



17th December 2021

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it is the end of another year at Manor Park and what a year 2021 has been. We started the year off on January 4th with children playing in the snow, making snowmen, snow angels and having snowball fights. The very next day, the country locked down for the third, (hopefully final time) and all schools reverted to a mixture of remote and in school learning.

I am very proud of how we have all worked together and how the school community has supported each other in difficult times. I am so proud of our wonderful children and our fabulous, dedicated staff and how they have faced challenges and risen above them, growing stronger after each challenge they have faced.

At every step of the way, we have tried to minimise the impact of Covid 19 on the children, parents and staff whilst balancing the worries, anxieties and health implications that we face. Our first question has always been- How can we help our children, parents and staff to be safe whilst not compromising school life?

Our first Sports week was a huge success, all children competed in their sports day, Year 6 had a great leavers assembly and we have resumed class visits and visitors. Our Rockstars week was great fun as always and we have been running after school clubs for children at all times when we have been fully open. We have continued to develop the outdoor play provision for the children and have some further developments up our sleeve for next year! The fact that our school has continued to grow and thrive in such challenging times is testament to everyone involved. It is a real team effort

Christmas Raffle

What a huge success our Christmas Raffle has been again this year. Thank you to all children, parents, grandparents and friends of the school who have purchased tickets this year. We have raised over £1000 for the school which is amazing considering we are living through such challenging times.

We had great fun filming the raffle and hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed doing it. If you have not already done so, prizes are available for collection from the school office.

We also had a raffle for the Advent calendar and the Christmas jumper competition for the children which was great fun.

Christmas Sing-a-long

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first ever Christmas Sing-along and thank you for your many kind comments. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Thank you to the staff and children for working hard and making sure that their performances were as brilliant as we now come to expect from Manor Park children.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to our poppy appeal this year. Together we raised an amazing £330.30!

Visitors to school

We were very lucky this week that Santa Claus found time in his very busy schedule to visit us. He was in school for most of the morning on Tuesday and spent time with all of the children from Nursery to Year 6. The children were very excited and had lots of questions and 'requests' and they also behaved impeccably. Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising our visit. It is great having a direct phone line to Santa Claus. More than anything, a big thank you to Santa for joining us.

We were also visited by 3 very special donkeys on Tuesday, (it was a busy day in school!).

Frosty, Pickles and Huw spent over an hour with our children on Tuesday afternoon. Again, we were lucky enough that all of our children from Year 6 to our youngest nursery children managed to stroke the donkeys and learn interesting facts about them. Thank you to all of the staff who walked the donkeys over from Tatton farm and thank you to Elie Edwards for organising our visit.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Faithfully,
Simon Cotterill - Academy Principal

STAR AND GENIUS AWARDS

| <u>Week ending - 10th December 2021</u> | |
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| <u>Genius of the Week</u> | <u>Star of the Week</u> |
| <u>George Clare</u> | <u>Hussain Ali Shah</u> |
| <u>Eszter Brezovsky</u> | <u>Lucas Rowland</u> |
| <u>Jake Whiteside</u> | <u>Lotte Squire Wood</u> |
| <u>Esmay Blundell</u> | <u>William Young</u> |
| <u>Amelia Rose Stapleton</u> | <u>Isobel Houghton</u> |
| <u>Nathan Woodyatt</u> | <u>Evie Neary</u> |
| <u>Mya Howard</u> | <u>Amy Gallie</u> |
| <u>Hannah Crooks</u> | <u>Abdullah Mohammed</u> |

Diary Dates Ahead

17-12-21 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS

4-1-22 SCHOOL OPEN FOR STAFF

5-1-22 SCHOOL OPEN FOR CHILDREN

13-1-22 Little Champions Y3+Y4

27-1-22 Sports hall athletics Y5 + Y6

7-2-22 Year 5 Bike-ability Level 1

8-2-22 Year 6 Bike-ability Level 2 (for children who have previously completed Level 1)

9-2-22 Bike-ability Level 2 (for children who have previously completed Level 1)

10-2-22 Year 4 Bike-ability Level 1

10-2-22 Basketball taster Y3 + Y4

17-2-22 Valentine Disco

18-2-22 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM