



NEWSLETTER

MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS

Life at school continues to be very strange within the current COVID climate; with the new routines now established, the children have all settled into this new way of working and have risen to the challenges in their learning. We are however, within the restrictions, continuing to widen children's opportunities and experiences so that they receive the full 'Manor Experience' of excitement in learning.

Last week, we hosted our annual 'Manor Book Festival'. Albeit it was very different this year, there was still a lot happening within the academy. In Reception, the children read Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children then tasted porridge and looked at how the porridge oats changed when they added water. In Year 2, the children read 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' by Julia Donaldson. The children became palaeontologists and excavated fossils; learning all about the life and work of famous fossil hunter, Mary Anning. Year 5 worked hard during the week to consider how humans treat animals and how they would respond to us, if they had the chance, after reading their book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. They researched endangered animals and thought how they would encourage humans to be more respectful and considerate. This was linked to the human rights and whether or not they thought animals should have similar rights.

Throughout the week, to promote reading for pleasure, the children listened to stories online by different authors, read blogs and listened to eBooks. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold our Book Fair in the hall, however, each year group 'bubble' had their own 'Manor Book Festival Shop'. The children visited the shop and had time to look at and read some of the books available to buy. This year we have made over £860! Thank you for your continued support!

Our reading competition was to design a hero and a villain. Freddie in Year 1 and Seth in Year 6 are the successful winners of the £10 reading vouchers. Well done to all the other applicants. We really enjoyed looking at all the entries—it was a very hard decision to make.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th October

EFYS Owl Visit

Monday 12th October

Y4 Swimming

Friday 16th October

Y6 @ Crucial Crew

Monday 19th October

Y4 Swimming

Wednesday 21st October

Parent Evening (TBC)

Thursday 22nd October

Break up for Half Term

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY

Monday 2nd November

Children Return to School

Monday 8th February

Y5 Bamburgh Residential

Due to COVID-19, we are not planning any visits out of school this term but will keep parents updated of our plans.

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Special Events

Our youngest children in school all came to school last week very excited as they were having a 'Teddy Bear's' Picnic—albeit without the bears! Each class shared bear stories and although the children were unable to bring in their bears from home, they enjoyed colouring bears and making bear hats instead. The Year 2 children designed their own bear ears and wore these whilst enjoying their special picnic. The picnic lunch was served in an individual picnic box and everyone enjoyed the tasty cupcakes. To end the day, some of the children chose their favourite bear film 'Paddington' to enjoy on the big screen whilst devouring some chocolate biscuits.

Whilst the younger children were all enjoying their picnic, the children in Key Stage 2 took part in a mammoth obstacle fun run. The children were challenged to raise as much money as possible in sponsorship and they did not disappoint! The air horn was at the ready as the children ran through slalom sticks and hoops, clambered over obstacles and crawled under netting to complete as many laps as they could complete in the time given. Children were smiling from ear to ear and loved challenging themselves to achieve their personal best. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Pastoral Support

With Mr Gurran on secondment at Maltby Redwood, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Haynes will be taking on the role and supporting our children during his absence.

School Lunches

When we returned to school in September, we put in place a temporary menu whilst we were finalising our catering provision due to COVID. After taking feedback from parents, I can now let you know that we have a new menu in place which will give the children more choice than before; as well as being healthier

For those parents who choose to send their child a packed lunch, I appreciate how tricky it is to get the right balance to make it healthy. I have noticed recently the increase in the processed foods included which are not only expensive, but also have high levels of fat, sugar and salt. A healthy packed lunch can also enable you to monitor exactly what your child is eating, and ensure that their food intake is balanced. Please do not include chocolate bars and sweets or fizzy drinks.

The benefits of a healthy school dinner include:-

- Your child will have a better level of concentration and energy during the day.
- It will help your child to consume a healthy diet and encourage life-long good eating habits, support them to have better dental health and maintain a healthy weight.

If you would like more information about healthy lunches, please visit our website.

Don't forget to download the MyED app from your app store to keep updated with your child's achievements, attendance, letters, messages and more. You can also keep up to date by following us on



Facebook and Twitter; @MaltbyManor.



JOKE OF THE MONTH

What is a ghost's favourite theme park ride?

A roller-ghoster!



KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

As part of Maltby Manor's commitment to keeping children safe we have signed up to implement the principles and aims of Operation Encompass. This is a unique early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children and young people who may have experienced or are affected by domestic abuse. Operation Encompass will ensure that incidents of Domestic Abuse where police have attended are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. Through Operation Encompass a trained key adult in school (e.g. a member of the safeguarding team) will be notified preferably PRIOR to the start of the next school day, that a child has experienced or maybe affected by an incident of Domestic Abuse that the police have attended. The purpose of the information sharing is to ensure schools have more information to support safeguarding of children. By knowing that the child has had this experience, the school is in a better position to understand and be supportive of the child's needs and possible behaviours.

Operation Encompass will complement existing safeguarding procedures already in place within our school.

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