MANOR GREEN SCHOOL

Excellence for All

Head's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

It may seem early to be thinking about Christmas but we are pleased to announce the winner of our Christmas Card competition overleaf. We had to run the competition early to allow the company to produce the Christmas card orders and send them to us in good time for the festive season. I am pleased to announce that each winner will receive a £5 WH Smith voucher in Assembly, so they can choose a book to read or share with the family. Well done to all five key stage winners and a big thank you to all participants! It was certainly a tough choice and there were so many deserving winners!

It will soon be Christmas and we will be gearing up for the Primary Christmas Production. I know it is always a popular annual event for all parents and it is always great to see so many parents attend. Before that, however, we have the Primary Harvest Festival on Thursday 23rd October, and this is always a great experience for children and families. We hope to see many of you here.

Next week is also a significant week for Manor Green School as we are being assessed for the Autism Accreditation Award from Tuesday to Thursday. A big thank you to all staff for all the hard work they have put into the auditing and self-review process and a special thank you to Mrs. Pringle for her lead. She will sleep soundly during the half-term break when it is all over! We are confident that we will do well and we are telling all colleagues to simply demonstrate what they do for all our students on a daily basis. If the assessors find some areas for development that can improve our practice further, then we will action it. We will keep you informed!

Finally a big thank you to all colleagues for their work on moderation and assessment this week. We use the penultimate week of every term to provide all teachers with the opportunity to moderate assessment and to look closely at student progress. Teachers really welcome this time and benefit from the professional discussions. These sessions have played a big part in raising standards and the accuracy of our assessment. Also, a big thank you to all the HLTAs and support staff who work even harder when the teacher is not present to ensure that all lessons are outstanding.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

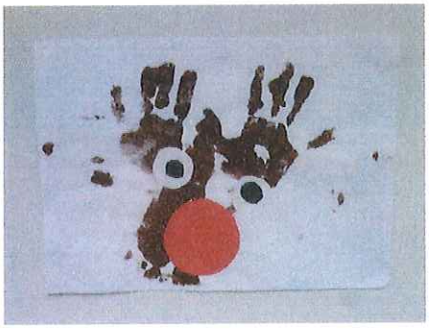
Nathan Aspinall
Acting Headteacher

Christmas Card Competition

For the second year running we have held a Christmas Card Competition, with the winner's cards being purchased for use by the school. This year we extended the project to enable parents, staff and governors to purchase Christmas cards and I am pleased to advise that £110.40 has been raised for school funds. THANK YOU!

This year's winners are:

EY: Summer West—Oxenbury

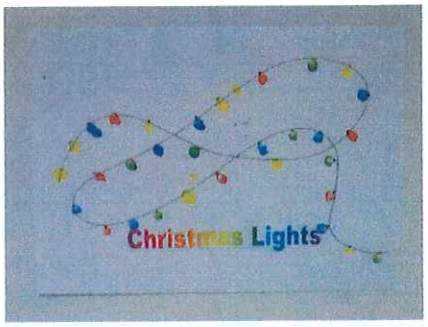


KS1: Alethea Simmons Donaldson

KS2: Liam Harris King-Smith

KS3: Chloe Greaves—Zephaniah

KS4: Mohees Ahmed—Shakespeare



Head's Tea Party

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Stars of the week enjoying their tea party with the Head this morning.

Key Diary Dates
Week 8

w/c 20 October		Teachers' Performance Management reviews
Tuesday 21 October	13:00	Secondary Prospective Parents' Visit
21-23 October		National Autistic Society Creditation Review
Wed 22 October	All day	Whole School Photographs
Thur 23 October	10:00	Primary Harvest Assembly
	11:30	Luncheon Taster Session (open to all parents/ carers/governors
Fri 24 October	09:30	Walliams' Assembly
	09:30-11:00	Stay & Play: Oxenbury and Andreae
	15:15	Term ends
27-31 October		OCTOBER HOLIDAY

PRIMARY HARVEST ASSEMBLY

The primary Harvest Assembly will be taking place at 10am on Thursday, 23rd October and we would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable items. These can be sent into school from Monday, 20th October.

The aim of this assembly is to provide pupils with an opportunity to celebrate their skills and help those who are less fortunate than themselves and, as part of this assembly, class groups will make a presentation of their contributions.

We would be delighted to see you at the assembly and please let reception know if you wish to attend. Don't forget that you are also welcome to follow the assembly with coffee in the Parents' Room.

Reminder
Autism Accreditation meeting with inspectors

Invitations have been sent out to parents/carers of children with Autism regarding a meeting with the inspectors as part of our Autism Accreditation visit. The meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd October between 11am—12noon in the conference room. If you have received an invitation and wish to attend, please return your reply slip to Sharon Glover or contact her on 01628 513800 extn 6004 or at: Sharon.glover@manorgreenschool.co.uk.

Term Dates 2014-2015

Term 1 starts on 4.9.14

Term 1 ends on 24.10.14

Term 2 starts on 3.11.14

Term 2 ends on 19.12.14 @1:30

Term 3 starts on 6.1.15

Term 3 ends on 13.2.15

Term 4 starts on 23.2.15

Term 4 ends on 2.4.15 @1:30

Term 5 starts on 20.4.15

Term 5 ends on 22.5.15

Term 6 starts on 1.6.15

Term 6 ends on 22.7.15 @1:30

Please note:

Year 11 leavers finish on Friday, 26 Jun 2015

All other leavers, including scho transfers and KS5/Post 16 students finish o Wednesday, 8 July 2015

Attendance at school

Attendance at school is essential for student to progress and achieve. Ensuring tha students attend school is the leg responsibility of their parents or guardians.

The school is obliged to promote 100 attendance of its students and report ar concerns regarding poor attendance to th Local Authority.

As the Headteacher of Manor Green Schoc I have no legal right to authorise term-tim absence, apart from absences related exceptional circumstances.

Please note that holidays do not fall into th category, however compelling the reasons f booking them in term time...

House of the Week

I am pleased to report that the winning House for the week is:

1st Weir	=	1042 pts
2nd Peacock	=	989 pts
3rd Simmonds	=	977 pts
4th Storey	=	876 pts

Congratulations to all students !

Good luck to all students for next week!

Primary Department's Stars of the Week

Fynn Cooper-Patel, Leo Jordan, Reggie Atkins, Humayun Anwar, Billy Lindsay, Zara Sultan, Brannon Kinsey, Sam Beasley, Theo Salter, Alexander Matthias

Secondary Department's Students of the Week

Zain Malik, Harry Payne, Soroush Bagheri-Chagharsiahi, Ben Brewis, Alfie Atkins, Tara Edgley, Chloe Ludlow, Charlie Joslin, Harry Hayward, Simeon Dublin, Jordan Clark, Rebecca Lee-Tanner, Gracie Walker

TLS Department's Student of the Week

Harrison Gorrod

Reminders for Wednesday, 5th November

Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Service: as reported in Issue 5 (3/10/14) Alistair Hines and Jean Hobson will be in school to explain the new service (formerly Parent Partnership Services). The session begins at 10am in the conference room.

Circus Starr Tickets: Sharon Carrigan still has tickets available for the 4.45pm and 7pm circus performances on the 5th November so if you would like some FREE tickets please let her know. For parents who have already requested and been allocated tickets: these will be sent home with the students at the end of term (next week).

Manor Green Friends Association: Jedi Night

On Saturday, 15th November from 4.30-8.30pm, all families are invited to enter the dark side for a night of fun, dancing, competitions and general Star Wars' frolics. Tickets are £5 per family; hot food, snacks and drinks will be on sale.

Please return a booking form (attached to the newsletter) by Friday, 24th October.

Information items

(Flyers attached electronically only unless otherwise stated. Please contact the school if you need a hard copy)

- **The RBWM Youth Ambassadors** have created a survey around Youth Engagement in RBWM. It is a quick 10 question survey so will not take long to complete! This survey will help the group understand how young people feel about RBWM and youth engagement in order to make positive changes in their participatory role. Age Range: 8-19 years (up to 25 years with learning disabilities): https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRP6H6J
- **Open Events:** 23rd October at Boyn Grove, Maidenhead and 3rd November at Oakbridge Centre, Windsor

In a galaxy far away
with Stormtoopers of the Galactic Empire
Manor Green School Friends Association
have organised a special evening in the
School Hall.
On November 15th, from 4.30 until 8.30pm, join us
for a fun packed
JEDI
NIGHT
with music, dancing,
face painting, best dressed
competition
..... and much more!
Set your weapons for stun and see you there.
Tickets £5 per family
@MGSFriendsAssoc
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Open Events

revised dates

Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre
on 23rd October 2014
5pm to 8pm

Come and see what we do

Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre
11 Courthouse Road, Maidenhead
01628 685737

Oakbridge Centre in Windsor
on 3rd November 2014
2pm to 5pm

Oakbridge Centre
Imperial Road, Windsor
01753 833654

Catering by . . .

"Bridge that Gap" Coffee Shop

At these Open Events there will be lots of people you can talk to including ...

Staff and Service Users from Boyn Grove and Oakbridge Centres • Members of the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities • Transition Team • Ethnic Minorities Community Worker • Windsor and Maidenhead Mencap

You can see interactive displays, ArtAble and The Boyn Mowers.
Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities to find out more about your local Day Service.

Promoting Day Services in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

✂ Please detach and return to Boyn Grove Resource Centre or Oakbridge Centre by Friday 3rd October 2014.

Name: .....

I would like to come to the Open Event at Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre.
I would like to come to the Open Event at Oakbridge Centre.
(Please delete as appropriate)

I shall bring ..... (number) guests with me.

E-mail: TheBoyn@rbwm.gov.uk *(optional)*