











Newsletter 8th December 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 Aqua 98.1%

2nd Bronze 96.9%

3rd Ochre 95.8%

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!

Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

We are a listening school, and would like to hear parents' and carers' views about how we share information about events in school. We currently use X (formerly known as Twitter) but there are other platforms available. Please complete the survey to let us know your preferences: <https://forms.office.com/e/mmPAVdipUq>. Thank you for your support with this as we look at ways of sharing your children's amazing work with you!

Thank you so much to all of the families who have responded to our Newsletter survey. As a school, we welcome feedback from the community so that we can continue to improve our offer. We would also like your views on how we communicate with you about school events. Currently, we use X (formerly known as Twitter) to share news about what has been happening or what is coming up soon, but we would like to gather parent and carer voice.

This week, our Year 6 children were amazing ambassadors for the school on their visit to Bletchley Park and everyone joined in with the Santa Dash today, a blur of multicolours as we also celebrated seasonal Christmas Jumper day! Our fantastic kitchen team also produced a 'tasting menu' for the children to try and a few of the options got '10 out of 10'.

Next week, we will be continuing to practise our Singalong songs ready for the performances in the last week of term. If you are planning to come along, please complete the Form at <https://forms.office.com/e/h9nEiz65GD> so that we can ensure we have enough seating available.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Workshops will also be taking place so we are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for these. These workshops give families the opportunity to find out more about their child's learning in school as well as times to come together as a community.

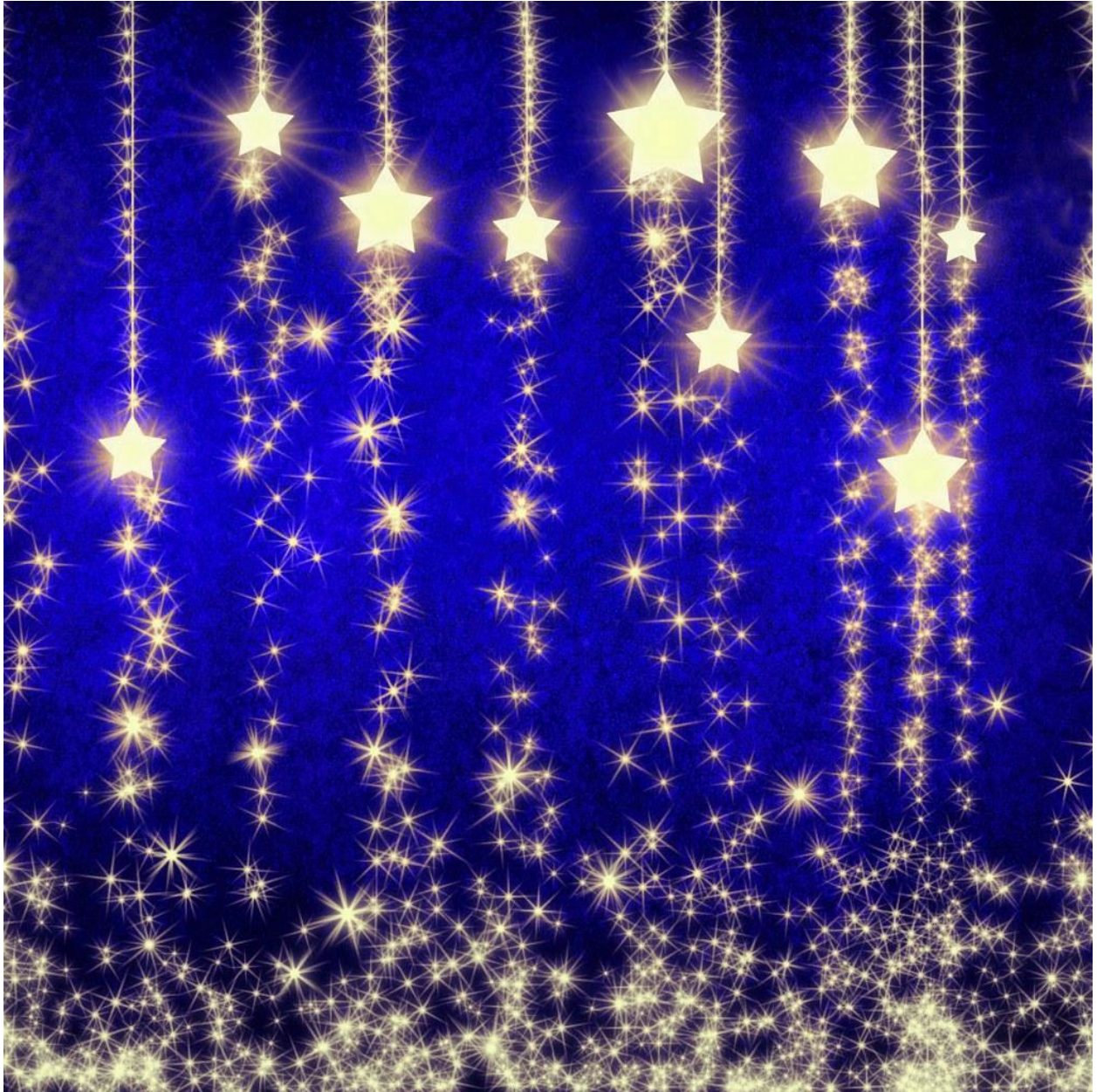
We are also expecting our first delivery of bagels from the National School Breakfast Programme so these will be offered to all children as they enter school in the morning. Children in Years 3-6 are also welcome to bring in a piece of fruit for their mid-morning snack.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school value of Gratitude amazingly this week!

Nursery Adyan

Indigo Omaira

Violet Shaileen

Gold Mohammed

Copper Sulaiman

Aqua Zainab

Turquoise Adora

Cerise Samiul

Crimson Anum

Ochre Shaheem

Bronze Shazna

Topaz Bukky

Ruby Daniel

Emerald Anayah

Teal Ying Yu

A big well done to you all!

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 Edwards 720

2nd Berners-Lee 700

3rd Aston 647

4th Lightwood 630

Well done Edwards House!!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience; these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Thinking of a career in teaching?

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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

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





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Many thanks to parents and carers who came along to our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning on Wednesday! Fantastic feedback and suggestions

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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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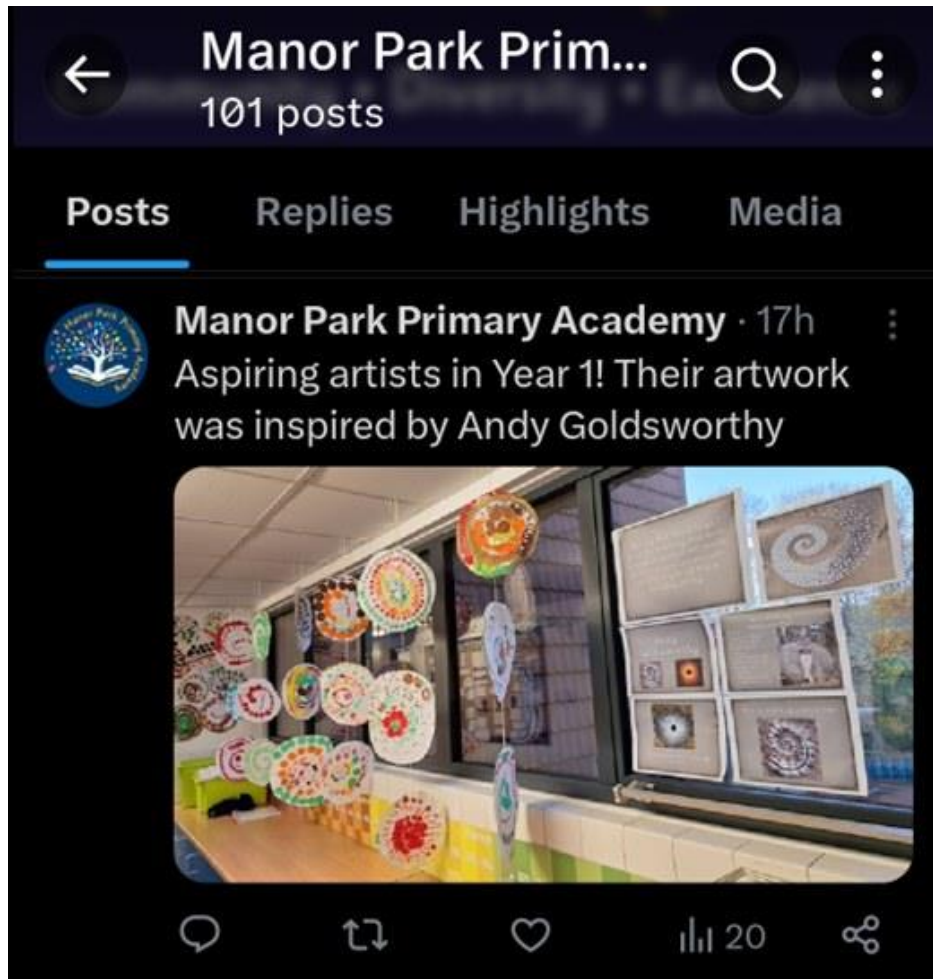
Ready for Children in Need with matching spots, yellow and Pudsey costumes!

[#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



Nursery mini Nativity (in Nursery Classroom) Friday 15th December 10.30am

Christmas Nativity by Reception and Year 1 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.**