Crooks</u>	<u>Molly Hine</u>

Diary Dates Ahead

12-10-21 Y5 Mayan Workshop in school
12-10-21 Reception visit Knutsford library
13-10-21 School Photo Day
13-10-21 Parents Evening 1
20-10-21 Y2 Trip to Nantwich Museum
20-10-21 Parents Evening 2
21-10-21 Halloween Disco
21-10-21 Governors meeting 2
22-10-21 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

1-11-21 INSET DAY school closed for children
2-11-21 TUESDAY SCHOOL OPENS- For all children
27-11-21 School Choir/Y5 Knutsford Light Switch on
17-12-21 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill - Academy Principal