



# MANOR PRIMARY

## Newsletter

22nd March 2024

### Mrs McCourt's Retirement

After 13 years as both a lunch time supervisor and cleaner at Manor Primary, Mrs McCourt will be retiring at the end of term. We will miss her hard working, positive attitude and kindness, but wish her all the very best. We are sure she will greatly enjoy spending more time with her family.

### Nut Free School



We are still noticing that food items containing nuts are being sent in lunchboxes and for break time snacks. We kindly remind you that we are a nut free school and the health of several of our pupils could be severely compromised if this is not adhered to.

Please check ALL food items being sent into school. Click [here](#) to find out more information and for lists of common foods containing nuts. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### Beyond Manor...

We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing children's achievements outside of school, both in this newsletter and in our Friday celebration assemblies.

Recently, we have looked at Reet's (Reception) football medals and trophies, Estelle's (Year 1) gymnastic medals and Isabella's (Year 2) piano trophy. Well done to all three!

If you would like your child to share any special achievements in school, please bring in any medals, certificates, photographs etc on a Friday.

### PTA Raffle

Thank you to the PTA for organising our Easter raffle, which included a wonderful hamper from Tesco as a prize. Congratulations to all our winners:

- Hamper: Kaira (Y2)
- Prosecco: Lottie (Y1)
- Baileys: Arjun L (Y2)
- Lindt egg: Xanthe (Y4)
- Twirl egg: George (Y3)
- Milk Tray: Anna (Y4) + Elizabeth (Rec)
- Terry's chocolate orange egg: Benajmin (Y4)



### Science Week

Last week, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of British Science Week with lots of investigations around this year's theme of 'Time'.

We all began by researching the large variety of science jobs and in KS2, we researched and presented information on the diverse range of women scientists that were or still are incredibly important in their fields.



KS1 and Reception learnt about the changing of the seasons and nesting in spring. They made their own nests using collected materials - just like the birds! KS2 created their own investigations into pendulums which was so interesting and lots of fun! Hopefully, future scientists will have been inspired!

Mr Allman, Science Leader

### Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning with the Educational Psychologists on Thursday. The feedback we received was very positive, with many parents sharing how informative and useful it was. We will be planning in some more such events covering different issues. So keep your eyes peeled.

### Trips and Visits



We are thrilled that trips are beginning to take place across the school.

Year 5 are looking forward to the Quinta residential in June. Year 6 have a curriculum trip planned to Black Country Museum and a reward trip to Alton Towers.

All other year groups are in the midst of planning their trips and letters will be sent out as soon as dates, coaches, prices etc have been confirmed.

### Phonics Workshops

Thank you those who attended our phonics workshops for parents of Year 1 pupils. We are pleased you found them useful and we look forward to organising more workshops for different curriculum subjects in other year groups.



## FOOTBALL!



We are very proud of our Year 5/6 girls' football team, who represented the school recently. They displayed our school values wonderfully. Well done to the whole team!

### Girls' Football Festival

On Friday 8th March, twelve girls from Year 5/6 went to a football festival at Shelfield Academy. At the festival, we played a match against St Mary's Primary School but we were unlucky and lost 2-1.

Throughout this festival, we played many activities such as foot tennis, futsal, foot golf, mathces, skills, and drills.

We thought it was an amazing experience and had a great day of football!

By Poppy (6MR), & Zahra (6MR)

## Charity at Manor Primary

### World Book Day

We were thrilled that we collected 1,404 books which will be heading off to Books2Africa on Monday 8th April. We will be kept informed with their progress and are excited to see where they end up. Thank you to the PTA for boxing them all up!

We also raised **£249.55, £80** of which will cover the transportation of the books to Africa). Thank you for your generosity and support... we had a fun day to boot!

Mr Baker, English Leader

### Red Nose Day

Wow! We sold 200 red noses! With the on-the day donations, our school total raised was **£716.33**. That is an extraordinary amount. Thank you!

In our school assembly, we watched a small clip from the One Show, where one of our very own parents (of Chloe and Sophie) was featured, talking about the local charity she works for, YMCA in Sutton Coldfield. This was a fantastic opportunity to show the children what happens to the money they raise in school.

## Important Dates

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April: Easter holiday	
APRIL	
Monday 8th	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils
Thursday 11th, 7pm	PTA meeting
MAY	
Wednesday 1st	EYFS & KS1 'Summer is Coming' disco
Thursday 2nd	LKS2 & UKS2 'Summer is Coming' disco
Monday 6th	Bank holiday - school closed to pupils and staff
Monday 13th-Friday 17th	SATs assessments for Year 6
Thursday 23rd, 8.30-5.00	Year 6 trip to Alton Towers
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May: Half term	
JUNE	
Monday 3rd - Friday 10th	Year 4 multiplication tables check
Monday 10th - Friday 14th	Year 1 phonics screening check
Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th	Year 5 residential trip to Quinta
Monday 17th	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils
Thursday 27th	Year 6 trip to Black Country Museum
JULY	
Friday 19th	Last day of term
Monday 22nd	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils



# Have a wonderful break!