

NEWSLETTER

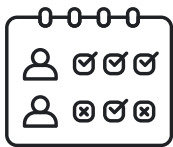


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Headteacher's Message

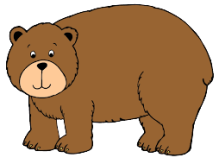
It has been an eventful week filled with opportunities for growth at Manor Drive Primary Academy. Our Year Five students have been enhancing their cycling and road safety skills through the Bikeability programme, receiving excellent feedback from instructors about how attentively the children listened and followed directions during their training. Wednesday was particularly lively, as two Magpies made their way into our main hall. After some effort, we successfully guided them out of the building. I would like to express my gratitude to all the staff and students for their adaptability regarding changes to lunch and PE sessions during this time. Additionally, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Peterborough Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival collection; your kindness is greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming The Reverend George on Monday, who will lead a special whole-school assembly for our Harvest Festival.

E Marks



Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Bears Class
85.98%



Emus Class
95.97%



Raccoons Class
96.72%



Penguins Class
96.84%



Elephants Class
93.50%



Yaks Class
98.41%



Geckos Class
95.65%



Roadrunners Class
94.62%



Macaws Class
96.30%



Hummingbirds Class
98.47%

Stars of the Week

Reception

Harlan Wallace
Minahil Ali

Key Stage One

Noah Cockburn
Amelia Gastol Makowska
Julian Zajdel
Maja Kuchta

Lower Key Stage Two

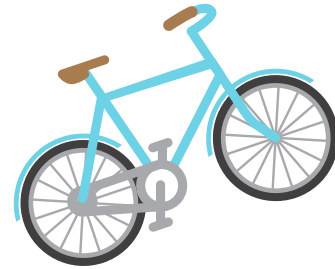
Ben Casey
Dennis Eyub
Oseias Benacio

Upper Key Stage Two

Lavelle Stevens



Dates for your Diary



School Events

Reception Stay and Play
Wednesday 22nd October
2.10 - 3.10pm
(parents invited)

Parents Consultation Evenings
Monday 20th October
Wednesday 22nd October
3.30 - 6.30pm
Please book via MCAS

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

School Opens
Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Break
27th October - 31st October

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December

Our Bikeability Year 5 Stars



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

This week we are welcoming Autumn into our classroom and outdoor provision exploring the changes we see outside and the new colours in nature. The children have taken part in a range of learning opportunities such as sorting conkers and acorns using tools to scoop and rake developing our control of tools and hand-eye coordination; choosing fallen leaves to decorate bunting for our Autumn Display; making leaf and pine-cone patterns in playdough and leaf playdough trees!; matching leaf shapes to create beautiful leaf collages. We made a mixture of shaving foam, water and soap for bubbles, and red, green and gold paint to reflect the Autumn coloured leaves in the mix; Our Phonemic Awareness focus, playing with sounds, included a sound walk outside school and acting out the sounds for our stories including a stomping dinosaur and a very noisy farm!

Reception Team

This week, we began learning all about ourselves, focusing on the features of our faces. Using our new language and knowledge, the children created their own self-portraits. We were so impressed with their hard work that these are now proudly displayed in our classrooms! We've also continued learning our new sounds in phonics and have loved seeing the fantastic learning happening at home too. It's been another amazing week, and it's been noticed across the school just how well Reception are settling in!

Key Stage One Team

Year One have started a new book, 'Send for a Superhero!' by Michael Rosen. They've been making predictions, describing their own superheroes using -ful and -less, and practising counting to and from 20 from different starting points. Year Two have been writing information texts about real-life bears, exploring where they live, what they eat, and what they look like. In Computing, they've practised mouse control and started typing on the keyboard. In PSHRE, they've discussed future jobs and learned that gender doesn't limit career choices.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

Our exploration of the Romans in History has continued. In Year Three, we have discussed when and how the Romans invaded Britain. In our Science sessions we have explored why rocks such as limestone change their state and become marble. In Year Four, the children have been busy writing a playscript inspired by the story 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringgold. This proved to be an excellent opportunity to practise their editing skills independently. In P.E., Year Three have continued their exploration of machines through dance and have been honing their throwing, catching and batting skills in cricket.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

This week in their Maths lessons, the children in Year Five have been developing their understanding of place value with decimals and linking this knowledge to fractions. It's wonderful to see them making connections and enhancing their mathematical skills! In Writing, we have started reading our new text, 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. Year Five are truly engaged already with the subject matter and are showing great enthusiasm as they learn about the incredible contributions of these pioneering women. The discussions have been lively, and it's fantastic to witness their curiosity blossoming.

