











# Newsletter 28th 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 Emerald 97.2%*

*2nd Turquoise 97.1%*

*3rd Aqua 97%*

***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,*

*This week, we were delighted to welcome Sagbir Singh into school assemblies to share his Sikh faith with the children. We are looking forward to welcoming more external visitors in to speak to the children this year.*

*Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended our Relationships, Health and Sex Education this week; we were pleased to share our updated policy and resources. If you were unable to attend, but would like to find out more, please get in touch to arrange a visit. Policies are also available on the school website <https://www.manorparkacademy.co.uk/about-us/policies/>.*

*We were also delighted to welcome Year 4 parents and carers into school for an information meeting about the Multiplication Tables Check. These meetings are invaluable to us as a school, to share how we support your child in school and ideas about how you can support them at home too. Look out for further meetings this year for Year 2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics and Year 6 SATs.*

*Our Year 2 children were fantastic ambassadors for the school this week on their visit to Warwick Castle! This trip supported their learning in history as well as being a fun day out.*

*This week, there was excitement in school as our School Council Elections took place! The children learnt all about the democratic process and held their very own class elections. I am looking forward to working with our new School Councillors throughout the year.*

*School reopens for all children on Tuesday 7th November. After school clubs (Art, Cookery, Lego, Stop Motion) will run for 2 more weeks this term, with the last clubs being in week beginning 13th November. More clubs will be offered in Spring Term.*

*Sadly, we say goodbye to some members of our team at the end of this half term: Donna Jones (Lunchtime Supervisor), Marie Thompson (Teaching Assistant) and Mr Gaffney (Site Manager). I am sure you will join me in thanking them for the fantastic contribution they have made to the lives of our children and wishing them the very best for the future.*

*On Tuesday 14th November, we will be holding Open Day sessions for prospective Nursery and Reception parents and carers. If you know any families who have children due to enter these year groups in September 2024, please ask them to get in touch by calling or emailing the school office to book a space. Sessions are taking place at 10 am or 5 pm and will include a tour of the school and a meeting with Mrs Day (EYFS Lead) to find out more about our wonderful provision.*

*We hope you have a fantastic half term!*

*Kindest regards,*

*Ms Chapman*

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A perfect end to Black History Month - A Celebration of Caribbean Food!



PIC•COLLAGE

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*A huge thank you to our amazing kitchen team for making some incredible soul food on Wednesday!*

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- *Curry Mutton*
  - *Curry Chicken*
  - *Rice and Peas*
  - *Mac N Cheese*
  - *Fried plantain*
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*Lots of full tummies and happy faces (especially mine!)*

*Miss Lewis*

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## Secondary School Applications



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*Deadline for Secondary School Applications is 31st October!*

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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



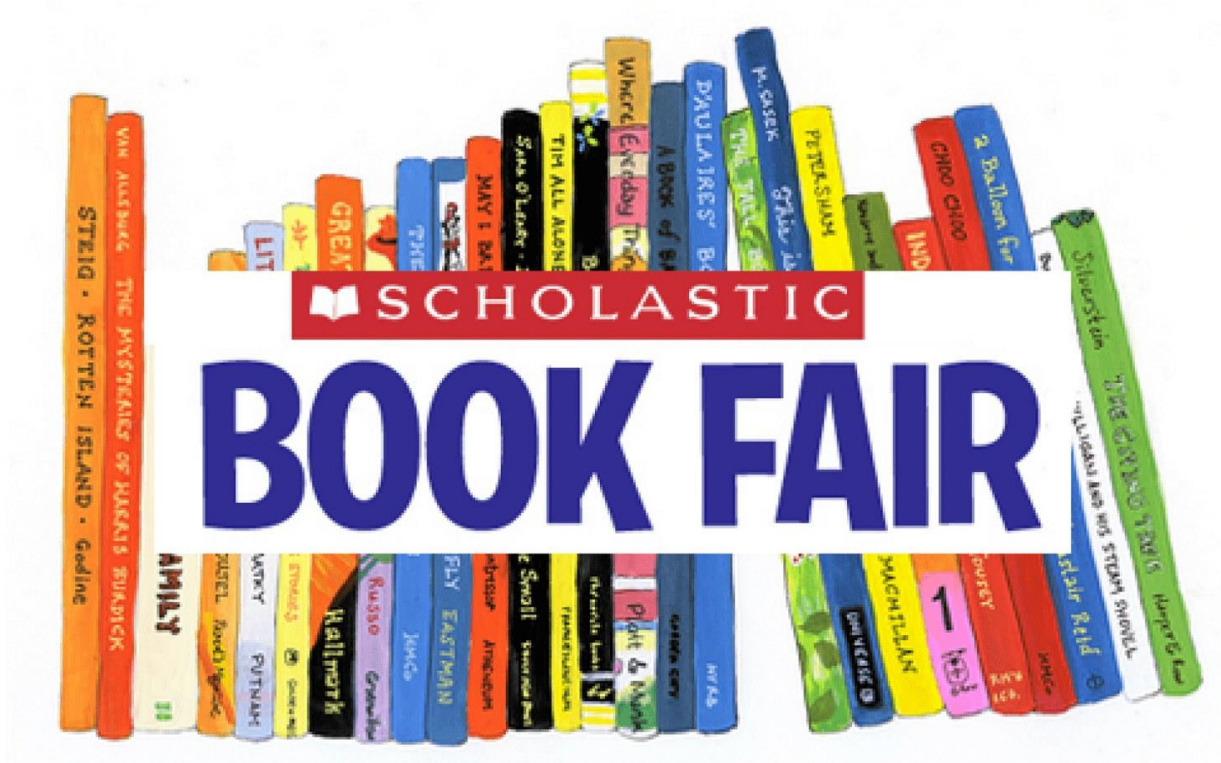
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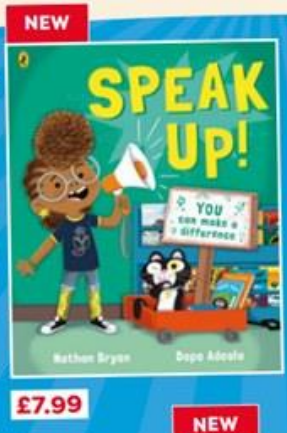
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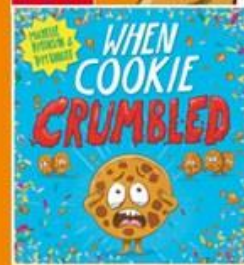
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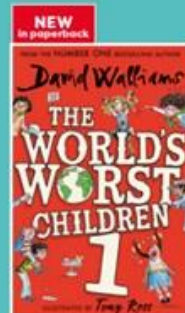
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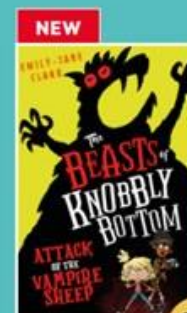
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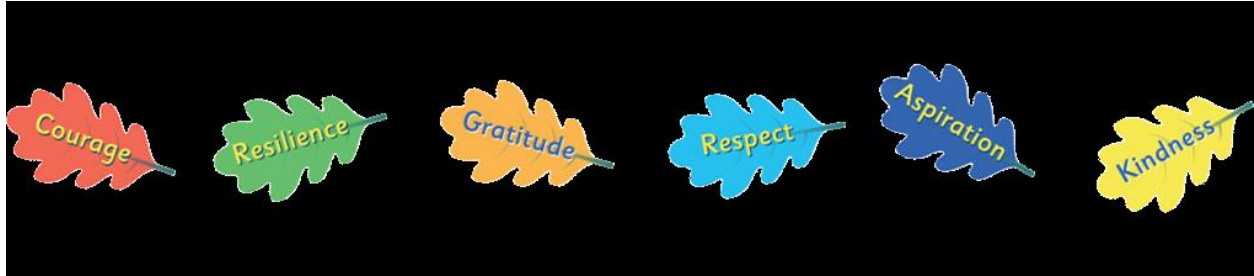
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## Stars of Manor Park



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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** Nabeel

**Indigo** Ikenna

**Violet** Yazen

**Copper** Mohammed

**Gold** Sharon

**Aqua** Hafsa

**Turquoise** Vanessa

**Cerise** Ayham

**Crimson** Abeera

**Bronze** Muhammed Yahyaa

**Ochre** Mahira

**Ruby** Letreyo

*Topaz Arfan*

*Emerald Fatima*

*Teal Adeeba*

*A big well done to you all!*

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## House Points!



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*House points :*

*1st Edwards 1267*



*2nd Aston 1185*

*3rd Berners-Lee 1158*

*4th Lightwood 1149*

***Well done Edwards!***

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**PEGI 12**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

**FRIGHTENING THEMES**

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** **18**

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

**STRESSFUL SITUATIONS**

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

**PLAYING IN ISOLATION**

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

**IN-GAME SPENDING**

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £9.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

**TRY IT YOURSELF**






Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

**LIMIT SPENDING**

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.



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*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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**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



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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*

*End of Term - Friday 27th October*

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

***\*NEW\*** SEND Coffee Morning Wednesday 15th November 8.30am Autism Awareness*

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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.**