



# Maney Hill Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Dates for your diary

### November

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Bonfire Night
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Y1 English Inspire
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Class Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Maths Inspire

### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – whole school Theatre Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Production
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Production
- 11<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Fayre
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Production
- 16<sup>th</sup> – PTA Discos

### January

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – first day of Spring Term
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 English Inspire
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Y3 English Inspire
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Class Assembly

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Governor Visits Week
- w/b 8<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evenings
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y5 English Inspire

### March

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Maths Inspire
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception R Inspire
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Class Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception H Inspire
- w/b 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Bonnets Parade

### April

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – first day of Summer term
- w/b 18<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Drop-in
- 21<sup>st</sup> – English Inspire
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Maths Inspire

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Maths Inspire
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class Assembly
- 9<sup>th</sup> – SATs Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Reception R Class Assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a super week in school. The children have settled back into school very well. Rehearsals will begin shortly for our Christmas productions and the children, especially in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eagerly awaiting news on who has which part! It was great to have so many parents in school for Thursday's Year 6 Maths Workshop. This Saturday sees the PTA Bonfire Night. It is guaranteed to be a great night with music, fireworks and of course the bonfire! Finally, look out for our lovely School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gifts and our letter from the Department for Education. As we reach our school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary it is fantastic to hear that the Department for Education says our school is getting better and better!

**Mrs Whitehead**



## St Peter's Church Christmas Craft Market

St Peter's Church are having their Christmas Craft Market on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 11.00am – 11.30am.

All children, families and friends are most welcome.

They would really love some children's performances – singing, playing a song, reading a poem or drawings of Christmas.

A separate letter has gone out. **If your child would like to be involved please complete the tear off slip (at the bottom of the letter) and return to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Maney Hill Primary School in the top 2% nationally!

At Maney Hill Primary School we all work really hard to ensure we provide the best quality education for all the children. So we are delighted to share the news that we have received *another* letter from the Department for Education congratulating us on our outstanding teaching and learning with Year 1 Phonics.

Last year we were thrilled to hear that our achievement placed us in the top 5% of schools nationally.

We never rest on our laurels and with a dedicated and talented teaching team, we always aim to provide the very best teaching and learning for the children.

This year we have received the news that as a school we are getting better and better. With a 100% pass rate in Year 1 Phonics, we are now in the top 2% of schools nationally!

Well done to our teaching staff and thank you to parents for your support with reading.

*You can read the full letter from Mr Nick Gibb MP at the end of the newsletter.*

## Hockey Report

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November pupils from Year 6 competed in a hockey tournament at Wyndley Leisure Centre. We had two teams – the A team included Caitlin, James, Sophie, Charlotte, Lewis, Thomas Cartmill, Alex, and Ben. The B team was Darcey, Laylee, Summer, Archie, Thomas Robinson, Alastair, and Ellis.

The first match that Maney played was the B team against Moor Hall, Ellis scored a brilliant goal from Alastair's cross, finishing the game as a 1 – 0 win to Maney.

The next match played was with the A team, and they were facing New Oscott. They started playing well with Thomas setting Lewis up but a great tackle from New Oscott, and they went on the counter attack. All the players quickly but the ball was put in, and before we knew it, the game had ended 1 – 0.

After that, the B team and the A team played at the same time. The B team played against Little Sutton. Thomas Robinson and Alastair played in some great balls but sadly no one could finish them and put it safely into the back of the net. The game ended 0 – 0.

Meanwhile, the A team were playing against Oasis. The game started well with Sophie and Caitlin doing some great runs however, Oasis gained the ball and blasted it into the box for their striker to finish. 1 – 0 to Oasis. Then from centre, Oasis let Maney get right up front and Lewis struck the post with a fantastic strike. Their goalie soon played it to the Oasis winger and it was 2 – 0 to Oasis. Finally, in the last minute, Oasis broke again from a misplaced pass and added a third goal.

After a 1 game break the B team soon got playing again, they were against Oasis B team. Even though Maney B team was strong, Oasis had a great run and got the ball past Summer and into the back of the net – consequently the match finished 1 – 0 to Oasis B team

The A team then played their final match against Coppice. Maney were tired from previous matches but we kept our heads high and Lewis passed to James who just couldn't keep the ball from rolling out. From the goal keeper's pass, Coppice went on a good run with their striker receiving the with a great strike to make it 1 – 0. Then from a bad pass at centre, Coppice sprinted forwards and crossed the ball in to the winger who struck the ball into the goal ending the match 2 – 0 to Coppice.

The final match that Maney played was against Little Sutton B. After Little Sutton took the centre they attacked fast, but even with our great defenders little Sutton managed to score, 1 – 0 to Little Sutton.

Soon Ellis started onto a great run, completed a pass to Archie who hit it into the corner. 1 – 1. After a little Sutton centre, Thomas Robinson and Laylee combined to steal the ball and knock it forward to Ellis, setting up Archie, once again smashing it past the keeper in the last minute, 2 – 1 Maney.

We would like to thank Mr Wigley and all of the parents for coming to support us all.

**Thomas Cartmill and Ellis Madden, Year 6**



The **School Nurse** will be in school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am – 11.30am.** She is available for parents and staff to come along and talk about any medical concern. No appointments necessary.



## Bonfire and Fireworks

Gates Open 5.00pm

Bonfire Lit 5.20pm

Fireworks Display 6.15pm

Tickets: Child - £3, Adult - £6, Family - £13.50

Drinks and Barbecue



## Class of the Week

Congratulations to **Year 2** who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.



**Reception H** Madeleine Dexter  
Sophie Price

**Reception R** Amy Haynes  
Ruby Campbell

**Year 1** Ben Jones  
Charlotte Mayo-Moore

**Year 2** Archie Cartmill  
Isabel Jarrett

**Year 3** Kate Hardy  
Yusef Hakim

**Year 4** Grace Thomas  
Ethan Hammond

**Year 5** Hannah Vuong  
Oscar Ware

**Year 6** Ellis Madden  
Skye McNally



**Nick Gibb MP**  
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27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Mrs Whitehead,

I am writing to convey my warmest congratulations to you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard of achievement in the 2015 phonics screening check.

We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics which is why I was so delighted to see your results. With 100% of pupils at Maney Hill Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 2% of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 99% pupils who reach or exceed the pass mark in the phonics check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

I am pleased to learn that you have ensured that all Year 1 children in your school have a firm foundation in reading, from which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Gibb".

**Nick Gibb MP**