

Weekly

NEWSLETTER



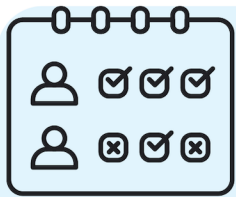
22 March 2024

Headteacher's Message

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To think we are heading into our final four days of the Spring term! Our school is well underway with preparations for the Summer and with the clock moving forward, I hope it brings with it more sunshine for our Easter Break. Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us on Tuesday and Thursday for our Spring term parent consultation evenings. It was a pleasure to hear from so many parents about how happy they are that their children attend Manor Drive Primary Academy and the opportunities the children are presented with. We greatly appreciate working in partnership with you all to support the children's development.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming PC Chaudhuri and her police colleagues, who are going to deliver an assembly on keeping safe in the community. There will also be an opportunity for each class to go and explore their police car, which we are sure the children will find very interesting.



Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Neptune

Reception Juno Class	95.06%
Reception Jupiter Class	94.08%
Year One Minerva Class	95.56%
Year One Neptune Class	97.37%



Stars of the Week

RECEPTION

Keitija Sumska

Daisy Asher

YEAR ONE

Lily Thomson

Harriet Doe



Enriching Curriculum

In our Nursery class, the children have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. In their continuous provision, the children have drawn him, acted out the story and enjoyed icing and eating their own gingerbread men.

Our Reception children have been learning about different dinosaurs and their features. They have also learnt the three new words: 'herbivore', 'carnivore' and 'omnivore' whilst discussing what different dinosaurs ate.

In Year One, the children have been evaluating bridges they created in Science, using their previous knowledge to explore which materials are both strong and waterproof to ensure their bridges were fit for purpose.

Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Brave

Dates for your Diary



School Events



End of Term
Honour's Awards



Thursday 28th March 9.00am

We will send out invitations for parents to attend. We do hope you can join us.

Term Dates

Spring 2

Last Day of Term

Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March

to

Sunday 14th April

Please note that we have two

Training days on

Monday 15th &

Tuesday 16th April

Summer Term Begins

Wednesday 17th April

School Updates

We look forward to welcoming Miss Richardson to our team, who will be joining us after Easter as a Higher Leader Support Assistant (HLSA). Miss Richardson joins us from Hampton Vale Academy, where she was the Art Lead. Miss Richardson will teach across the school to cover our teachers PPA time, as well as providing interventions for groups of children. I am sure we will also be tapping into her creativity and expertise in Art.

Every Child a Reader



Here are some more tips to help you enjoy story time together:

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves.
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your children will love it!