



The Manor CE Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Newsletter 18

21st May 2021

Dates for the Diary

24th May – Spirituality Day 2
26th May – Y1 and Y2 ‘Wow’ Day
28th May – Term 5 ends
7th June – Term 6 begins
16th June – Y6 Transition day WIA
22nd June – New YR Sept 2021 Transition Open Evening in hall
23rd June – Additional Transition day for Y6 to WIA
2nd July – Y6 Transition Day WIA
5th July – Inset day (school closed)
8th & 9th July Y6 Transition Day Brimsham Green
12th July – Spirituality Day 3 & Reports sent home
21st July – Term 6 ends

The children have had a fabulous week in school despite the horrendous weather! It has been so lovely to have so many children coming to show me so many wonderful examples of their fabulous learning. Children have been really focussing on using their ‘Talking Topaz’ skills this week and even though this was only introduced a few weeks ago, the use of great oracy skills in school is being seen across the whole school. Next week sees the final week of our first full-term back in school this year – the children have settled back into school life so well and we are all so proud of them (although some of them are starting to look rather tired and will definitely be ready for the half term break!). Let’s hope the weather improves for a great last week.

Best wishes

Mrs Flanagan

If you are aged 6-13 and enjoy history and what it can tell us about today’s world, don’t miss Passport to the Past, a monthly online after school club! You’ll meet, talk to, and have lots of real time fun with experienced session leaders from Gloucestershire Archives as they lead you on an hour-long adventure into the past.

“I learn loads of new things I never knew before. It’s fun!” - Seb, age 8. We’ve already explored The Census, Newspapers, Victorian Schooling and there’s so much more to come, including collecting your stories of what it’s like to be you in 2021.

DATE: first Wednesday of each month

TIME: 4pm - 5pm WHERE: Live on Zoom.

"Brilliant sessions - so entertaining and interesting - even for me." - Beckie, parent.

“One of the best examples of online teaching I’ve seen.” - Sarah, teacher.

To find out more about our upcoming events visit:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/gloucestershire-archives-events/gloucestershire-archives-events/

Scooters

After reviewing our Covid Risk Assessment, we now feel we can accommodate children keeping their scooters in school.

Arrangements will be:

Y5/6: Please use the bicycle racks to park your scooter

Y3/4: Please park your scooter in the scooter rack on the top playground near the gates.

YR/1/2: Please park your scooter in the scooter rack on the edge of the playground.

As has always been the case, for everyone’s health and safety, please can children push their scooters when they are on the school grounds.

Happy Scooting!

Reading Reminders

At The Manor, we strive to be the best we can be. In order to accomplish this, we ask all children to read at home at least five times a week. Please support us by encouraging your child to reach this goal. Thank you

Reading Record Books

Please could you support your child by encouraging them to bring their Reading Record book in to school every day. This is important so we have an awareness of what they are reading at home and so we can record any reading that they do in school with an adult. Thank you

The Big Ask (Important National Survey)

The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. The findings will be used to show the Government what children and young people think and what they need to live happier lives. The Council have asked if pupils and parents can complete the survey - the more children and adults that complete the survey a fuller picture can be drawn on children and young people's needs and whether they have changed.

For more information and promotional materials please see thebigask.uk.

Mental Health training opportunities

South Glos. has a number of online training sessions you may be interested in:

Children and Young People Mental Health Awareness – session for parents and carers

The session offers an introduction to CYP mental health and emotional wellbeing, it covers what mental health is, spotting early warning signs, what we can do to support young people and also looks at self-care for parents
Thursday 16 September (19.00 – 20.30) [View Details | South Gloucestershire CPD Online \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

FSM voucher

If your child is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, school will issue a £15 supermarket e-voucher for May/June half term. This is a new Covid Local Support Grant offer to families.

For details of further financial support available to [#SouthGlos](#) residents, visit: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents/>

Rapid testing reminder

Everyone over the age of 16 without coronavirus symptoms is being encouraged to take a rapid test (lateral flow) twice a week. This includes parents, carers and anyone over 16 who lives with children or young people at nursery, school or college.

Children and young people at secondary school or college are already taking rapid tests through their school testing programme. Primary school aged children and younger **should not** take rapid tests.

There are a number of ways you can access free rapid tests including collecting home test kits from one of the South Glos test sites or libraries, you can order them to be delivered to your home or take a test at one of the rapid test sites. Full details are available on the website www.southglos.gov.uk/testing

Rapid tests give results in 30 minutes and are vital in stopping the spread of coronavirus.

If you have symptoms, you must book a test on GOV.UK or call 119.

Consultation on the expansion of Lyde Green Primary School

Lyde Green Primary School are consulting on a proposal to expand this school in South Gloucestershire and hope to implement the new arrangements from September 2022. Please find attached information on the proposal. The information can also be located on their website:

[CSET - Lyde Green Primary School Consultation](#)

Class Photographs

All online orders must be received by Tempest by 24th May for free delivery to school. Any orders placed after that date will incur a delivery charge to your home.

Asia Class

This week, Year 4 have been focussing on developing their own author voice within their independent write. They have used our 'Great Chocoplot' text to map out Jelly's journey and add their own twist to the story. We have ideas from earthquakes all the way to chocolate rain! It has been lovely to read their own imaginative ideas.

Antartica Class

Another busy week in Antarctica continuing with the theme of minibeasts. We had fun learning about stick insects but the highlight was when we discovered a little snail hitching a ride on a larger one on the playground. The children found this fascinating and wondered if it could travel all the way through the 'tunnel' of children's legs? The snail took so long that Eleanor kindly saved it from any big feet and placed it in the garden.



South America Class

This week in Year 6, we completed our unit of work on The Journey and have produced some fantastic writing linked to this. In Maths, we revisited coordinates and translation. We had a fun afternoon on Thursday when we enjoyed taste testing biscuits to help us design our own which we are planning to make next week. In addition, we filled our gem jar this week and have been working on developing our Talking Topaz power by doing a short presentation on a subject of our choice.

Australia Class

In Australia class this week, we have been learning all about division. We have been using different maths manipulatives to help us solve division problems. In English, we have been finding out about non-chronological reports. We have been identifying the features and will be writing our own report about Shakespeare next week. In topic, we have been learning about sustainability and how we can protect our environment. We were unable to make it into Forest School this week due to a huge thunder storm but we will be venturing in next week.

Africa Class

Year 2 have had another fantastic week and thoroughly enjoyed all of their learning! We have been looking at the concept of 'Sustainability' and learning all about the impact of Deforestation. We watched 'There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom' and discussed how we can help reduce our use of palm oil and paper. We are all going to try and do our best to help support the rainforests. We are feeling ready for Half Term and looking forward to our Shakespeare Wow Day next week.

Europe Class

This week has been another manic one in Year 3! We have been looking at the explosive eruption in Pompeii. We have explored artefacts and written diary entries. We have also started writing our own travel brochures for Italy. Year Three's descriptive writing is making us all want to go on holiday 😊

North America Class

Another super week in Year 5 full of fun and amazing learning! In English, we have been learning about plastic pollution and how it affects our planet. We've then been using this information to write our own persuasive speeches. In maths, we have been making estimations for calculations and then comparing our answers using the column method. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed our topic session on Thursday as it involved taste-testing biscuits for our DT project. We evaluated them and then chose the best one for a party bag based on a number of properties. Taste-testing is a difficult job but someone has to do it! 😊

Our value of the term is FRIENDSHIP

"Encourage one another and build each other up."

1Thessalonians 5.11

Prayer from Rev. Colin Lunt

Lord God, make me a good and steady friend, a friend that can be trusted. Amen