

Weekly

# NEWSLETTER



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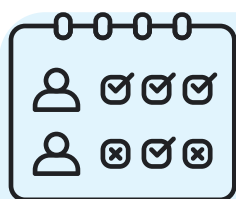
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## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the Summer term! We trust you had a rejuvenating break during the half term. I'm thrilled to announce that following a successful interview at the end of the Spring term, I am now the permanent Headteacher of Manor Drive Primary Academy. It's an honour to be entrusted with this role, and I am committed to supporting your children's growth and serving our community to the best of my ability.

As we embark on this new term, there are many exciting developments to anticipate. We will be introducing enrichment clubs for our students during lunchtime and after school, providing them with more opportunities for exploration and learning. Additionally, we're eager to involve parents and guardians more in their child's educational journey by inviting you to participate in various learning activities. And of course, we have our highly anticipated Sports Day on the horizon.

Stay tuned as we'll be sharing more details about these events and opportunities very soon. Here's to a fantastic and fulfilling Summer term ahead!



## Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:

Spring 2: W/C 25 March

Summer 1: W/C 17 April

### Minerva



### Jupiter

Reception Juno Class 88.19 %

Reception Juno Class 94.51 %

Reception Jupiter Class 90.15 %

Reception Jupiter Class 100 %

Year One Minerva Class 95.74 %

Year One Minerva Class 95 %

Year One Neptune Class 91.04 %

Year One Neptune Class 92.98 %

## Stars of the Week

### RECEPTION

Deividas Zeinalovas

Justin Zibergs

### YEAR ONE

Olivia Arebuwa

Hanna Ostrowska

## Enriching Curriculum

Our Nursery children have returned happily and confidently into school. We have welcomed two new children to the start of the Summer term with us and our children have been helping them to settle in. The children have been sharing their news about their time over the Easter holiday so it has been wonderful to share their conversations and drawings.

This week Reception have been learning about minibeasts. They have discussed what they look like and what some are called. They also discovered what some minibeasts do to help our environment. Outside, many children enjoyed looking for bugs. They found spiders, millipedes and beetles.

In our writing lessons, the Year One children have been reading 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, we have applied ambitious vocabulary to write character descriptions. The children also thought about different characters actions, thoughts and feelings at various points in the story.

## Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Brave

# Dates for your Diary



## School Events

### **EYFS Bikeability Sessions**

**Monday 22nd April &  
Tuesday 23rd April**

The children will work in small groups alongside qualified instructors throughout the two days.

### **Year One D&T Project**

**Friday 26th April**

We will be joined by Teach East Trainee Teachers who will work alongside our Year One pupils to design, make and evaluate toy glove puppets

## Term Dates

### **Bank Holiday**

**Monday 6th May**

School will be closed for the day

### **Summer 1 Half Term Break**

**Monday 27th May**

to

**Friday 31st May**

### **Summer 2 Term Begins**

**Monday 3rd June**

## *School Updates*

We welcome Miss Bewick to the Manor Drive Primary Academy team, who joins us as a Nursery Assistant. We would like to thank PC Chaudhuri and PC Corrigan for joining us in the final week of Spring to deliver an assembly on 'Keeping Safe in the Community' and providing our children with the opportunity to explore their police van, it was such a rich and exciting experience for them.



## *Every Child a Reader*

### **How can parents help their children with phonics?**



Parents play a crucial role in fostering children's reading development. You can support your child by reading stories that have been encountered in school and protecting time each week to go through your child's 1:1 phonics reading book brought home.

Parents can reinforce their children's knowledge of letter-sound relationships by asking questions such as:

- 'What is the beginning letter in this word?
- What sound does it make?
- What is the last letter in the word?
- What sound does it make?'

Please follow the video link to hear how to correctly pronounce pure sounds:

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc&t=55s>**