











# Newsletter 20th October 2023

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

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

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***Our best attending classes this week are:***

*1st Ochre 99.4%*

*2nd Crimson 97.7%*

*3rd Turquoise 97.1%*

***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!***

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## Attendance Procedures and Autumn and Winter Illness



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*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](mailto: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*

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## **Headteacher's Message**

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*Dear Families*

*Creativity filled the school hall this week as our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children learnt performance skills as part of their Physical Education and Personal Development programme. Many thanks to the teachers and students from Birmingham Ormiston Academy who came into school to deliver the workshops. We are looking forward to them returning later in the term to deliver lessons to other year groups. You can find out more about BOA at <https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/>.*

*We are pleased to have received interest in our Parent Governor Vacancy; this is a great opportunity to become involved in supporting the school. Please do get in touch if you are interested in the role. Nominations need to be received by Monday 6th November.*

*Next week, Parents' Evenings take place on Monday 23rd October and Thursday 26th October. Please bring your appointment slip with you for entry through the front office. There will be a Book Fair and Lost Property table in the school halls so please drop by before or after your appointment time, or if you have a gap between appointments! There will be a card payment device available if you wish to purchase a book. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you and how well they have settled into their new class. During the meetings, teachers will also be sharing resources to support your child at home and checking if contact details are up to date on school systems.*

*Our Relationships, Health and Sex Education Parents' Consultation meeting takes place on 25th October at 9:00 am. Please complete the Form at <https://forms.office.com/e/eDhUCcQUqN> if you are able to join.*

*A reminder that the last day of this half term is Friday 27th October and school reopens on Tuesday 7th November (Monday 6th November is Staff Training Day).*

*Next half term, our next Coffee Morning takes place and will include a presentation from the Asthma Friendly Schools Project. If you are able to come along, please complete the Forms*

at <https://forms.office.com/e/ichnyQbtDG>. This will ensure that we have enough seating and refreshments!

*Have a great weekend!*

*Ms Chapman*

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Thinking of a career in teaching?

# Thinking 🤔 about a career in teaching?



REAch Teach  
Get into Teaching Event



Manor Park Primary Academy



Friday, December 1



9am



12 noon



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching, but didn't know enough about it? ✨

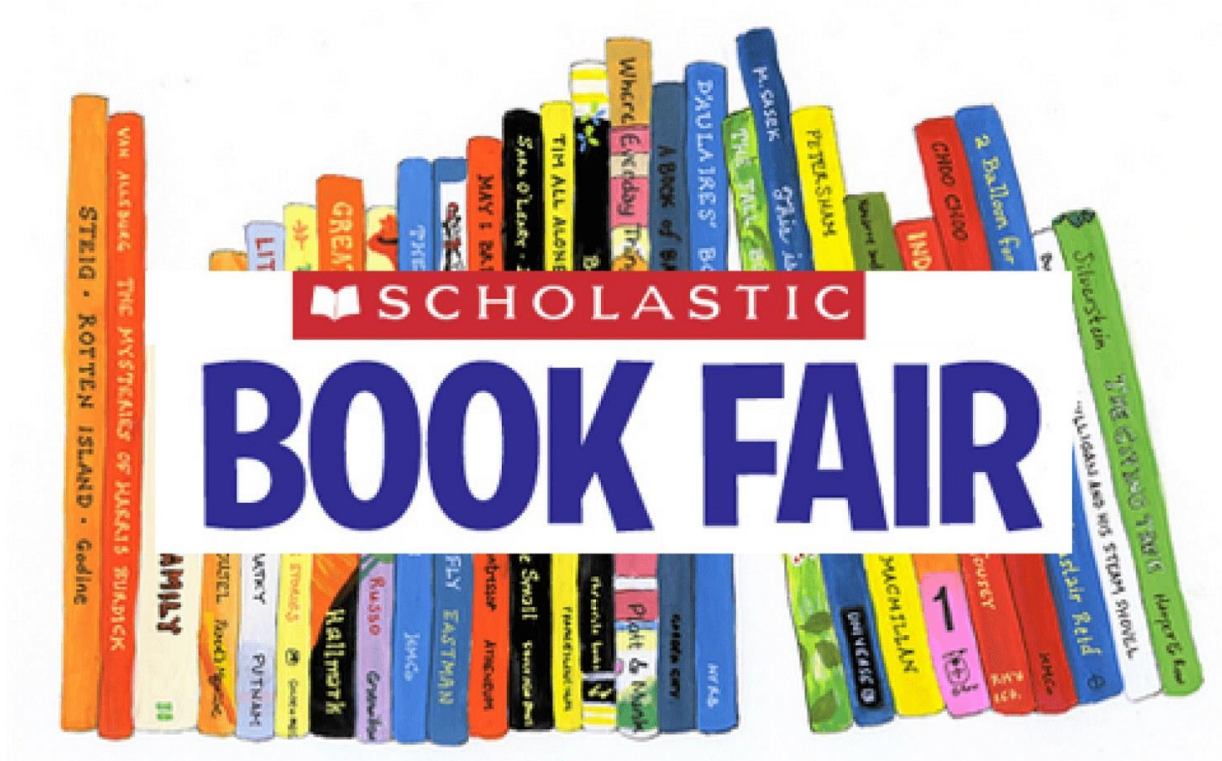
Come to our Open Day to find out more! 🙌

Our open day will explore what a career in teaching could offer you. Come along and discover more about becoming a teacher.

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Postgraduate ITT programme



## Scholastic Book Fair Returns for Parent's Evenings!



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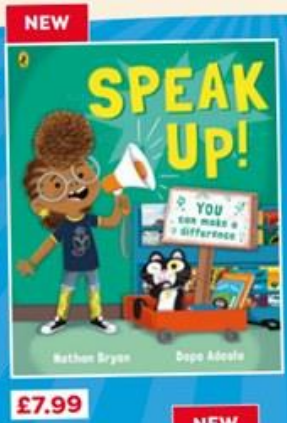
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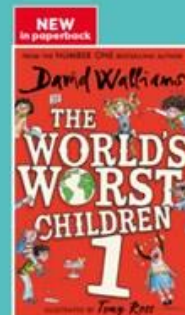
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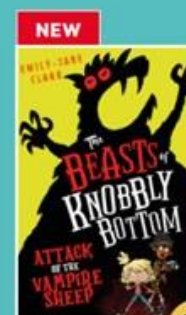
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### Payment at our Book Fair

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- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

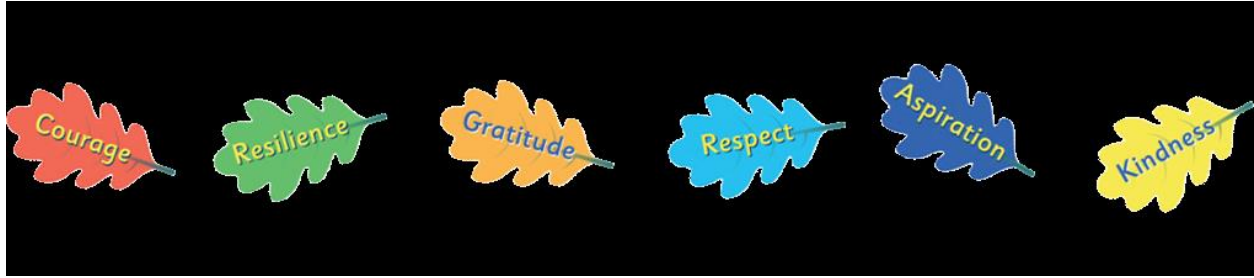
### HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.

## Stars of Manor Park



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### **STAR OF THE WEEK!**

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

**Nursery** Farhana

**Indigo** Hamza

**Violet** Arya

**Copper** Shabbar

**Gold** Muskaan

**Aqua** Tasnim C

**Turquoise** Ayaan

**Cerise** Inaaya

**Crimson** Hannah

**Bronze** Aakifah

**Ochre** Yousef

**Ruby** Maymuna

*Topaz Raza*

*Emerald Tariq*

*Teal Mariam*

*A big well done to you all!*

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## House Points!



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*House points :*

*1st Aston 1532*



*2nd Edwards 1499*

*3rd Lightwood 1450*

*4th Berners-Lee 1245*

***Well done Aston!***

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# Online Safety Update of the Week - EA Sports

**EA SPORTS FC 24**

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you - EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
PEGI 3

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**RECURRING RELEASES**  
EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template - meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

**OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT**  
FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online - but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES**  
In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time - so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

**ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS**  
Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

**POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION**  
Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

**Get your ultimate team**

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**CONTROL SPENDING**  
If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

**DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS**  
EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself - so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

**AVOID EXTRA TIME**  
Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play - or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

**SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD**  
Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

**CELEBRATE THE VARIETY**  
Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 - including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.



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*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)*

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

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## Dates for your Diary



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

*Reception Open Day - Tuesday 24th October*

*RHSE Parent Consultation - Wednesday 25th October 9.00am Main Hall*

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

*End of Term - Friday 27th October*

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

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

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