



# Manorcroft Primary School

## June Newsletter 2023-24

### Sky Arts Day:

Earlier this month we held our own Arts Day in school, inspired and driven by the "Sky Arts 'Access All Arts' Week". Every year group came away from its traditional timetable for the day and planned activities based around sounds, marks, words, images and moves. There was a variety of learning taking place right across the school all linked by the theme of 'Identity'. As you went around the classrooms, it was fantastic to see all the different lessons taking place, and watching children excel at something new.



**SOUNDS**

Singing  
Instruments

**MARKS**

2D Mark Making  
3D Mark Making

**WORDS**

Poetry  
Storytelling

**IMAGES**

Film  
Photography

**MOVES**

Movement  
Drama

In a couple of weeks' time we're also looking forward to 'Mad Science' day, something that we haven't organised for a couple of years. On this day the children will be re-grouped right across the school, taking part in a variety of science experiments and challenges. Everyone is encouraged to come to school in a costume as well - please see the separate information that has been sent home.

### Diary Dates:

The latest 'Diary Dates' are now available. All dates are also published on the website - please see the [Calendar](#) to stay up-to-date. Alternatively, please see the [Term Dates](#) section where you can find the dates for the year plus the latest detailed/printable overview.



### Annual School Reports:

Once again all our school reports will be emailed out to you, this year from the 8<sup>th</sup> July onwards. Please bear with us as it will take a couple of days to email out all 400+ copies. If you would like a paper copy, then please speak to the Admin Team. If your child has undertaken any statutory assessments this term, then the data will be emailed out at the same time.

### Sports Morning:

Last week we held our KS2 Sports Morning and a big thank you to the incredible support provided by our parents and carers who came to watch. Very well done to Green House who were victorious - we've not seen a win from them for a few years! Our EYFS and KS1 event will be held next week - good luck to all the children involved.

A big thank you to Mrs Streeter for organising and putting both mornings together and also the PTA for providing the ice lollies at the end - much appreciated!

### **Y5 Campout:**

Last Friday we held our annual campout for the Y5 children. There was great excitement as everyone arrived back on site at 6pm ready for an evening of fun (and not much sleep!) During the afternoon the children had expertly put up their own tents, creating a little tent village on the field. The evening started by making the beds and laying everything out that would be needed for bedtime, this was followed by a BBQ, before starting the Scavenger Hunt. In their tent teams the children had to work together to complete different challenges. It was a close thing to choose the winning team!



A campfire followed with hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows, singing and storytelling before heading to bed. Morning came round very quickly, although we're unsure how much quality sleep was had by all... then it was time to get up, have breakfast, play some games out on the playground, pack up the tents and get ready to go home!

An actioned packed few hours and we hope the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Experiences like this are only possible when staff give up their time (and sleep!), so a big thank you to Mrs Streeter, Mrs Alden, Mrs Ollington and Miss Ollington for making the evening a success.

### **Welcoming New YR Children:**

It was lovely to welcome our new YR children last week for their Stay & Play sessions and to meet our new cohort of parents and carers at the induction meetings. We were so impressed with how well the children did, independently coming into school and so confidently exploring the Early Years learning area and meeting their new teachers. We hope all the children have a lovely summer and we look forward to them joining our school family in September.

### **Year 6 Moving On:**

Transition continued last week with our Y6 children having the opportunity to visit their new secondary schools. The children are transitioning to a variety of schools and it has been lovely chatting to them about how much they have enjoyed the different experiences organised for them. We still have a few more weeks left with Y6 before they officially move on and we're looking forward to watching their production and sharing their final memories with them.

### **Moving Up Morning:**

We have planned 'Moving Up' morning for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Here the children in current YR - Y5 will have the opportunity to spend the first part of the day in their new classroom meeting their new teacher. Together they will be able to talk about some of the things planned for the next academic year as well as completing different transition activities. After morning break all children will return to their current classrooms.

During the course of the day we will email home to all parents a welcome letter specifying the new class details, the curriculum projects for Autumn Term 1 and things to remember to bring to school in September. Before the end of term we will also provide you with an overview of which teacher will be working with which class in the new academic year. As expected, staff move around, and there will be some new faces joining the team.

### Goodbye & Good Luck:

Naturally, the end of a school year is a time where we need to say goodbye to different members of the staff team. Firstly good luck to Mrs Hitchen-Hoy, who is relocating with her husband to Hampshire. During her time with us, Mrs Hitchen-Hoy has worked in KS1 and more recently in Early Years, and from September has secured a new position in a school closer to where she will be living. Good luck also to Miss Marshall who is leaving us to take up a new position in a school in Guildford. She will be continuing her passion for the Early Years and will be teaching a YR class in September. We thank both of them for everything they have done for the school over the last few years. We also have two teachers who are going to take the opportunity to travel overseas - Miss Woods will be off to the USA and Miss Wakelam will be travelling to Australia. We wish both of them the very best of luck and safe travels, and look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

It is also time to say goodbye to several members of our support staff - Miss Sturt, Miss Taylor and Mrs Bayley are all moving on and we thank them for everything that have done to support the work of the school.



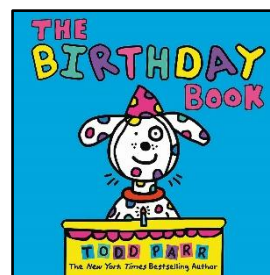
We wish all the staff moving on the very best of luck for the future, whatever they have planned; and over the next few weeks there will be lots of different opportunities to thank them and say goodbye.

We will be welcoming several new teachers and support staff to the team in September, most of whom will be present at the 'Moving Up' morning to meet the children. There will be opportunities for parents and carers to meet the new staff in the Autumn Term.

### Birthday Books:

A great way of supporting the school's reading resources is buying a 'Birthday Book' when it's your child's birthday. This is a completely optional idea for parents, but is something we hope families may wish to consider supporting instead of sending sweets into school. However, please understand that there is no requirement to send anything into school when it's your child's birthday!

As a 'Birthday Book' arrives in school, it is labelled up with a special bookplate and presented back to your child in assembly. They are then able to take it back to their classroom book corner to share with their friends.



Please see [Latest News](#) on the website for full details.

### Clubs:

Just a reminder that all after school extra-curricular clubs finish this week, with Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July being the last day. Breakfast Club and XT Club are continuing to run as normal, right up to the last day of term. XT Club will also be offering summer holiday camps - please book [online](#) directly with them.

### School Uniform:

The staff team have noticed that there are a few children wearing trainers to school. Please can we remind you that these are not allowed, nor are boots or open toed shoes. Sensible, flat black shoes must be worn at all times. If there is an emergency, please make a note in your child's Weekly Diary (KS2) or Reading Record (YR & KS1) so that staff can see.

### Water Bottles:

All children need a named water bottle in school each day.

### PTA Update:

Thank you to everyone who has supported this term with the disco, Father's Day Room and second hand uniform sales.

### Coming up:

- Summer Fair Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024



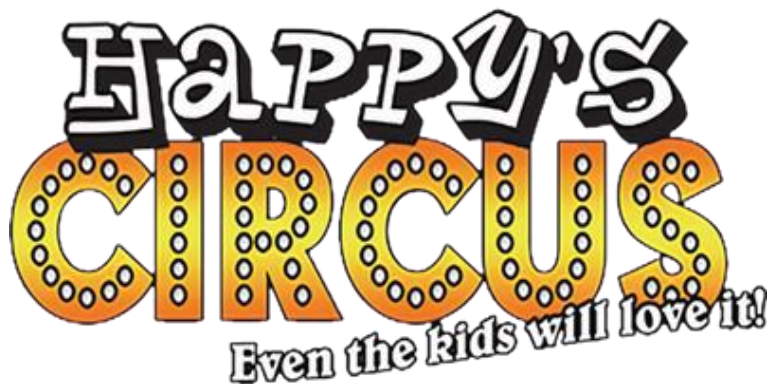
If you're interested, you can also support the school online via:

- **PTA Lottery** - weekly tickets cost £1 and one lucky person wins a cash prize each week - [Your School Lottery](#)
- **The Giving Machine** - when shopping online, if you go through the [Giving Machine](#) website first, the PTA will receive on average 3% of your total spend.

### Looking Ahead:

Next September we are once again being visited by Happy's Circus! This is an amazing opportunity to go to the 'Big Top' and see an extraordinary show, all on our school field.

- Save the date - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Early Bird Tickets are £10 per head



Further information can be found on the school [website](#).

### Follow us on X (formally Twitter):

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# Runnymede Sports Day

Sunday 4 August  
10am-3pm



Enjoy a fun day for the whole family with free entry and activities!

Indulge in food, drink, and entertainment, as well as face painting and an inflatable assault course.

Try out group exercise tasters and win exciting prizes and give-aways!

Bring your bike for a health check with Dr. Bike



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