











Newsletter 24th November 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 OF SUBJECTS 1000s 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 Nursery & Aqua 100%! WOW!

2nd Gold 99.5%

3rd Emerald 98.2 %

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!

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

Absences and Fines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance is an important area that we take seriously at Manor Park Academy. As you are aware the government has implemented attendance fines to encourage consistent attendance and to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. These fines are imposed when a child's attendance falls below 10 sessions missed or absence without authorised leave. While our aim is not to penalise families, it is important to be aware of the potential consequences of continued non-compliance with attendance policies.

We have 6 parents from 3 families that have been taken through the legal process related to attendance and have been sent fines.

Regular school attendance is of the greatest importance for your child's academic progress and overall development. Attending school every day ensures that your child receives the necessary education, engages in valuable interactions with staff and their class, and establishes good habits for their future. We understand that there may be circumstances beyond your control that can lead to absences. In such cases, it is vital that you inform the school in advance and provide necessary documentation and ongoing communication around any absences.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued co-operation. Together, we can ensure the best possible educational experience for your child.

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

It has been a busy week in school this week! We were delighted to welcome Imam Latif into school this week to speak to the children in Years 1 and 2 about Charity in Islam. The children had some great questions to ask him. Our Year 3 children also went on a visit to a local Church. Both experiences supported the children's Personal Development and Religious Education.

Many thanks to the many parents and carers from Years 1 and 2 who joined Miss Marinho for phonics Workshops on Wednesday. It has been a pleasure this term to have welcomed parents and carers into school for many meetings, including Coffee Mornings, and we really value your feedback and support.

Our School Council met for the first time on Thursday and they enjoyed sharing their ideas about how to make our school even better. They described the school as:

- *A place where everyone is welcome*
 - *A happy place*
 - *A fun place*
 - *A loving place*
 - *An exhilarating place*
 - *A caring place*
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And they had lots of ideas for fundraising, after school clubs, and reducing litter around our school. During the meeting, we even tried out doing star jumps for 1 minute and were surprised at how long a minute can seem when you're exercising! I'm looking forward to working with them throughout the year.

On Friday, our Year 2 children took part in Glow in the Dark Basketball workshops and we are looking forward to welcoming Birmingham Ormiston Academy (BOA) students back into school next week for

performance dance workshops with our Year 4, 5 and 6 children. These lessons support physical development, and also allow children to pursue a range of interests and hobbies.

I would like to thank everyone in the school community for supporting attendance. We have seen a really positive improvement, with a number of year groups achieving 100% during the week. Please try to make appointments outside of school hours; if you do need to make one during the school day, your child needs to attend school before and after the appointment. Catching up with missed learning and time with friends can impact on a child's academic progress and emotional wellbeing.

Next week, we welcome Miss Morton back into school from her maternity leave. Sadly, Mrs Ruperai, will be leaving the school at the end of term due to relocation and we wish her and the family the best at this exciting time. Miss Morton will be teaching in Year 5 Ruby class and she has been getting to know the children during recent visits.

Congratulations to Mrs Sutton who graduated recently - look out for a photo later in the newsletter!

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman

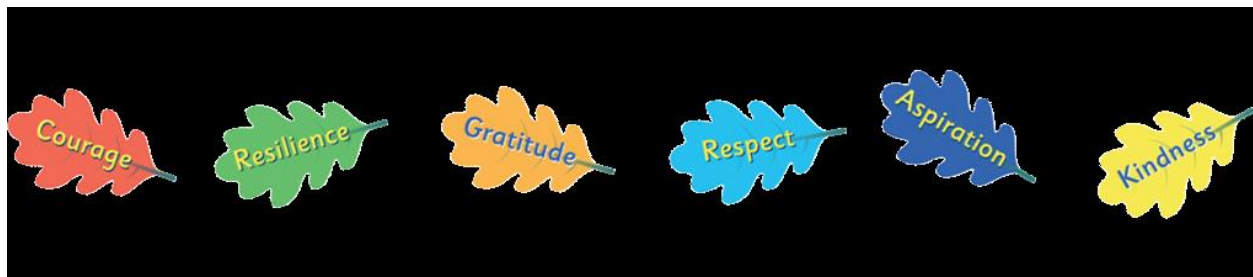
Do you have a child with Asthma? Please read!



Many children in the UK have Asthma but did you know that you should have an Asthma Management Plan? This is so important to help you manage your child's asthma well.

Please download FREE here: [Child Asthma Action Plan – Asthma + Lung UK \(asthmaandlung.org.uk\)](http://asthmaandlung.org.uk)

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 Tomisin

Indigo Amirah

Violet Mufeedah

Gold Sami

Copper Eliza

Aqua Huzafiyah

Turq Inaaya

Cerise Aaliyah

Crimson Muath

Ochre Layla

Bronze Zainab

Ruby Aahil

Topaz Aynashe

Emerald Hayden

Teal Kelvin

A big well done to you all!

Congratulations on your graduation Mrs Sutton!



House Points!



House points :

1st Lightwood 1070

2nd Berners-Lee 1026

3rd Aston 987

4th Edwards 935

Well done Lightwood!

e - Safety Update of the Week - Black Friday Scams!

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on **BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY**

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://". The "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious, providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

OFFER ENDS MIDNIGHT

MEGA SALE

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

SAVE UP TO 75%

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

£49

20% discount

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.

REAch Teach
Postgraduate ITT programme

Local ESOL Classes! Pop to the office for more information!

  <h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCAL ESOL CLASSES</u></h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEGINNER ENGLISH CLASSES?</h3> <p>You will be able to improve your speaking and listening skills!</p> <p>You will learn English in a relaxed environment with a great tutor!</p> <p>The course will help you to develop your English language skills for work, further learning and everyday life!</p> <p>Classes will be delivered locally, last for 12 weeks, dates and times to be confirmed.</p> <p>Entry 1, Entry 2 & Entry 3</p> <p><small>Our ESOL Courses are accredited by City & Guilds. Our courses are funded for eligible learners. Learners have to be aged 19+.</small></p> <p><small>Please check with a member of staff to see whether you are eligible for the course.</small></p> <p>07305 058 786 gurpreet@cecos.ac.uk https://cecos.ac.uk/</p>	  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Functional Skills Course - English and Maths</h2> <p>Ready to take your English and Maths to the next level? We have classes in your local area!</p> <p>Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, & Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extract information from lists, tables, diagrams and bar charts• How to understand different measurements & fractions• Understand whole numbers, fractions and decimal• Understand & calculate with British money• Learn British Values such as equality & safeguarding• Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and accurately• How to structure sentences, improve spelling and punctuation <p><small>Our Functional Skills Courses are accredited by City & Guilds. Our courses are funded for eligible learners and can be delivered at a venue in your local area. Learners have to be aged 19+.</small></p> <p><small>Please check with a member of staff to see whether you are eligible for the course.</small></p> <p>07305 058 786 gurpreet@cecos.ac.uk https://cecos.ac.uk/</p>
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Pathways to gain new skills, upskill and progress into employment.

Birmingham courses:

- Award in ESOL Speaking and Listening: Entry 1, 2 & 3
- Functional Skills in English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3 & Level 1
- Functional Skills in Maths: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3 & Level 1
- Essential Digital Skills - Entry 3 & Level 1
- Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 2 Certificate in Accounting
- Level 2 Certificate in Bookkeeping
- Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Business
- Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading
- Level 2 Diploma in ICT Systems Support
- Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading

Your courses are accredited by City and Guilds, NCFE and BCS. They are funded for eligible learners and are delivered within a classroom setting or remotely.

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Digital Skills - Entry 3 and Level 1

During this course, you will be studying a range of topics at a venue in your local area.

- Using Devices and Handling Information
- Creating and Editing
- Transacting - Purchasing Online
- Being Safe and Responsible Online



The BCS Entry 3 & Level 1 Essential Digital Skills for Work qualification has been created to help you learn the basics of using computers, smartphones and tablets.

As well as this, specific basic skills will be covered such as turning on a device including entering and updating any account information safely, using the mouse and keyboard for a computer or touchscreen on a smartphone or tablet and connecting to the internet (including Wi-Fi) safely and securely before opening a browser.

Our team will be happy to help you see if you are eligible for the course. However, you must meet these requirements to do the course:

- Learners have to be aged 19 +
- Have a good level of both speaking and writing in English
- Not studied an IT qualification beforehand

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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)

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!

Dates for your Diary



Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park 6th December 2023

Christmas Nativity by Reception Tuesday 19th December 2023

Whole School Sing-along! Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas Parties Thursday 21st December 2023

End of Term Thursday 21st December 2023



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

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