



# Newsletter

Margaret McMillan

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term many of our children have been fortunate to go on educational visits. These experiences are so valuable for them and really enhance their learning. Unfortunately in these times of austerity we can no longer subsidise the visits as much as we have in the past. We are fundraising in order to try to keep the costs down.

We have been awarded the Ekkan Communication Friendly Status for our school. We are very proud of the work we do in school to help every child to become a confident communicator. We believe that good communication is vital for learning and living. Our certificate will be on display in the school entrance.

Can I remind you that school is a NUT-FREE ZONE. Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe and possibly life threatening. In order to keep all of our children safe, please do not send your children with any products that contain nuts.

Congratulations to our year 2 team who took part in a multi-sports competition last week along with 3 other Manningham Schools. They won first place and were awarded medals, certificates and a shield for the school. We congratulate them on their hard work and effort.

We say goodbye to a number of staff this term. Mrs Ibrahim is leaving nursery, Miss Cowgill is moving to a Calderdale school and Mrs Sharma Patel is beginning her maternity leave. Mrs Binns will take over Neptune class after Easter when Mrs Brown also returns from maternity leave. Mrs Lonsdale our receptionist also leaves at Easter to begin her maternity leave. We wish them all the best for the future.

If you are celebrating, I wish you a Happy Easter and I wish a lovely break to you all.

Best Wishes,

Lorraine Martin

Headteacher

# Phase updates

## Phase One

The Nursery team would like to thank all parents that contributed to the Zoo Lab experience this half term. This was a great success and allowed the children to have a first-hand experience of the current theme “mini-beasts”. Please keep contributing to the online learning journey. If your child talks about the zoo lab experience or does anything significant over the Easter break please add this to the learning journey.

The Reception team would like to remind all parents that parent play now takes place on a Thursday. Staff are still available to help you contribute the learning journey at this time. If you do anything significant with your child over the Easter break please add this to the online learning journey.

Next half term Year 1 will start a new topic about the best forms of transport. The children will be making different types of transport using various collage materials. Please bring in different sized boxes that can be used to make these.

## Phase Two

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who attended the SATS information meeting on Tuesday 27th March. Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Nell Bank on Monday 26th March. The weather was finally on our side and the sun shone all day.

Year 3 have started a new topic on The Earth and have started to think about different natural disasters. We have also started looking at different sorts of rocks in science and created our own fossils for imaginary creatures. We are all looking forward to our upcoming trip to Magna.

In Literacy we have been trying to persuade Cinderella’s evil stepmother that she should let her go to the ball so she can have a chance with The Prince. Now we are trying to persuade The King to let Princess Pearl out of the tower and allow her to be a doctor after looking at Julia Donaldson’s ‘Zog’ for World Book Day.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Nell Bank in which they learned to be independent, make a bed and work as part of a team. Those who stayed behind had a thrilling time as ‘mini beast detectives’ in which they learned more about the insects we see in England. They then went on to create a book art which look stunning on display.

This half term we will be learning all about digestion and food. Many of the year 4s can now name the major parts of the digestive system. They have also been shocked to learn that food travels! In fact, the tomatoes we looked at in topic lessons came all the way from Spain. We look forward to learning more fun food facts and as Easter is just around the corner, learning about the different foods that are used in Easter celebrations around the world.

### Phase Three

Year 5 are still have spent the last part of the term working on the Anglo-Saxons in Topic lessons and learning about the Human Body in Science. They enjoyed another Ballet performance, Jane Eyre, at the Grand Theatre. We have also welcomed two PGCE ,Bradford College, students to Pankhurst and Ennis class who will be completing a 7 week block placement after Easter.

Year 6 are still working extremely hard towards their SATs tests in May. Unfortunately the Mock tests in February had to be cancelled due to the snow . They will be sitting Mock tests the week beginning 23rd April 2018 and breakfast club will also take place for Y6 children that week. Breakfast club will start at 8am and the children will be provided (free of charge) with breakfast. **We encourage all Y6 children to attend.**

### Attendance

		Mars	95.1%	Saturn	89%
Jupiter	93%	Mercury	96.4%	Neptune	97.9%
Galileo	91.9%	Sharman	91.8%	Hawking	95.8%
Bronte	89.6%	Hockney	90.6%	Nightingale	92.1%
Adams	88.5%	Armstrong	91.8%	Newton	86.7%
Turing	96.6%	Pankhurst	96.4%	Ennis	97.1%
Mandela	98.6%	Malala	95.2%	Rowling	92.5%

Well done to all classes with more than 95% attendance!

## Diary Dates

Thursday 29th March	School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 16th April	School re-opens
Monday 7th May	Bank holiday
Monday 14th May	KS2 SATS week

## TAC Team Update

Mrs Lister and Mrs El Kheir will be running Reading workshops for parents over next term. The dates for each year group are as follows;

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Friday 20th April</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	Friday 4th May
<b>Year 5</b>	Friday 8th June
<b>Years 1 and 2</b>	Friday 6th July

We will continue to remind you because we want as many parents to attend as possible. We really value reading at Margaret McMillan and want to support you to support your children at home.

Thank you.

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