











Newsletter 12th January 2024

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!

 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A <i>FLYING START!</i></p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p>  <p>Improves reading</p> <p><i>Writing</i> + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s 1000s OF SUBJECTS OF CLASSES</p> <p>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL =</p>  <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

Our best attending classes this week are:

1st Nursey 98.5%

2nd Cerise 97.3%

3rd Crimson 96.5%

National Average attendance this week is 95%. Our attendance is continuing to improve! Well done for giving your children the very best start for their academic success!

Headteacher's Message



Dear Families

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

On Tuesday 23rd January we will be holding 'Coffee and Chat' sessions for parents and carers to come along and share thoughts about courses we can provide for parents and carers this year. In response to parent feedback, we are providing two sessions, one at 9:00 am and one at 2:20 pm. The morning session will include a visitor from Birmingham Adult Education Service who can share a range of options.

Please look out for a text with a link to After School Clubs for children; the link will open at 5:00 pm today so please be sure to select which clubs your child would like to join. Many thanks to our fantastic staff team for offering these again this term. There is further information about the clubs when you follow the link to the Form.

Due to the new school timings for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, we need to close the gates on Church Lane at 8:50 am in the morning. This ensures that children are safely in class ready for the register at 8:55 am. I would like to thank parents for their support with the new timings.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Ms Chapman

Special Lunch Day! Thursday 18th January

MCMANOR'S BURGER DAY

▶ THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY ◀

**CHICKEN BURGER
LAMB BURGER
VEGGIE CHEESEBURGER**

**WITH
FRIES, CORN ON THE COB & SALAD**

ICE CREAM



COME AND JOIN US!

You don't want to miss it!

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school value of Respect this week;

Nursery Maria

Indigo Nazifa

Violet Hawa

Gold Sabiha

Copper Emaan

Turq Abdallah

Aqua Lambo

Cerise Cairo

Crimson Cisse

Bronze Aakifah

Ochre Daniela

Topaz Mysha

Ruby Maria

Emerald Muhammad

Teal Aksam

A big well done to you all!



WORK
HARD
AND
COLLECT
House Points

All children are put into 'Houses' for collective awards for great work. Children earn points for their house and the winners are announced each week in assembly!

House points collected this week!

1st Aston 1073

2nd Berners-Lee 786

3rd Lightwood 559

Well done Aston House!!

A huge thank you from Aston and Nechells Food Bank!

Dear Staff, Pupils and Parents,

On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank I would like to thank everyone at Manor Park School for the donations recently received at our Salvation Army Distribution centre. They weighed 59.70kg.

We so appreciate the regular support we have received from the school ever since we opened in 2011.

I wish we could report that the level of need for emergency food parcels is reducing. Sadly the numbers have remained high throughout 2023 and show no sign of slowing down.

Thank you again

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

At the end of last term, our prize draw gave away Holiday Hampers won by 25 families – we hope you enjoyed the treats!



Family Action donated presents to some of our children from Manor Park Academy (some still to be given out) – for showing an excellent attitude, improvement with attendance and for being a great role model!



What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Lots more photos uploaded! Please follow us on 'X'





Manor Park Prim...

101 posts



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Manor Park Primary Academy · 20h

Many thanks to parents and carers who came along to our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning on Wednesday! Fantastic feedback and suggestions

[#workingtogether](#)



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Many thanks to Mrs Howarth and all of the children who visited the gallery eastsideprojects.org to celebrate their film project





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Manor Park Primary Academy ... · 3d

More of our amazing new school
councillors elected last week!

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Manor Park Primary Academy ... · 7h

Ready for Children in Need with matching spots, yellow and Pudsey costumes!

[#childreninneed](#)



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Thank you so much to those of you who have given us a follow!

Please head to @MPA_Primary

or click

https://twitter.com/MPA_Primary?t=0jffDwMic-nOEGXl2gPdIA&s=03

to find daily updates about the amazing things your children are doing at school!

Attendance Procedures and Autumn and Winter Illness



As we approach Autumn and the weather changes, illnesses such as colds and flu come become more common.

We can often feel worse in the morning and if your child is feeling unwell but can come into school, please make sure that they do.

*Please call 0121 327 1023 or email enquiry@manorparkacademy.org to inform us if this is the case and we can monitor them throughout the day; **we will always contact you if your child is too unwell to continue at school.***

We find that this approach often reduces the amount of time lost to avoidable absence (and children usually feel much better as the day goes on!)

Thank you for your support

Dates for your Diary



McManor's Burger Day! 18th January 2024

Coffee and Chat sessions - Choose 9.00am and 2.20pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024



Aspiration

Courage

Gratitude

Kindness

Resilience

Respect

**At Manor Park Primary
Academy everyone
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary
Academy everyone
has the right to learn.**