











Newsletter 2nd February 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 Topaz 99.2%

2nd Cerise 98.8%

3rd Turquoise 98.6%

National Average attendance this week is 95%. Our attendance is amazing this week!

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,

This week, there were plenty of special events taking place across the school!

On Monday, Years 3 - 6 learnt all about sewage when Severn Trent came to lead an assembly and workshops. We learnt what we should, and should not, put down toilets, and why!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Team GB Powerchair player Brad Bates into school. He inspired us with his story of sporting successes and he also challenged all of the children in Years 1 - 6 to complete a four minute circuit of exercises including star jumps and press ups. Many thanks to everyone who was able to sponsor their child for this special event; we got fit and had plenty of fun.

NSPCC Number Day also took place on Friday and, on Wednesday, Years 1 and 2 took part in Natwest Money Sense workshops, learning how we use money and how to plan a Super Smoothie Shop. Other year groups will be taking part in similar lessons during the year to develop their financial understanding, an important part of their personal development.

Next week, parents are invited to join us on Thursday at 9 am for a session about Parent/Carer courses, including ESOL, Healthy Living and Preparing for Work courses. Saima Asif from Birmingham Adult Education Services will be in school to support parents with completing any paperwork or to provide more information. There are Learner Agreement Forms also available at the school office if you would like to express an interest in any of these courses. These courses are open to other members of the local community so please invite them along if they are interested.

Children will also be taking part in End of Unit Quizzes across the curriculum next week, impressing their teachers with all of the knowledge they have gained in history, geography, science and more!

Please remember that the last day of term is Friday 9th February and all pupils return to school on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman

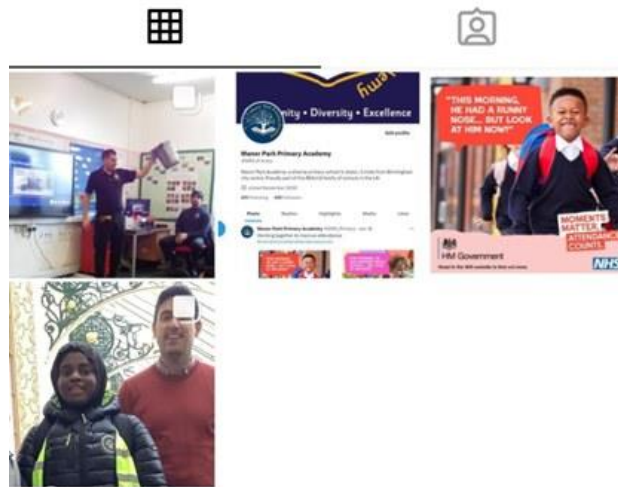
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School Uniform Policy and Expectations

Dear families,

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform and P.E Kit. Children who attend Manor Park must wear uniform as shown in our school uniform policy.

Please do not send your child to school wearing branded clothing or trainers. Both shoes and trainers must be black (no coloured stripes or logos). We want to ensure equality for our children and also avoid families feeling pressured to buy branded clothing/footwear.

We also want to ensure value for money when it comes to our uniform policy. Therefore, unlike other schools, it is not compulsory for uniform to have the school logo. You are welcome to purchase clothing with our school logo by clicking [here](#); [School Uniform – Manor Park Primary Academy](#) (manorparkacademy.co.uk) or, you can buy clothing from places like Asda or Tesco as long as they are our school colours.

Please see photo below as a reminder.

Thank you you for your co-operation,

Ms Lewis

Deputy Headteacher

All children at Manor Park need...



Manor Park Sweatshirt or Cardigan



White polo shirt



Grey trousers or skirt



Manor Park book bag or suitable school bag



Plain grey tights/socks or white socks



Plain black shoes



White Manor Park P.E t-shirt



Plain black P.E shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms



Plain black trainers or pumps

FAQs

Do I need to have something to donate to the Swop Shop in order to receive items?

No you do not need to make a donation in order to make requests for items. The only criteria to receive an item from us is that you need it.

I need some uniform, how do I make a request?

Just contact us through our Facebook page, email address or through your school and let us know what items you need.

I have some items to donate, how do I get them to the Swop Shop?

You can drop off any donations at one of our drop off points (see website). Alternatively ask your school if they participate and collect donations there.

If you could help us by adding to our collection sites, please get in contact - we are looking for collection points across Birmingham.

Does the Swop Shop make any money from items donated?

No - all items are free to anyone who requests them.

I work in a school that is interested in getting involved, what do we need to do next?

Simply get in contact with us and we can provide more information.

Donations of lost property really help, so if you have any let us know!

Any other questions...

Please get in contact with us and ask!

Why Swop Shop?

Uniforms can be expensive, family circumstances can change and sometimes keeping your children clean and warm can be more difficult than you had ever imagined.

The School Swop Shop is a new initiative, intended to help families, by providing free school uniforms, PE kits, shoes, forest school clothes and anything else that may be needed.

Absolutely anyone is welcome to donate pre loved clothing, or request anything they may need. Please help us to continue to help as many families as possible.

We accept donations of the following:

- ◆ Any item of school uniform
- ◆ School shoes, trainers and football boots
- ◆ Coats
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Extracurricular uniform e.g. Brownies,



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Marvellous Me!



176 parents have now signed up to Marvellous Me! This is fantastic!

Please check your SMS messages for links to information about Marvellous Me and translated step by step letters to support you! You can also look at the Marvellous Me section on our school website.

We will be sending lots of information via the app eventually to keep you updated on your child's achievements, their individual house point score, homework and news about things that are happening in school.

Like all new things, it can take a little while for us all to get used to using it to its full potential. So, we are starting with simple updates for now, before building it up to something bigger!

It is very important that you download and join up!

Thank you,

Ms Lewis

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th February 2024 - Remember to download Marvellous Me!

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February 2024 - Year 3 Zoolab Workshops

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

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

Nursery Kristijan

Indigo Aisha

Violet Asmaa

Copper Yusra

Gold Arissa

Aqua Safa

Turquoise Hannah

Cerise Chidimma

Crimson Muizah

Ochre Hassan

Bronze Jonas

Ruby Chidiogo

Topaz Usman

Teal Abdullahi

Emerald Ciprean

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 Berners-Lee 992

2nd Aston 952

3rd Edwards 950

Well done Edwards 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:

-
- under 16
 - under 20 and in approved education or training
-

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 - Persuasive Design

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PERSUASIVE DESIGN ONLINE

Persuasive design refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we're on the Internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even in part of some video games. Persuasive design means that this content has been deliberately presented in a way that's intended to encourage you to spend your time or money (or both). These methods often prove highly effective at keeping people engaged and invested for longer than we might expect.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- POTENTIAL ADDICTION**
In the digital world, persuasive design can make games and other more addictive and harder to work away from. Some games may be designed to be addictive or addictive without users being aware of their devices or their mobile apps. For example, it can make them more addictive, making it hard to stop playing. It can also make them more addictive, making it hard to stop playing. It can also make them more addictive, making it hard to stop playing.
- MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS**
Spending online or gaming without regular breaks is proven to be linked to mental health issues. The addictive nature of many games, along with the constant stimulation of the game, can lead to mental health issues. Young people can get addicted to the game and that they become less likely to spot persuasive design.
- PROLONGED SCROLLING**
Social media can be one of the most addictive of digital products. Following posts and links down rabbit holes or finding interesting content made by others. This makes scrolling even more addictive, making it hard to stop playing. It can also make them more addictive, making it hard to stop playing.
- SENSORY OVERLOAD**
Repetitive scrolling, clicking on links or playing games can create an unending stream of new information and digital stimuli. In this way, social media isn't easy to turn off. This can lead to sensory overload, which can be linked to mental health issues and even to depression.
- COSTLY ADDITIONS**
Video games sometimes display offers or advertisements that can be bought with real money. These offers are often designed to be addictive, making it hard to stop playing. It can also make them more addictive, making it hard to stop playing.
- PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES**
Excessive sitting and scrolling means for less time moving around and getting exercise. Being online for a long period can lead to physical health issues. Additionally, prolonged scrolling can lead to eye strain and other physical health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- ESTABLISH LIMITS**
Talk to your child about setting some time limits on how long they can use their phone, tablet or computer in the evenings or at weekends. It's important to be clear about the limits and to be consistent. The limits should be realistic and achievable. It's also important to be clear about the consequences of breaking the limits.
- ENCOURAGE MINDFULNESS**
Acknowledging any addiction is key to overcoming it... and compulsive scrolling is no exception. It's important to be clear about the limits and to be consistent. The limits should be realistic and achievable. It's also important to be clear about the consequences of breaking the limits.
- NIX NOTIFICATIONS**
Stop those tech messages of the social by turning off push notifications and alerts, whether it's a gaming notification or a social media update. These notifications can be distracting and can lead to compulsive scrolling. It's important to be clear about the limits and to be consistent. The limits should be realistic and achievable. It's also important to be clear about the consequences of breaking the limits.
- MAKE A CHECKLIST**
Considering a list of relevant questions can be an effective way of helping children figure out why they're scrolling on certain sites or apps. It's important to be clear about the limits and to be consistent. The limits should be realistic and achievable. It's also important to be clear about the consequences of breaking the limits.

Meet Our Expert

The National College **NOS** **National Online Safety** **#WakeUpWednesday**

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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



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

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