











Newsletter 13th October 2023

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 Topaz 98.7%

2nd Bronze 97.8%

3rd Teal 97.4%

National Average attendance this week is 95%. Our top 3 classes have beaten it again!

Well done to everyone who is meeting this target and more!

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

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families

It was great to see the children developing and honing their wheelchair basketball skills during PE lessons this week. They also got the opportunity to meet with Paralympic GB women's wheelchair basketball player Siobhan Fitzpatrick, who was also an ambassador for Birmingham Commonwealth Games!

On Friday, we were pleased to welcome Gavin Roberts, Chair of the REAch2 Trust, into school to see the school in action. The children in Year 3 created a wonderful card for him and he enjoyed hearing from our children leaders in school about what makes Manor Park a special place to be.

Please look out for information sent out recently about Year 4's Multiplication Times Table Check Information Meeting for parents/carers, our Parent Governor Nominations, Parents' Evenings and flu vaccinations. If you have not received this information, please ask at the office for a copy of parents' evening and flu vaccination forms, and always keep us up to date with your contact details.

On Monday, I was delighted with the three classes who had 100% attendance and the other three classes who were only 1 absence away from being 100%! School attendance is essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop friendships! We ask that parents make appointments outside of school hours, but, if your child does have to go during the school day, always bring them to school beforehand and bring them back afterwards.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Beginning Teachers into school to start their training to become teachers of the future. They will be joining classes in Year 2 and Year 3. It will also be the last week that our amazing site manager, Frank Gaffney, will be in school. He is moving on to a new career opportunity and we wish him all the best for the future.

We ask that parents waiting to collect children from Years 1, 2 and 3 at hometime, please stand well back to avoid crowding. Teachers need to bring their children down from the upper level of the building into the playground and dismiss them safely, so please be patient when this may take longer than usual. Our

teaching staff always have the safety of the children at the heart of everything that they do and we appreciate your understanding. We are planning to add markings to the KS1 playground so that parents and carers can see more clearly where to wait at a safe distance.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ms Chapman and Miss Lewis

Important Information about Flu Vaccinations



You should have received a consent form for your child to receive their annual flu vaccine. Please note that this is not an injection - it is a quick nasal spray and administered by a qualified medical practitioner.

Please read the information carefully on the form and complete it fully. We need all forms back to school as quickly as possible so that the NHS Immunisation Team can prepare enough vaccines for all of the children before they visit the school.

For more information online, please visit [Protecting your child against flu; Information for parents and carers \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61222/protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf)

Thank you

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

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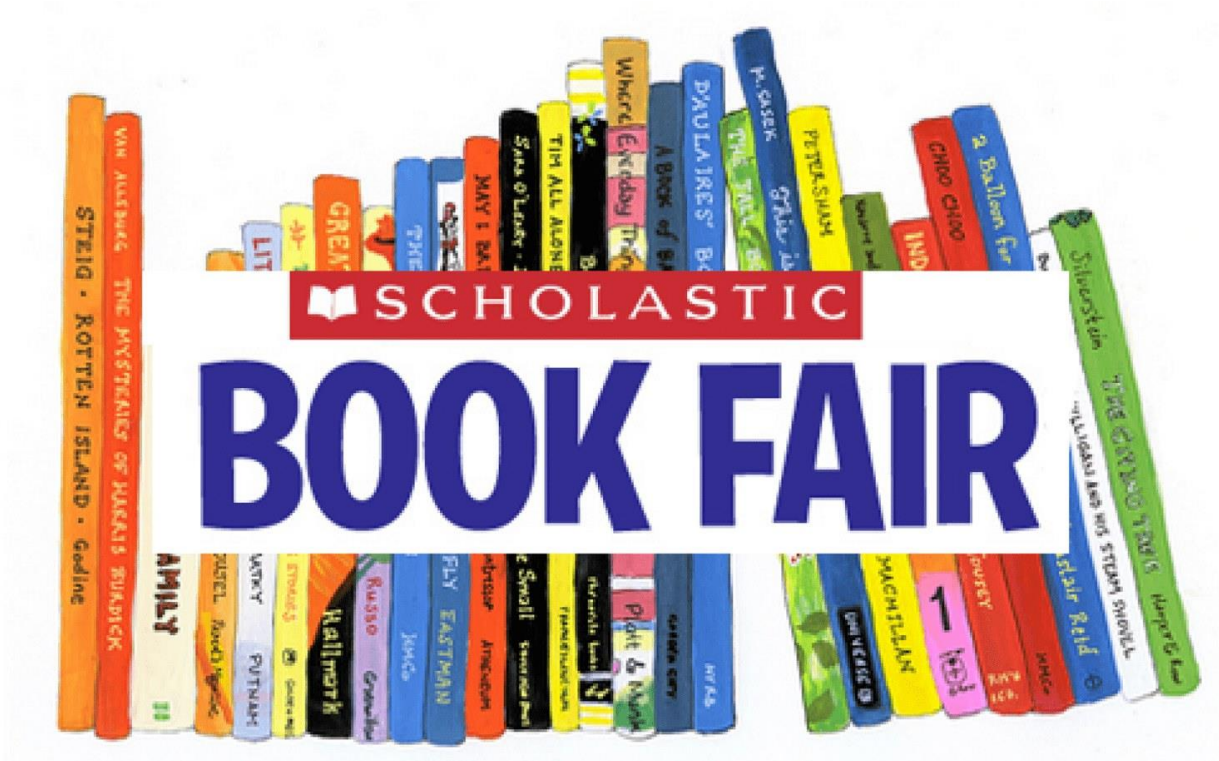
5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
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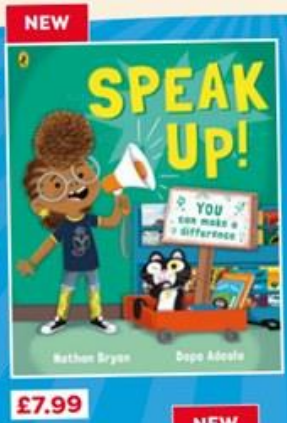
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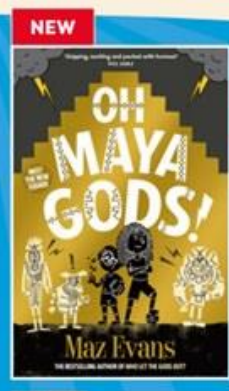
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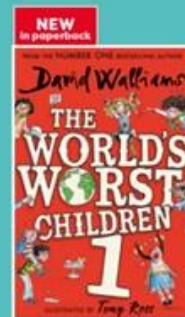
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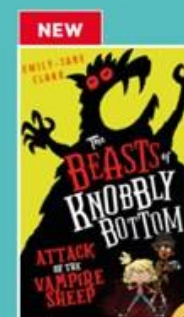
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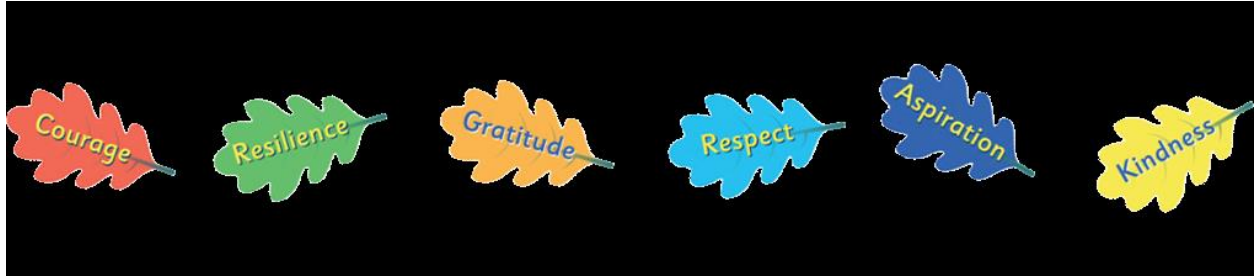
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Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown all of our school values consistently this week!

Nursery Ayaaz

Indigo Salmah

Violet Aleeza

Copper Jamal

Gold Arjan

Aqua Dotun

Turquoise Nureen

Cerise Zaynab

Crimson Aniyah

Bronze Nureen

Ochre Raheem

Ruby Nawal

Topaz Farhan

Emerald Ayana

Teal Mishal

A big well done to you all!

House Points!



House points :

1st Edward 1505

2nd Lightwood 1485

3rd Berners-Lee 1460

Well done Edward!



The Waiting Room has been developed for citizens across Birmingham to provide links to 100's of Birmingham and Solihull based services that can help you take more control of your own health and wellbeing. It also provides links to key national organisations that can help you be more informed of the options available.

Manor Park Academy use these services to support children and families. If you need any support or advice, call in at the office to discuss these services.

[Home - The Waiting Room \(the-waitingroom.org\)](http://the-waitingroom.org)

Follow us on 'X'





Manor Park Primary Academy · 21h
Wheelchair Basketball skills in Year 3 this week!



Manor Park Primary Ac... · 29 Sept
Some more visitors have arrived in Reception! [#owlbabies](#) [#talkforwriting](#)





Manor Park Primary Acade... · 22h

Another creation from our After School Stop Motion Club!



Manor Park Primary Academy · 1d

Fascinating science in Y1! We've been exploring all the different surfaces we touch as we learn about germs [#science](#)





Manor Park Primary Academy · 1d

This week children are learning to copy and continue different patterns. Children worked in groups to create patterns using twigs and leaves. [#patterns](#)



Manor Park Primary Academy · 1d

Our Nursery children have been creative about space as they have explored inspirational people as part of Black History Month. We are excited to see their final display! [#blackhistorymonth](#)





Manor Park Primary Academy · 16h
Our EYFS display is now complete!
#BlackHistoryMonth#Inspirationalwome
ninhistory



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

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

Dates for your Diary



Stay and Read - Every Friday 8.40am - 8.55am Reception and Nursery Classes

Reception Open Day - Tuesday 24th October

Parent's Evening - Monday 22nd and Thursday 26th October (Including Book Fair!)

End of Term - Friday 27th October

Return to School - Tuesday 7th November (Teacher Training Day 6th November)



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

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