



Mansel Messenger

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Mansel Park Primary School, Culver Close, SOUTHAMPTON. SO16 9HZ

November 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to our November newsletter and the start of the second half term of this academic year. Many thanks for your continued support it is very much appreciated. We are very excited to be offering some lovely Christmas celebrations and we hope to see you at one of our Christmas performances (details attached). As we speed through Autumn and into winter, please remember to wrap up warm as we will still be outside at playtime. Please remember that it is school policy that only children wearing a helmet are allowed to cycle to school... With the darker mornings and evenings please check that lights are working too. Thank you.



Lest we forget

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon

A two-minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock on Friday, 11th November. We offered our prayers for all who serve, or have served, in the forces and their families.

Curriculum and Enrichment

In Class

Nursery

We are now able to offer two year old funded places from January as well as three year old places! The nursery is beginning to become busy, please apply if you would like a space regardless of their current age. We offer a variety of sessions with options for: 15 hour funding, 30 hour funding and paid places. This is an exciting time for us and we have been busy introducing the youngest of our nursery family to our environment, staff and their peers. We currently offer a free stay and play on Wednesday afternoon in our Nursery setting for under 2s with a parent or guardian.

If you would like the opportunity to take a look around our beautiful environment, find out more about funded places or to enquire about stay and play sessions; please contact our school office. Mansel nursery is regularly updating our website with weekly blogs. This is an opportunity to find out what we have been up to during this half term. It has been very exciting indeed!

Year R

In Year R this term, we have been thinking about Diwali. We have immersed ourselves in the festival of light! We have a brand new home corner that allows us to dress up and celebrate! During Writing, we have been using our new phonics knowledge to write words and phrases about Diwali including Rama and Sita. In Expressive Arts and Design, we have created salt dough to make our very own Diva Lamps. This half term, we have learnt to mix our primary colours to create secondary colours. We also made beautiful firework pictures. In Maths, we are focusing on our numbers to 10 while developing our formation, counting and ordering skills.

Year 1

In Autumn 2, Year 1 have been learning about...

Writing: We were asked to help Norman, the slug with a silly shell, find a new shell as the shell he previously had caused him many problems! We have worked together on forming adjectives and using them in sentences to help Norman consider why he should choose each specific shell. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction. Lion less came back to help us, reminding us that we jump backward on our number line when subtracting and the number will always get smaller. We have been using a range of different resources to support our understanding. In geography, we have been learning about our local area. We have explored the world in which we live and discovered what our Country, the Closest city, and Town are! In Science, we received a message from the three little pigs! Their youngest brother Percy needs our help in building a house. To help him we have been learning all about different objects and their materials, helping us to consider what material would be best for different parts of the house and why.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have done some excellent writing to make our own incredible recipes to turn evil Grandmas into the sweetest Grandmas around! We have really been working on adding conjunctions into our writing to extend our fabulous ideas! We have done lots of exploring in the Rainforest looking into animals and the different layers of the Rainforest! We are very passionate about protecting the Rainforest and Year 2 have learnt some super facts about why the Rainforest is so important!

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying writing their own vengeful chapter for The Twits. During this unit, they have created mischievous plans for a trick to pay back one of the Twits. In maths, they have enjoyed learning how to use and apply the column method for both addition and subtraction. In History the children have been learning about Walter Tull - one of the first black officers and footballers who showed great resilience despite the hardships he encountered. The children have been able to link him to other significant figures they've met from the past and have been reflecting upon diversity, uniqueness and equality.

Year 4

This half term we have been busy. In English we have continued to develop our recount that retells an event where a superhero prevents disaster from happening. This is coming along nicely and should be a good write. In History we have continued our Roman learning. We have been lucky to have a special guest from St Barbe come and visit us for a Roman workshop. The children have been enjoying making and investigating circuits and electricity in science.

Year 5

In English the children have been creating speeches on the magic, mystery and importance of our ocean and the devastating effects that plastic and pollution is currently having on it. In Maths, Year 5 have been learning multiplication and the different formal methods within this topic. They are currently focusing on learning long multiplication method with increased speed and accuracy.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have begun our new Writing unit which is all about being the best we can be! Each of us are researching a person who we admire and who has overcome difficult hurdles in order to be a success!

The children have also recorded some beautiful videos which can be seen on our new school website – reading extracts from our class book “Boy 87,” and also performing WW2 poetry.

Year 5 Calshot Activity Centre

Our Year 5 pupils had the amazing opportunity to visit Calshot Activity Centre on Tuesday 22nd November. They enjoyed all sorts of activities such as archery, rock climbing, indoor skiing and low ropes! The children had an excellent day filled with lots of fun and learnt how important working as a team is.

Showcase Musical Concerts

Showcase invited our Year 3 and 4 parents to watch a small musical concert at our school on Monday 28th November and Tuesday 29th November. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to hear your child/children play some beautiful music and see the progress they have made in their instrumental lessons this term.

Phonics Workshops

Year R

In Year R we will be running ‘**Orange Phase**’ Pip and Pap phonics workshops for ALL Year R children over the coming months. The workshops help to support children with their phonics in the Orange Phase. Each session will include activities such as recapping sounds, reading books together, and doing some lovely artwork. (Dates can be found in this newsletter)

Year 1

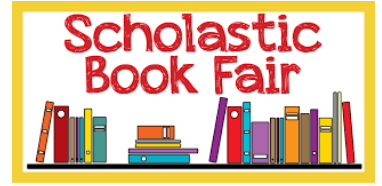
Our ‘**Green Phase**’ Phonics workshops are up and running for our Year 1 parents (dates can be found in this newsletter). We hope they have been a good opportunity for you to find out more about what your child learns at school!

These will be running over the coming months and are designed to support parents with the expectations for the reading curriculum for Key Stage 1, and to understand the standard required to pass the statutory phonics test which your child will sit in June. More details can be found in the letter we sent via Parent Mail.

Please do remember to sign your child/children up at the school office to confirm your place for the **Orange Phase** workshops and the **Green Phase** workshops so our teachers can organise the correct number of resources. Grandparents and extended family are welcome to come along so long as a place has been booked in advance.

Scholastic Book Fair

From Wednesday 23rd November until Monday 28th November our school were lucky to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair into our library. Parents and children were invited to come in to browse the latest and greatest selection of children's books as well as some stationery. Thank you for your support of the Book Fair, this helps our school to continue purchasing new books and resources for our library and encourages pupils to keep reading!



Attendance Prize

Well done to Lily-Rose who won a £25 cinema voucher as part of our Attendance Raffle!

For each full week a child completes in school, they are rewarded with a raffle ticket that goes into the raffle drum! The more your child is in school - the more raffle tickets they receive - therefore the more entries into the draw! Our next draw will be at the end of the Autumn term.

A Polite Reminder

Tours of the School

We will be offering individual tours of the school for our New Year R (Sept 2022) entrants. Please do encourage any of your friends to visit our lovely school and consider a place for their child here.

Year R (infant/primary school) places deadline: **15 January 2022 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.

Allergies

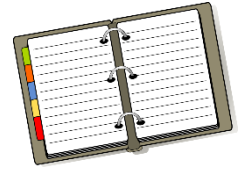
We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, I ask that families do not have any snacks and ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free'. This includes peanut butter, Nutella and all chocolate spread which can be a major cause of anaphylactic shock in some children. Your care and support in this is greatly appreciated.



'Eco' Christmas Tree Decoration

After the success of last year's Eco Christmas Tree, we again would like to ask all children to bring in an 'Eco' Christmas decoration for our school tree. These will be going up from the 1st December so please ensure that they are in school so that we have plenty of time to display your wonderful decorations! We thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your Diary



- Wednesday 30th November – Year 6 to see Macbeth at Holy Family
- Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner - £2 for Save the Children
- Wednesday 14th December – Years R, 1 & 2 Bigfoot Pantomime at Mansel Park Primary School
- Thursday 15th December – Years 3 & 4 trip to Mayflower for Goldilocks Pantomime
- Friday 16th December – Nursery Christmas Party
- Friday 16th December – Years 5 & 6 trip to Mayflower for Goldilocks Pantomime
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Back to School / Nursery reopens

Year R Phonics workshops:

- Monday 5th December – Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 7th December – Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Monday 9th January – Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 11th January - Year R **Group 2** Orange Phonics workshop
- Monday 16th January - Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 18th January - Year R **Group 2** Orange Phonics workshop
- Monday 23rd January - Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 25th January - Year R **Group 2** Orange Phonics workshop
- Monday 30th January - Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 1st February - Year R **Group 2** Orange Phonics workshop
- Monday 13th February - Year R **Group 1** Orange Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 15th February - Year R **Group 2** Orange Phonics workshop

Year 1 Phonics workshops:

- Thursday 24th November – Year 1 Parent and Child Phase Phonics workshop
- Thursday 15th November – Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop
- Thursday 26th January 2023 - Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop
- Thursday 23rd February 2023 – Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop

I wish you all a safe and happy Autumn 2!

Kind Regards

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Mrs Montague

Executive Headteacher