











Newsletter 19th 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 Crimson 97.7%

2nd Emerald 97.3%

3rd Turquoise 97.1%

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!



"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.



"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

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Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

Many thanks to all those families who have applied for After Club spaces; once again I would like to thank our amazing staff team for offering a range of options, from Dance to Cooking to Choir! There are still spaces in some clubs so the Form will remain open over the weekend. Every child who applied so far, has received at least one Club space. Clubs start next week and children must be collected from the front office at 4:30 pm, including Year 6 children.

This week, our new Parent Governor, Misbah Fayaz, visited school and we are delighted that she is joining our school Governing Body this year. Our Governors provide oversight and accountability for our school and we welcome their support.

We have had a lot of children arriving after registration time this week, causing the front office to be very busy and parents being delayed at drop off. Due to the new school times, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to enter through the lower gate before it closes at 8:50 am in the morning. This way, we can make sure that they are in school for register at 8:55 am and ready to start phonics promptly at 9:00

am. Phonics provides a key foundation for children to develop their reading and literacy skills so it is vital that they don't miss a minute.

Next week, we have our Coffee and Chat meetings for adult family members. Everyone in our school community is welcome to come along - mums, dads, aunts, grandads, grandmas.... In the morning session at 9:00 am, we will be welcoming a visitor to share courses which could be made available for parents this academic year and we would welcome your input.

We would also like volunteers for our website! If you would like to be filmed sharing your positive experiences of being a parent at Manor Park, please let us know and come along. Email enquiry@manorparkacademy.org if you are at all interested! Miss Lewis will be there to film any willing volunteers and any contributions will be added to the school website. The afternoon session is at 2:20 pm. Refreshments will be available at both.

Please remember to send in your sponsorship forms with monies for our Team GB athlete visit on 30th January. If every child is sponsored for £2, we will be meeting our target. And they will get fit too!

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school values this week

Nursery Hanar

Indigo Ahad

Violet Abdullah

Gold Lawy

Copper Vanessa

Aqua Ruqayyah

Turquoise Aasiyah

Cerise Cheerish

Crimson Adaeze

Bronze Khadijah

Topaz Jumana

Ruby Aman

Teal Nadia

Emerald Amrin

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 Lightwood 370

2nd Berners-Lee 340

3rd Edwards 330

Well done Lightwood House!!

Child Benefit - Additional Financial Support



Families could be missing out on a minimum of £24 per week!

If a parent/carer is responsible for bringing up a child who is:

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- under 16
 - under 20 and in approved education or training
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They could [claim child benefit](#) (click the link!)

There's no limit to how many children a parent/carer can claim for but only one person can get Child Benefit for a child.

e - Safety Update - Smart Phone Tips for Young People

All National Online Safety, its partners in engineering, parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold conversations about online safety with their children, should have it to hand. This guide focuses on one of those devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please click the home button on your device to return to the home screen.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.



NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to accessing your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a noisy concert! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something playful that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos. This means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, education and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies in schools. She has written various resources, given a range of talks and research for the Australian government concerning internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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





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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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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



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



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

**At Manor Park Primary
Academy everyone
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