



Manor Hill First School News

24th March 2023

Manor Hill's the place to be a champion.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a busy week at Manor Hill, on Monday we very much enjoyed a visit from Stafford Borough Council with their recycling vehicle, the children asked some super questions and learned lots.

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Litchfield Cathedral, as part of their RE and History learning, Mr Buckley was very impressed with the whole class, well done!

On Tuesday Eco council organised the toy and book swap which was a huge success, just showing that there are sustainable ways to make use of preloved items, thank you for taking part in this. Later in the week they were also busy with the Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick, real environment champions!

On Wednesday it was our pleasure to welcome a group of Trustees from the Creative Learning Partnership Trust and Governors from Manor Hill into school to learn more about our wheel of Champion Opportunities, the children talked wonderfully about their experiences and brought the wheel to life.

On Wednesday afternoon the winners of our World Book Day competition went on their visit to Waterstones in Stafford with myself and Mr Tapp, it was a delight to see the children choose their prizes, carefully considering why they wanted the books, which were read all the way back to school! The children also brought back a collection of texts for the library, these books are proudly on display for all to share.

On Thursday the School Council had a wonderful visit to Hempstalls Primary to meet with Mr Compton, they had the opportunity to learn more about our Trust and to ask lots of questions, their request for a swimming pool at Manor Hill is being reviewed!

We also welcomed three visiting schools to Manor Hill on Thursday to take part in a multi sports tournament, this was great fun, thanks to Time4Sport for organising this.

Today Year 3 rounded off the week with a super assembly all about the Anglo Saxons, sharing some fascinating facts, thank you everyone!

My thanks to parents for attending parent consultations this week, it was lovely to share the wonderful progress your children have made.

On Monday Year 4 will embark on their adventure to Standon Bowers, parents are welcome to wave off the coach as we depart at around 9.30.

Have a lovely weekend,

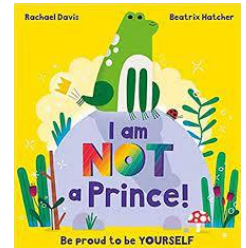
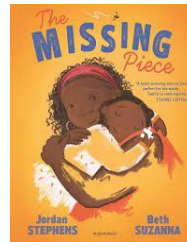
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Upcoming Events

27.3.23 Standon Bowers Year 4

31.3.23 KS1 Easter Performance



Clubs

Due to staff being at Standon Bowers, there will be no extra curricular clubs next week.

They will resume after the Easter break from 24th April, registration forms will be available on Arbor.

Two of the fabulous books chosen by the children this week in Waterstones.

Smart Watches

Smart watches are not permitted in school, children may wear a step counter or a wrist watch without smart functions.

Time for Sport Camps

Time4Sport Easter HAF Kids Camp Booking is live at 3.30pm

Venue: Manor Hill First School

Open to children aged 5-12 who qualify for benefit related free school meals

Dates: Tue 11 – Fri 14 Apr, 8.30am – 3.30pm

Activities include: Multi-Sports, Art/Crafts, Enrichment Activities, Health & Wellbeing Support and a FREE healthy lunch each day

We do have limited capacity, so we suggest booking early to avoid disappointment! For full information and to book follow the link below!

Limited spaces book your FREE place using your HAF code today

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Reading at home

We thank you for all of the wonderful reading support you give your children at home. The link and poster below give some super information about how we teach phonics and tips on how to help with reading at home. A letter will be coming out next week from Miss Brinson with more information on reading diary tips too.

[For parents - Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)**



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions**



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read**



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read**



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read**



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family**



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read**



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'