



MANEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maney Hill Newsletter

17th March 2017

Dates for your diary

updates in red

March

21st – RM Parents' Workshop

28th – RF Parents' Workshop

April

7th – last day of term

27th – Y3 Parents' Workshop

May

w/b 2nd – Parents' Evening (drop-in)

16th – 1J Class Assembly

23rd – 1B Class Assembly

26th – Staff Training Day

w/b 29th – half term week

June

8th – Y4 Parents' Workshop

12th – Bikeability

13th – Y2 Class Assembly

27th – RF Class Assembly

28th & 29th – Buddies Assemblies

July

11th – RM Class Assembly

w/b 17th – Open Afternoon & Parents' Evening (drop-in)

19th – Y6 Leavers' Production

21st – last day of term for children

24th & 25th – Staff Training Days

September

4th – Staff Training Day

5th – Autumn Term starts

October

23rd – 27th – half term week

November

December

21st – last day of term

22nd – Staff Training Day

January

8th – Spring Term starts

February

10th 22nd – half term week

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another very busy week in school and we are rapidly approaching Easter. Miss Cipko has been enhancing our understanding of world religions and this week she shared with us the Hindu festival of Holi. The Reception children have been busy preparing for their special Mother's Day assembly. Alongside learning a song there are secret classroom preparations! Later this term we will have another visit from Rev Rhodes from St Peter's Church. He will talk with the children about Easter and judge the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Bonnets. As always, he will be assisted in his judging by our Head Boy and Head Girl. Happy St Patrick's Day to those of you celebrating it today.

Mrs Whitehead

The Hindu Festival of Holi



In Assembly this week, we reflected on the significance of the Hindu festival of Holi.

We learnt how during Holi, Hindu's make time to give thanks for the harvested crops and celebrate the coming of Spring.

We listened to **the story of Krishna** – which explains the origins of why people throw coloured paint and water at Holi.

We also found out about the story of **Holika and Prince Prahlada** – which explained the significance of Bonfires.

We all thought it was a very exciting festival.

Miss Cipko

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Balanceability

The children are really enjoying the balance ability activities they have participated in this morning. For three weeks every child in 1J will have a 50 minute session with the Aspire coaches. They are each equipped with a helmet and bike. The aims of the sessions is to improve the children's balance/coordination and to increase their confidence when trying to ride a bike. All children have commented on how fun the sessions have been so far!



School Expansion Update

It's been a very busy week with the school expansion.

The two temporary classrooms will be moving across the playground during the Easter break. According to the team who will be moving the classrooms, it will take one day to lift and relocate them! However, the preparatory work needed to enable it to happen will take several weeks. Next week work will begin – preparing the ground, putting in drainage and electrics, adding cabling for the internet and placing a temporary road to allow the crane to get in and lift the classrooms. Inside the classrooms there is another big job to be done in taking down displays and interactive whiteboards then moving all the furniture and resources out.

At the same time as the temporary classrooms moving, a second temporary classroom will be put in place. Many parents will remember the (very!) old Bond Suite (also called the Club House). The additional temporary classroom will be placed in the space where the Bond Suite was.

At the end of April Balfour Beatty will be on site. The first tasks they will complete include enlarging our car park to approximately double the capacity, building a haul road across the playground for contractors and very importantly moving a large storage shed for the PTA to use whilst we wait for new PTA garages.

In school we have been having several fire drills. Access routes will change during the building work. We are working very closely with Balfour Beatty to plan new fire evacuation routes and fire muster points.

Finally, we are currently finalising new entry and exit routes into all the classrooms which will be put in place after Easter. In the next couple of weeks, we will share with parents the new entry and exit routes.



Congratulations to
Year 1J and Year 3
Lunchtime Classes of the Week

Drama in class 1J



As part of our Julia Donaldson topic in English the children have spent a lesson acting out the story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' All children were able to work well as part of a group and were able to act out the role of the character. We may have some budding actors!

Mr Jackson



RM	Eshal Hamid & Daniel Monteiro
RF	Rosie Leonard & Jacob Griffiths-Jeavons
1B	Charlie Kirk & Nayan Ruprah
1J	Max Billingham & Charlie King
Year 2	Aimee Culley & May Geraghty
Year 3	Archie Cooper & Bella Tross
Year 4	Oscar Thacker & Kate Hardy
Year 5	Sharniya Partridge & Danny Colley
Year 6	Heidi Webber & Sam Blunt