MANOR GREEN SCHOOL

Excellence for All

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Issue 16
15 January 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

It is our first full week with the students this term and I could not be prouder – everyone has tried their hardest to be the best they can be and it has been a great pleasure to see each student engage in learning and following our Golden Rules.

One of our seniors, Rebecca, impressed me in particular, showing a great level of personal reflection and humble acceptance of the mistakes she has made at home.

I want to share this story because, whilst it may seem 'common', it was in fact profound.

After school yesterday, I went to say goodbye to the students and saw Rebecca standing with her class and looking quite obviously deep in thought. I asked how she was, how her day went and 'why the serious face'. She looked me in the eyes and said that she was not having a great time. When asked whether at school or home, she replied: 'both'.

She very eloquently explained to me that she was sad because she was rude and swore at her mum and, ever since then, could not stop thinking about it…

I asked if she apologised – she said yes.
I asked if mum accepted and forgave – she confirmed mum did (who wouldn't?!)
I asked if there was a sanction – Rebecca explained there was.
I asked if Rebecca felt it was a fair one – she agreed.
I asked what lessons Rebecca learnt. This is where the story comes to life:

Rebecca, a girl many who do not know her may underestimate, gave a reflection I will never forget:

'I was wrong. I made a mistake. I guess we all make mistakes sometimes. As long as we don't keep making the same mistakes all the time, it's progress, right?'

'Yes, Rebecca. That is right'

Food for thought for us adults in charge :-)

Have a very good weekend!

Kind regards

Ania Hildrey
Headteacher

Congratulations and Good Luck to Charlotte

Our very own Charlotte is leaving school and joining the world of work.

Charlotte has secured a job through "Access to Work" in the catering industry and has been supported by our amazing Job Coaches: Debbie Burnett and Claude Connor, throughout her journey.

Charlotte is very upbeat and excited about her new prospects and will be living independently for the first time.

Her first day in her new job will be next Monday, 18 January 2016 and she will continue to be supported by our Job Coaches until she is fully settled into her new life. This support will include continued travel training from her home to work and she will also be provided with a taxi home at the end of her shift to help keep her safe.

We all wish her the very best for the future and hope she keeps in touch!

Cold weather

With cold weather looming, this is a gentle reminder to all parents to ensure that students arrive at school ready for outdoor pursuits—suitable clothing and footwear are a must!

Thank you

Manor Green School Friends' Association

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SATURDAY
30 JANUARY 2016

3-5pm in the Primary Hall

Entrance: £2 per family

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!

for

THE RACE NIGHT ON 27 FEBRUARY 2016

(see flyer attached)

Notices

IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME takes place on 22 January 2016:

- Year 9 students: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)
- Year 11 students: Meningitis booster

Please ensure you return your consent slips by Tuesday 19 January

THE NEXT PARENTS SHARE SESSION takes place on Wednesday, 20 January 2016 from 9:30-11:30 at Manor Green School. The regular mini pampering session includes a qualified massage therapist offering neck and shoulder massages with a lovely cup of tea or coffee (and biscuits) so please take the opportunity to spoil yourself.

FIFTH ROTARY CLUB BUNNY FUN RUN takes place on Sunday, 20 March 2016 so start planning your teams. Entries and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from http://www.BunnyFunRun.co.uk

Term Dates 2015-2016

Term 1 starts on 3.9.15

Term 1 ends on 23.10.15

Term 2 starts on 2.11.15

Term 2 ends on 18.12.15 @1:30

Term 3 starts on 6.1.16

Term 3 ends on 12.2.16

Term 4 starts on 22.2.16

Term 4 ends on 24.3.16 @1:30

Term 5 starts on 11.4.16

Term 5 ends on 27.5.16

Term 6 starts on 6.6.16

Term 6 ends on 21.7.16 @1:30

Please note:

Year 11 leavers finish on Friday, 24 June 2016

All other leavers, including school transfers andKS5/Post 16 students finish on Wednesday, 6 July 2016

Attendance at school

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

The school is obliged to promote 100% attendance of its students and report any concerns regarding poor attendance to the Local Authority.

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

Please note that holidays do not fall into this category, however compelling the reasons for booking them in term time…

House of the Week (17)

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

STOREY

1st Storey	=	1443 pts
2nd Weir	=	1199 pts
3rd Peacock	=	1198 pts
4th Simmonds	=	1158 pts

Good luck to all students for next week!

Stars/Students of Week 16

Primary Department's Stars

Summer West, Jos Marsh, Moya Bannon, Kerem Yilmaz, Ethan Hume, Owen Bryant

Secondary Department's Students

Zain Malik, Christopher Bradley, Brannon Kinsey, Connor Rooney, Kate House, Sean McFadden, Adam Whitehill, Raees Hussain, Azim Malik, Mitchell Webb, Dante Pyne, Jonty Miller, Adam Hobley

Therapeutic Learning Support's

Sam Beasley, Jack Sherrington, Kieran Fisher

Key Diary Dates—Week 18

Tues 19 January 2016	09:30	M&M Theatrical Productions' Pantomime: "Dick Whittington" *(selected classes attending)*
Wed 20 January 2016	09:15-10:00	School Council Meeting
Thur 21 January 2016		School Improvement Partner Visit
	13:00	Secondary Prospective Parents' Visit
Frid 22 January 2016		Student Immunisation Programme (see Notices)
	09:30-10:00	AP Briggs' Assembly

INFORMATION

(flyers are only attached electronically unless otherwise stated)

- **RBWM's Local Offer Update**
- **Autism Berkshire—new youth group for 8-17 year olds in Windsor**
- **KEY ACTUATE:** Body Confidence Dance classes or all needs
- **Parent Carer Council for Windsor and Maidenhead:** training day—Friday, 29 January 2016 at 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7YR. Arrive 9:30 for 10:00 start; finish at 14:30. Refreshments and lunch provided. To book a place contact Ezra Khan on 07729 768267 or at: exra_khan_786@hotmail.com
- **Circus Half Term Holiday Camp:** at St Luke's Primary School. Pre-booking essential.

Race Night

in aid of Manor Green School Friends Association

Date: Saturday, 27th February 2016

Enjoy a relaxing evening of racing with friends.

Bet on a horse and cheer it home!

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Venue: Manor Green School, Seniors' Hall,
Elizabeth Hawkes Way, Maidenhead, SL6 3EQ

Time: 7.30pm - 1st race at 8pm sharp - Finish: 11pm

Entrance Fee: £12 including food (fish & chips or pizza)*

Limited Places – Advance Booking Only!

All interests by email to mgsfa123@aol.com

We will then liaise with you regarding your choice of food, transfer of booking fee etc.

*** Bring your own drinks and cups (alcohol is permitted)**

The Rough-Guide to Charity Race Nights!

If you have never seen, or been, to a charity race night before then here is a brief introduction to how they are run.

A standard race night features eight races.
Races are video recordings of real horse races that took place at various times and courses.
Each race is randomly picked and played on the night by a DJ and are shown on a projector screen.
Each race features eight runners.
All the 'guests' have to do is choose a horse name/number between 1 and 8 and then 'place a bet' on it.
The guest approaches the 'tote desk' and tells the 'tote seller' the name/number of the horse they want to bet on.
The tote-ticket seller will then request a nominal payment (£1).
The tote-ticket seller will then issue the guest with a ticket printed with the race number and the horse number on it.
Guests can bet on any number of horses on each race and as much as they like (multiplier of £1).
The guest will receive a tote-ticket for each number they choose.
Groups of guests can nominate one person from their group for each race and take turns to write down everyone's choice of horse, collect the money and place the bets so that there is more time to chat and enjoy the evening.

How does the race night raise money for the charity?

If the tote desk sells a total of 100 tickets, then £100 has been received.
50% of the £100 is placed in the **MANOR GREEN SCHOOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION POT** and the other 50% is placed in the **PRIZE POT**.
The PRIZE POT is the 'pot' that people share who have the winning horse number tote-ticket.

Individuals can **SPONSOR A HORSE** for a charge of £5. If a horse you sponsored WINS, then you will receive a prize (i.e. a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates).

Local businesses and individuals can also **SPONSOR A RACE**, for a fee of £25 (or goods/services which are great as raffle prizes). Instead of a race being called RACE ONE, it could be called the business name.

There will be a **RAFFLE DRAW** held during the break/food time. Tickets will be sold prior to the event as well as at the entrance for £2 a ticket or £5 for three tickets.

The £12 entrance fee will be used to cover the cost of the race DJ/equipment and food. Anything left from the evening's cost will also go to MGSFA.

Dear Families

Local Offer update

As you know in September last year we published RBWM's Local Offer website bringing together information on the range of local services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families. Since then we've been developing the Local Offer further to try and make this resource as useful as possible for you.

Some recent developments...

- In September we published the Local Offer Annual Report for 2014-2015. The report brings together all the feedback from consultation and engagement with young people and families and how we will take it forward. Feedback was gathered through a range of ways including focus groups, online feedback forms and road testing sessions with parents and young people at local colleges and at CYPDS activities.

- Focus groups with parents took place at the Parents' Share group and at Manor Green School on RBWM Schools Local Offer template earlier in the year. We have now redesigned the template in light of the feedback and to combine it with the requirement on schools to produce an annual SEN Information report. We are asking all schools to complete the new template by early 2016. You can view a completed version of the new template at the following link.

- We have been developing the content of the Preparing for Adulthood section of the Local Offer following consultation with young people. A young person known to our service has also designed a series of pictures to illustrate this section of the Local Offer.

- We have also just launched a mobile version of the Local Offer site so that information can be viewed more easily on a mobile phone.

Don't forget you can let us have your feedback on the Local Offer at any time by emailing Localoffer@rbwm.gov.uk or you can also complete the online form at the following link

If you are interested in getting more involved in helping us to develop our Local Offer, we would be keen to hear from you. Please email Localoffer@rbwm.gov.uk or call us on 01628 685878.

Best wishes
Rachel

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Visit RBWM's Local Offer: www.rbwm.gov.uk/localoffer
A single source of information on local services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

New Youth Group for 8 to 17 year olds

in Windsor

Autism Berkshire

Talking sense about autism.

Helpline: 01189 594 594

www.autismberkshire.org.uk

New Youth Group for 8 to 17 year olds in Windsor

In response to overwhelming demand, Autism Berkshire is offering a new and exciting opportunity for young people with autism and their siblings aged between 8 and 17. Six pilot sessions will be held in Windsor.

Date	Time
Tuesday 19th January	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 2nd February	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 16th February	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 1st March	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 15th March	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 29th March	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Venue: Windsor Youth and Community Centre, Alma Road Windsor, SL4 3HD	

Play games, meet new friends, do arts & crafts and drama!

Creative Group

The group will be led by Rebecca Hill, an experienced drama workshop facilitator and special needs playworker, who is currently in her final stages of qualifying as a drama therapist.

All sessions aim to develop communication and social skills in a fun and playful environment.

Benefits

Participating in drama workshops can give young people the opportunity to be seen and heard, to develop confidence, to explore emotions and to acknowledge their inner strengths. The Youth Group is an opportunity to meet new people and make friends in your area. We really hope to see you there.

Eligibility

The project is for children and young people resident in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and who have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum condition, including Asperger's Syndrome, or are on the waiting list for an assessment for an autism spectrum condition. The project is funded by Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead Clinical Commissioning Group as part of the CAMHS Local Transformation Plan.

To book your session, call the Autism Berkshire office on

01189 594 594

or email **admin@autismberkshire.org.uk**

Autism Berkshire is a working name of Berkshire Autistic Society. CHARITY No: 1076217 Company no. 375 0656
Unit 7, Richfield Place, 12 Richfield Avenue, Reading , RG1 8EQ Tel: 01189 594 594
Facebook AutismBerkshire Twitter: @autismberkshire website: www.autismberkshire.org.uk

Body Confidence Dance

"Dance your way to Body Confidence in 2016"

Get FIT, FLEXIBLE & feel FABULOUS!

Learn to dance in a variety of styles to music you love whilst feeling 100% supported!

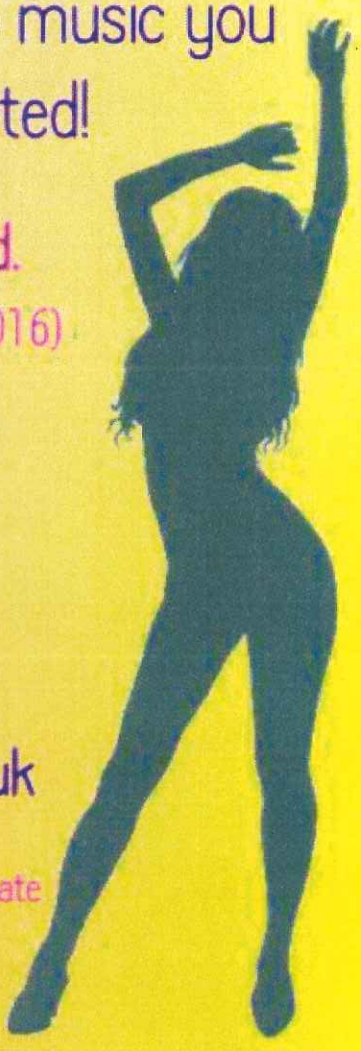
Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead.

Every Wednesday (Classes start 6th January 2016)

7.30pm to 9pm

18+ (All levels, abilities, shapes & sizes welcome)

£8



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Disability Dance

Do you have a Physical Disability, Mental Health Condition or Autism Spectrum Condition? If so, we have the dance class for you!

Get FIT, have FUN and learn to DANCE to the music you love, whilst feeling 100% supported.

We design our classes to meet your needs, build CONFIDENCE and reduce ANXIETY, so you can Unlock your Potential.
Wheelchairs welcome, just call or email us and let us know your requirements.

Furze Platt Leisure Centre

Every Fridays (Classes start 8th January 2016)

14 + (No previous experience needed, everyone welcome)
6:30 to 7:30pm and / or 7:30 to 8:30pm
1 hour £8.00, 2 hours £14.00
Carer/Guardian/Support FREE entry.

10% off your next class
...very friend

Book your place NOW, call/text/email
Gemma on 07876 241372
e-mail gemma@keyactuate.co.uk

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unlocking potential

DANCE your way to **BODY CONFIDENCE** in 2016.

Get **FIT, FLEXIBLE** and feel **FABULOUS!**

BODY CONFIDENCE DANCE 18+

Learn to dance to the music you know and love. Every Wednesday ***classes start 6th January 2016!!!!*** 7-30-9pm Magnet Leisure Centre, Dance Studio £8. All levels, abilities, shapes and sizes welcome!

AUTISM SPECIALIST DANCE 18+

Every Wednesday and Friday ***classes start 6th & 8th January 2016!!!!*** 2-3pm. Magnet Leisure Centre, Dance Studio £8. Classes designed to meet your needs and delivered by our trained Autism Spectrum Condition Facilitator.

DISABILITY DANCE 14+

Wheelchairs encouraged to participate, carer/guardian/ support worker goes FREE Every Friday ***classes start 8th January 2016!!!!***. 6.30-7.30pm and/or 7.30-8.30pm Furze Platt Leisure Centre (based at the Senior School) £8.00 1 hour or 2 hours £14.00. Classes designed to meet your needs and delivered by Condition Awareness Specialist

BOOK NOW! 10% OFF your next class for every friend you refer

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Parent Carer Council for Windsor and Maidenhead

"Creating a level playing field."

Building on effective Parent Participation

You are invited to a training day to build on your knowledge of parent carer participation and co-production; develop new skills and confidence to ensure that parents and carers are well represented in Windsor and Maidenhead; and to foster relationships and partnership working at all levels.

'Involving parent carers at all levels of planning and developing services is the best way of creating cost effective and responsive services that work for families.'

To determine the benefits of parental involvement from both parent and service provider perspectives.

To consider some of the challenges and barriers to achieving effective parent participation from both parent and provider perspectives.

We need to ensure the excellent partnership work in Windsor and Maidenhead continues into the future - Please come and join us –

Friday 29th January 2016 at 4 Marlow Road Maidenhead SL6 7YR

Parking Info: Please park at Magnet and walk through the park.

Arrival from 9.30am - to start the programme at 10.00 and end at 2.30pm.

Refreshments and lunch provided

The day will be facilitated by Miranda Parrott, Contact a Family Approved Trainer

To book a place please contact Ezra Khan

E-mail: Ezra_Khan_786@hotmail.com

Mob: 07729768267

Circus Half Term Holiday Camp at St Luke's Primary School with Get Active Sports

15TH - 19TH FEBRUARY 2016

Our Circus themed Holiday Camp promises to be a fun filled week for children aged 5-16yrs. Your child can practise their circus skills, juggling, balancing, hula hooping alongside an abundance of sports activities & circus themed messy arts and crafts.

Pre booking essential
Book before
10.02.2016 using
CODE: SL16 to
receive a 10%
discount!

Childcare vouchers accepted

Play leaders 12-16years

Sibling discount offered

Call

01344 860868

Option 1

Day price: 9:30am – 3:30pm **£17.90**

Week price: 9:30-3:30pm **£80.00**

Option 2

Day price: 8:00am – 6:00pm **£25.90**

Week price: 8:00am – 6:00pm **£115.00**

Visit www.getactivesports.com to book & pay online