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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the academic year! These final few weeks have been so busy with topic outcome events, transition and more! The heat has certainly added a new dimension to all of the activities too, but it has been lovely to have the majority of children coming in prepared for this with water bottles and sun hats – thank you.

### Saying Goodbye to Year 6

Next week we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they are transitioning to Secondary School in September. They have been a fabulous year group to work with and we will be left with so many fond memories of their time here with us. These last couple of weeks have been jam packed full with activities and they have continued to work hard and do their best. On behalf of all of the staff at Manor, I would like to wish them all the best for the future. We look forward to hearing of all of their future successes.

Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to. Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days and how funny they were in their nativity. Tell them how proud you are of them and how excited you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception. Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.

You've done a great job.



### EARA Group

Last week the EARA group judged our diversity logo competition and they were so impressed by the entries they received. These included well thought out designs, on paper and electronically. Other children went the extra mile and made fact files and even a presentation which we hope to share soon. We will announce the winner in Tuesday's assembly!

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of staff here at Manor. As budgets get ever tighter and staff are stretched even further, they never lose their positive spirit and desire to do the best for our children.

Thank you also to you - our parents and carers. Working in collaboration with you makes the job so much easier for the staff and supports the good progress of the children. If I do not see you before the end of term, I hope you all have a fabulous summer break with your children. We look forward to hearing all about their time away and welcoming them back in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay  
Headteacher

## **News from the Year Teams**

### Year 3

*As we reach the end of a fantastic Year 3, we want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared together. This year has been full of exploring, learning and growth. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and progress each child has made - from building confidence in new skills to developing resilience and curiosity in their learning.*

*Year 3 have enjoyed reading 'The Scarab's Secret', a beautifully illustrated picture book set in Ancient Egypt. We will be using the story as inspiration to write an atmospheric description of the River Nile, seen through the eyes of a scarab beetle, the brave hero of the tale.*

*In maths we are revisiting fractions particularly ordering and comparing them as well as finding equivalent fractions. We will then move on to measure, particularly telling the time, including to the nearest minute on an analogue clock. There are lots of games here to help children practise this important skill <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time> ]*

*Over the summer holidays, we encourage the children to continue practising the 3, 4 and 8 times tables regularly to help keep skills sharp and confident for Year 4.*

*We have enjoyed learning about seeds and planning experiments to discover what conditions a seed needs to germinate and also whether the size of a seed affects how long it takes to germinate. We have had to plan fair tests, thinking about what must stay the same and what must change. We have also completed our final observation of an area of the school grounds (our longitudinal study) and discussed how this area has changed over the year.*

*In DT, Year 3 planned, designed, made and evaluated our own seed package (shell structure) which included designing the net on the computer. We definitely have some keen designers in Year 3!*

*Last Monday we had a fantastic visit to St John's Church to support our learning in RE about sacred places. The children listened carefully to all the adults and asked thoughtful questions. We loved exploring inside the church and looking around the outside.*

*We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership have played a vital role in your child's success, and we are truly grateful.*

*Have a wonderful summer!*

*The Year 3 team.*

**Y3 - You can learn more about what to expect in Year 4 here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zf26g2p>**

### Year 4

*What a packed final few weeks we have had in Year 4! As you know, the children have been busy designing and making pizzas as part of their 'It's What's Inside That Counts' topic. We had a very exciting afternoon when the children had the chance to taste lots of different pizza toppings and then, as a surprise treat, Fireaway Pizza delivered 7 pizzas for them to try! We were really grateful for this donation – the children loved it. Thank you to all of you who completed your child's survey so that they could design a pizza based on your wants and needs. We hope that you enjoyed tasting it if you were able to join us for the Pizza Picnic this week.*

*PSHE has been all about First Aid. We have been learning about reasons why someone might struggle to breathe, including asthma attacks, anaphylactic shock and choking. The children have learnt how to*

identify these situations and what to do in each case. See if they can remember when you ask them about it at home!

Our last writing unit this term has been based on 'The People Awards' book, which includes biographies about many inspirational figures. The children have been writing their own biographies based on people that they find inspiring. In maths, we have been consolidating our learning about multiplication, division and fractions.

You will have received your child's Multiplication Tables Check result with their school report last week. If you have any questions or concerns about this result, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher or with Mrs James. It is really important that children are as confident as they can be with their times tables as they go into Year 5 so that they are able to access the Year 5 maths curriculum. Thank you so much for your support with this throughout Year 4. We are incredibly proud of the progress that the children have made with their times tables this year and what they have achieved in the MTC.

We have had a great Year 4 this year and are really looking forward to seeing the children again as Year 5s in September. Wishing you all a fantastic summer, from Mrs Blissett, Mr Polley and Mrs James.

**Y4 - You can learn more about what to expect in Year 5 here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znj2vj6>**

#### Year 5

I can't believe that I am already writing the last Year 5 update for the academic year. This year seems to have flown by!

Year 5 have still been working hard, even with all of the heat. Last Wednesday morning, they got to meet their buddies for next year. They read a story with them, went on the timber trail and did a hunt in the sensory garden. It was lovely to see how welcoming Year 5 were and how fantastic they were at looking after their buddies throughout the morning (they didn't want their buddies to leave!)

In English, we have been studying 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. After we wrote a description of Skull Island, we focused on debating the topic 'Should King Kong have been killed?' The children have learnt how to debate verbally and how to think about other points of views. To start the topic, we looked at other questions such as, should children have more than 30 minutes screen time a day.

In maths, we have been looking at measurement including conversions. The children are really showing that they can apply all of their maths skills from the year to solve a range of problems, which has been lovely to see.

In our topic work we have been making dance videos using the video star app, which Year 5 have really shown their skills of how to edit and improve videos. We have also been making our own pencil cases using a range of materials and fastenings. Although some of the children have found sewing difficult, they have persevered and have produced some amazing designs which they should bring back home to share with you.

I would lastly like to say a MASSIVE thank you for all of your support this year. From homework books, to amazing homework projects, dress up days and everything in between, this year would not have been possible without you all. Myself and all of the Year 5 team are so proud of the progress and achievements of Year 5 this year and know that they will go on to achieve amazing things in Year 6 next year!

**Y5 - You can learn more about what to expect in Year 6 here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zx6hrmn>**

## Year 6

*We are very nearly there! And what a fantastic year we've had! It has been a very busy couple of weeks in Year 6, rehearsing for our production and making products for our Big Business event – so things have definitely not slowed down!*

*We have showcased our Big Business products to the rest of the school, who perused them very enthusiastically and we're looking forward to selling our goods and calculating profits in the final two days of term.*

*Our dress rehearsals of 'Porridge', have run very smoothly and by the time this reaches you we will be halfway through our final performances to you – our parents and carers. We hope you enjoy/enjoyed the show! We have been really impressed by the commitment and teamwork shown by all the children involved.*

*In their last two days the children will have the opportunity to write farewell messages to each other. Don't forget to send your child in with a school shirt on their last day at Manor Junior School (Tuesday), for us to coordinate signing.*

*Thank you for your support throughout Year 6 and throughout your time here at Manor Junior School. Good luck for the future!*