

NEWSLETTER

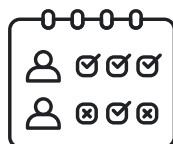


07 November 2025

Headteacher's Message

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for the second half of the Autumn term! We hope that both children and families are enjoying the new playground and EYFS area markings that were installed during the half-term break. Our hall has also received a fresh look with new wall decals showcasing our catering partner, Accent. This week during our assemblies, we have been exploring the concept of 'Responsibility' as part of our learning toolkit. The children have been considering ways to exhibit responsibility in both their learning and play. We all had a fantastic time this past Friday during our 'Passport Around the World' day, where the children learned about various countries. The experience even included a flight simulation to kick off our exciting adventures!

E Marks



Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Bears Class
90.44%



Emus Class
95.54%



Raccoons Class
94.26%



Penguins Class
95.28%



Elephants Class
98.56%



Yaks Class
94.51%



Geckos Class
96.43%



Roadrunners Class
97.31%



Macaws Class
96.30%



Hummingbirds Class
96.93%

Stars of the Week

Reception

Jonas Baronenas
Sophie-Rose Truss

Key Stage One

Thomas Quinn
Emma Stanca
Aron Pacevicius
Kenzie Mansfield

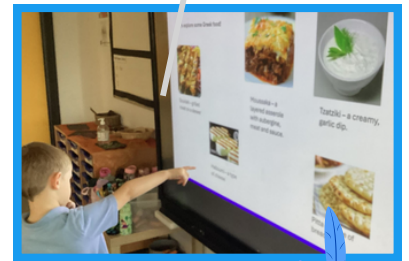
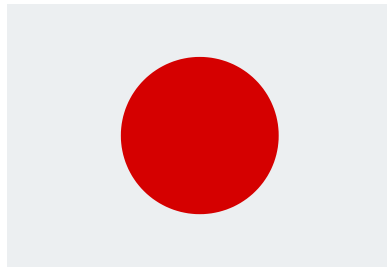
Lower Key Stage Two

Lily Thomson
Georgina Bradshaw

Upper Key Stage Two

Dennis Cretkovs
Hubertas Gecas

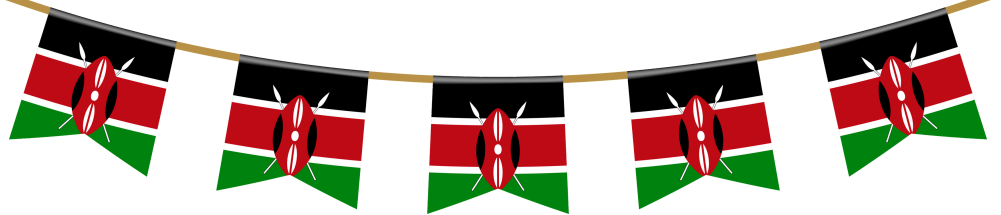




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AROUND THE WORLD

**MANOR DRIVE
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

A central graphic featuring a blue passport with a yellow globe icon, a blue banner with the text 'AROUND THE WORLD', and the school name 'MANOR DRIVE PRIMARY ACADEMY' below it.

Dates for your Diary



School Events

Reception Parents
(Bears & Emus)
Reading Workshop
Tuesday 11th November
2.30pm
(Reception parents only,
younger siblings will not be
able to attend)

Nursery Parents
Book Buzz Session
Wednesday 12th November
2.30pm
(Nursery parents only,
younger siblings will not be
able to attend)

Macaws Class Assembly
Thursday 20th November
2.30pm
(Macaws parents invited)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December

Training Day
(no school)
Monday 5 January

School begins
for Spring Term
Tuesday 6 January



We invite you to join us in congratulating Mrs. Parrott, who will be returning from her maternity leave in two weeks. Last Autumn, she served as our Senior Assistant Headteacher, and we are thrilled to announce her appointment as the Deputy Headteacher of Manor Drive Primary Academy.

Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

It has been lovely to return to Nursery with our children refreshed after the half term break. We have continued with our Autumn topic exploring the changes throughout this season and what we see and hear around us, from collecting the many vibrant coloured leaves and the changes in the landscape, to the cloudy skies and dusk falling at tea time. We have used the MUGA for the children to practice different physicals skills, balancing and hand-eye coordination with different sized balls, quoits and hoops. The children shared a variety of activities to celebrate Bonfire Night this week, creating paper streamer "sparklers", interpreting the flashes and colours of rockets and whizzing fireworks in the night sky using coloured papers, sparkles, sequins and pom poms to create their fireworks. The highlight was a special traditional Bonfire Night treat which all the children enjoyed, dipping fruit into melted chocolate!

Reception Team

Reception have settled back into school wonderfully after half term! This week we have been learning all about Bonfire Night, the stages of a Pumpkin once it has been grown and making Pumpkin soup. The children have been so creative this week making amazing firework pictures using straws and painting pictures of pumpkins. We also joined in with the whole school 'Passport Around the World Day' where we learnt about the country Greece. We tried different Greek foods, painted Greek flags and learnt how to say our colours in Greek. It has been lovely being all back together!

Key Stage One Team

The children have been exploring their new books in their writing lessons. Year One have been reading 'Lubna and Pebble' by Wendy Meddour and Year Two have been reading 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. In PSHRE, the children have been thinking about how to be good friends and have been remembering times when they have shared and helped a friend. In Science, we have started our new topic of plants, and we have explored the different parts and their purpose and we have also begun Geography where we have been exploring the continents of the world!

Lower Key Stage Two Team

In Geography, Years Three and Four explored the cardinal points of a compass and used them to locate cities near us on a map of the UK, enjoying the challenge of developing their map-reading skills and discovering how directions help us understand where places are. In Writing, Year Four showed incredible creativity as they designed their own inventions, from automatic glass cleaners to flying cars, and explained in detail how their creations would work, filling the classroom with imagination and enthusiasm. In Reading, Year Three are delving into the much-loved classic 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl, exploring how the author's language choices bring the story and its characters to life. Meanwhile, in Maths, Year Three are building confidence in ordering numbers using their knowledge of place value, while Year Four are mastering the rules for rounding to the nearest 1,000, 100, and 10.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

We have had a brilliant start to the new term after the half-term break. The children have jumped right back into their learning with enthusiasm and energy. In PE, we have started our Netball sessions, where the children are already showcasing their teamwork and skills on the court. It's wonderful to see them working together and having fun! The children have started their new writing unit based on the exciting book, Percy Jackson and the Olympians: 'The Lightning Thief'. The children are already captivated by the adventures and characters, and we cannot wait to see how their creativity unfolds in their writing.



**eco Warriors**

The children are currently upcycling glass jars to create beautiful lanterns. This fun and creative activity helps them learn how to reuse materials instead of throwing them away, reducing waste and protecting our planet. By turning everyday items into something new and useful, they are showing how small changes can make a big difference for the environment.

