



Maney Hill Newsletter

26th September 2014

Dates for your diary

October

- 7th – Reception Eye Checks
- 8th – Y6 trip to Cadbury World
- 14th – Y4 English Inspire
- 15th & 16th – Parents' Evening
- 21st & 23rd – Reception Open Days
- 22nd – Y3 Class Assembly
- 23rd – Y6 English Inspire
- 24th – break up for half term

November

- 3rd – School re-opens
- 4th – Reception hearing, Height & Weight tests
- 5th – Individual Photographs
- 6th – Y2 Maths Inspire
- 6th – KS2 Cinema Trip
- 11th – Y3 English Inspire

December

- 2nd & 3rd – KS1 Production
- 10th & 11th – KS2 Production
- w/b 15th Carol Concert
- 19th last day of term

January

- 5th – Staff Training Day
- 6th – School re-opens

February

- w/b 9th Parents' Evening
- 13th – break up for half term
- 23rd – School re-opens

March

- w/b 23rd – Easter Bonnets
- 27th – last day of term

April

- w/b 20th Parents' Evening
- 13th – School re-opens

May

- 11th – 14th Year 6 SATs
- 11th – 15th Year 5 Residential
- 22nd – break up for half term

June

- 1st – Staff Training Day
- 2nd – School re-opens
- w/b 8th Sports Day

Dear Parents and Carers

The summer break now seems a long way behind us and we are very much focusing on the events of the autumn term. The transition to the new curriculum has been very smooth. This week the leadership team conducted the first 'lesson observations' and 'book trawls' to maintain our high standards of teaching and learning across the school. We look forward to seeing many parents in school next week for the first Parents' Inspire Workshop.

Mrs Whitehead

Parents' Inspire Workshops

Two years ago we introduced our highly successful *Parents' Inspire Workshops*. They have been very popular and we are about to roll out this year's programme of workshops. The children and parents will engage in learning activities linked to the regular classroom learning. This year it will be an opportunity for parents to experience first-hand how the children are enjoying the new National Curriculum. Next week's Parents' Inspire Workshop:

Year 5 Maths Inspire Workshop from 9am

Changes to Education

In recent years there has been considerable change in the relationship between Local Authority (LA) and schools. The LA now employs a vastly reduced staff and much is now for individual schools to determine. At Maney Hill our first priority is always to ensure that all the children receive an outstanding education. We are proactive in establishing links with good and outstanding schools to share ideas and pool resources. For example:

- In the summer term the Year 6 class spent a day with children from The Deanery C of E Primary, Penns Primary, Walmley Junior and Minworth Primary
- English teachers from Sutton Coldfield Girls Grammar School supported us with teaching the most able writers
- we have joined a group of local schools to develop economies of scale by making shared purchases

Despite this, our most important partnership is between school and families. Together, we ensure the children at Maney Hill are very happy and successful.

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Diary Updates

The list of **Dates for your diary** will periodically be updated. Newly added dates will be in **red** for your convenience.

Sports Reports

Maney Hill 7 v Shrubbery 0

On Friday 19th of September we faced a home match against Shrubbery. We had Aiden in goal, James and Jordan in defence, Alistair, Ben and Archie in midfield, and Ollie up strike. We also had Ethan and Anton as subs.

The formation was 2-3-1 and Shrubbery took kick off. We kept pressure on them and we gained possession. Ollie ran down the pitch on a counter attack and scored a fabulous goal! 1-0. further goals were added by Jordan, Alistair, Ethan, and Ollie scored 2 more. This resulted in a final score of 7-0.

We would like to say thank you to the teachers and parents that came to support and encourage us throughout the game.

By Aiden Coombs & Anton Spencer

On Thursday night Maney played in a cup game against Hill West. Despite our best efforts and a hat-trick from Oliver Gray-Nimmo we ended up losing the game 10-3. Thank to all who came to support us, and to Mr Lynch for coaching us.

Cross-Country Race 1 – Bishop Walsh School

On Wednesday 24th of September Maney Hill took part in the first Cross-Country race of the season at Bishop Walsh Secondary school. This race was very hard, covering a challenging and lengthy course. The children involved were Sophie Perry, Daisy Kelly, Mya Tisdale, Catlin Ralph, Charlotte Walker, Amelia Brady and Summer Blakeway for the girls, and James Mann, Lewis Cooper, Archie Morris, Joel Stainthorpe and Shialan Srikanthan for the boys. Everyone performed very well, including Ben Stewart in Year 5 managing to finish in an excellent 3rd place in the Boys race. All of the children did themselves proud, and we would like to thank Mr Wigley for organising it, and the parents who came to support. Details of the overall results will follow once they are finalised.

Joel Stainthorpe and Amelia Brady

Website

A variety of useful information can be found on our school website. For example, our latest **Curriculum Newsletters** outlining what the children in each class will be learning this term.

Our new website will soon be launched and we hope parents will find it very comprehensive.

Maney Hill PTA

Our excellent PTA is busy all year round organising events. Everyone is always very welcome (except for themed events such as Ladies Night!) and the funds raised are used to buy extras that the school budget simply cannot stretch to.

Upcoming Events

Quiz Night & AGM – 17th October

Bonfire & Firework Display – 8th November

Christmas Fayre – 28th November

The PTA will be arranging a sale of school uniform and PE kit. If you have any unwanted school uniform or PE kit that your child has outgrown and is in reasonable condition, then please send it into school.

MERIT AWARDS

Reception	Jessica Ashley Tabitha Jones-Gilmore
Year 1	Skye Campbell Theo Hammond
Year 2	Ben Richards Sofia Johnson
Year 3	Tom Walker Grace Thomas
Year 4	Thomas Hanlon Skye Hollier
Year 5	Arjan Billan Tess Hardy
Year 6	Eliane Lawford Ben Morris



Class of the Week

Congratulations to Year ?? who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.