



Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

Half Term ending Friday 31st March 2023

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Head Teacher's Message



The Spring Term at Manor Field has been a blast and true to form the younger Reception children have had their light bulb moment and realised what school is about. These moments are lovely and for staff very rewarding.

Since half term the remodelling work has started on the kitchen and we are hopeful about a completion date a few weeks after we come back from the Easter break. Trevor, Steve and their team have worked with us and apart from staff parking spaces, there has been very little disruption to date.

If everything goes according to plan, the site of the old mobile is going to be made good over the Easter break and then we can put some grass seed down, making that area look much nicer.

Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire at the recent parents evening sessions. I am happy to say we received a very positive response and are now looking at the comments regarding 'what do you think we could improve?'.

As an update against comments regarding our relationship with St Mary's Junior School, Mr Riley and I met again this week, with Mr Riley visiting Manor Field this time. We have arranged transition opportunities for our Year 2 children going to St Mary's in September, a joint staff meeting next term and a meeting with the Long Stratton High School Head Teacher Mr Lewis.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and I look forward to some warmer sunnier weather and the summer term.

Mrs Haines



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Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with mixed feelings that we are letting you know Miss Bainbridge, our long standing SENDCO, is moving on to take up a SEN adviser post with the NCC Local authority. Her last day with the Trust will be Friday 31st March.

Miss Bainbridge started at Manor Field as a class teacher in September 2017 but her passion for special educational needs led her to become a full time SENDCO. Miss Bainbridge is very respected in the SEN community and has worked hard to ensure SEN pupils' needs are met throughout our Trust and beyond.

We will miss her expertise and support but all the staff at Manor Field wish her well for the future. We know she will excel in her new post.

As a Trust we will shortly be interviewing for the new Trust SENDCO and hope to give you more details regarding this next term.

I have met with Miss Bainbridge regarding actions that will be needed in the summer term for our SEN pupils, and therefore from the 17th April 2023 please direct any SEN related questions or concerns to myself at office@manorfield.norfolk.sch.uk

We will also miss Finley, the school therapy dog who belongs to Miss Bainbridge. We have thoroughly enjoyed our visits from Finley and the children will definitely miss seeing him in school.

We, once again, thank Miss Bainbridge for her dedication to SEN at Manor Field Infant and Nursery School and we wish her all the best in her new role.

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Around the School

EYFS

It was a busy half term in EYFS. We read our core story on 'Sudden Hill' and engaged in lots of imaginative box play. We have focused on the change of season and have been on Spring walks. We have had some lovely project sessions and learning cafes. The children have enjoyed learning about Easter and why Christians celebrate it. We have really noticed the independence growing with everyday activities and class routines this half term. The children continue to make pleasing progress with their phonics and maths work. We look forward to our Summer Term together.





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Around the School

KS1

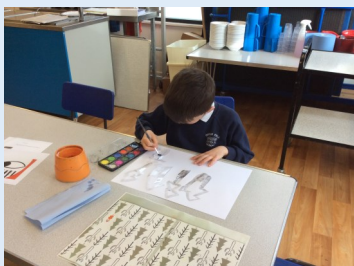
We have had an exciting half term in KS1! It has been filled with art sessions, learning cafes and Forest school, which we have all really enjoyed. Thank you so much to everyone that was able to attend these sessions– we hope you had as much fun as we did!

This half term, we have enjoyed our core story, 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin. We rewrote the story in our own words, wrote instructions on how to defeat a witch and finished by making our own witch's potion! We have used our Core Story to explore many different subjects and ideas; in History we have been learning about castles and significant people who live in them. In Art, we have loved using printing to create our own castle walls and thinking about brick designs inspired by the patterns of a castle.

Earlier this month, we were lucky enough to have a workshop run by Sally from 'Bookbugs and Dragon Tales' bookshop in Norwich. It was lovely to read a variety of books and take part in some drama activities! We also saw some wonderful costumes from children all over the school.

We hope you have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 18th April in the Summer Term (hopefully with some nicer weather)

The KS1 Team.





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Parent Project Sessions

Our Parent Project Sessions have been a great success this half term. We have welcomed so many of you into school to do an art project with your child and the finished pieces have been amazing. We have had some really positive feedback including;

Parents said they enjoyed:

- Getting to spend time together
- Doing artwork with their child
- Experimenting with different colours
- Being creative
- Having 1:1 time with just one child.

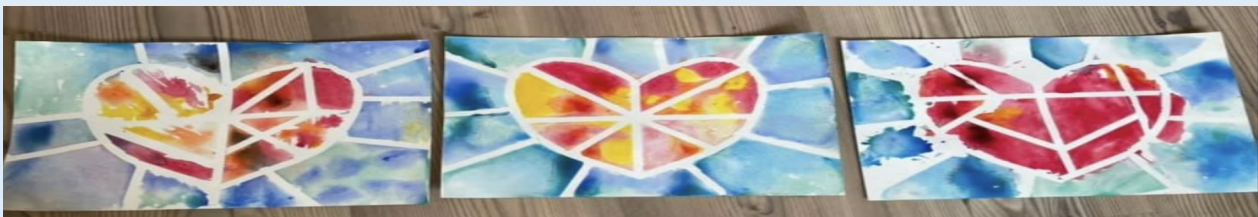
Parents suggested:

- They are happy to help in other sessions.
- That photos are added to Class Dojo
- More notice of sessions.

It's been lovely to focus on the processes involved in producing a piece as well as that finished piece that we have all been proud of at the end. We have really focused on making decisions along the way and experimenting with chosen mediums and techniques. This project session was to make a piece of artwork together using masking tape. Masking tape is an effective way to create white lines on a piece of artwork. It is a great technique to try at home. For those of you who were unable to attend our sessions, here is a step-by-step guide on how you could make a piece of artwork using masking tape. There are endless possibilities and we would love to see any pieces that you make.

Steps to success;

- Step 1– Decide what medium you are going to use. Watercolours/poster paints/pastels/acrylic paint.
- Step 2– Draw a plan of your finished piece. Where will you put your masking tape line ?
- Step 3– Stick masking tape on to the paper where you would like to see white lines.
- Step 4– Colour the sections that are left. Think carefully about your colours and make sure you go right up to the masking tape to create crisp lines.
- Step 5– Once all of the sections are coloured in, wait for your artwork to dry.
- Step 6– Peel the masking tape off (away from you) to see your finished piece.
- Step 7– Celebrate your finished piece; frame it, put it on the fridge or gift it to someone.



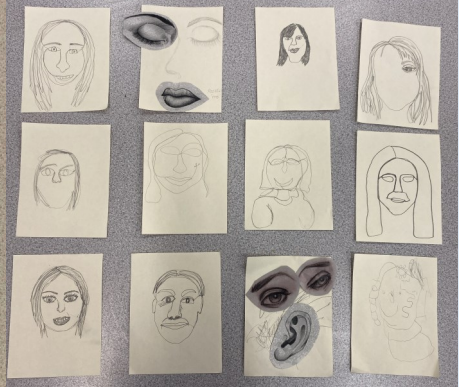
We look forward to continuing our parent project sessions in the Summer term where we will be focusing on puppet making together.



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Project Sessions / Parent Art Clubs



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Parent Art Club

We have been amazed at how many parents have attended these sessions!

We have been looking at a different type of art each week including; sketching and drawing, printing, mixed media and painting. We have discussed the idea that 'everyone is an artist' and how this idea filters down to our children and helps them to feel successful in art. We have followed simple steps to produce some finished pieces and we have celebrated these in our Parent Art Club display.



It has been a real pleasure to work with you on a Thursday; providing opportunities to express yourselves through art and providing some time for you to focus on art ahead of the school run. I look forward to continuing these session next half term. I will remember to bring the biscuits ! All parents/grandparents are welcome and you do not need to book in advance. I look forward to seeing you !

Next half terms sessions will be at 2.30pm in the hall on:

Thursday 27th April

Thursday 11th May

Thursday 25th May

Mrs Mundford

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Bumblebee Class– SRB

Five Little Easter Eggs

Five little Easter eggs, hiding on the floor,

One rolled away, then there were four!

Four little Easter eggs, sitting behind a tree,

A racoon ate one, then there were three!

Three little Easter eggs, in the air flew,

A pigeon came and snatched one, then there were two!

Two little Easter eggs, sitting in the sun,

One was melted and squishy, then there was one!

One little Easter egg, in the field having fun,

A horse trod on it, then there were none!

An Easter Poem by Bumblebee Class—SRB

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School Council 2023

School Council

Our new school council will be made up of two representatives from each class. They will get **elected** by their classes to do this important job. The role of a **School Councillor** is to :

- **Listen to people's ideas**
- **Write down notes**
- **Tell the children in the school any plans and ideas the council have**
- **Vote and decide on things**
- **Share ideas with a group**
- **Work with other school councils and the Long Stratton Town Council**

It will be run by Mrs Mundford who is a councillor for Long Stratton Town Council.

If you would like to be a member of the school council and help make some **decisions** in school, please write down a few reasons why you would like the **job**. A grown up can help you to do this and this can be written or typed however you like. Please make sure you put your **name and class** on your application and hand it in to your class teachers before **Thursday 20th April**. Classes will vote on their School Council representatives on Friday 21st April.

Good Luck !

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Save the date!

| April | |
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| Monday 3rd– Monday 17th | Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 18th | Return to School |
| Monday 24th - 9.15am | Year 2 assessment information session for parents |
| Friday 28th - 9.00– 11.00am | Hedgehog Class Project Session |
| May | |
| Monday 1st | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Monday 8th | Bank Holiday—King Charles III Coronation |
| Friday 12th 9.00– 11.00am | Squirrel Class Project Session |
| Tuesday 16th 9.15am | Hedgehog Class Learning Cafe |
| Tuesday 16th | Fox Class Lunch with Parents |
| Thursday 25th | Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale |
| Friday 19th 9.00– 11.00am | Otter Class Project Session |
| Friday 26th | Last Day of term |
| Friday 26th | Non– Uniform Day—Tombola prize |
| June | |
| Monday 5th | Return to School |
| Tuesday 6th | Otter Class Lunch with Parents |
| Thursday 8th | Class Photographs |
| Friday 9th | Badger Class Lunch with Parents |

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. **IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: **96%**

Last half term's attendance: **92%**

Class with the best attendance: **Fox**

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: **719**

Punctuality – School starts at 8.55am

Every minute counts! If your child is 5 minutes late each day, they are missing:

25 minutes of learning a week

315 minutes of learning a term

3 whole days off school a year

Attendance Facts:

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

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