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(Letter 5)

Dear Parents / Carers

All classes are very busy working on their contributions to the **Whole School Art Project**. You will have seen that the corridor between the two playgrounds has been prepared and is ready for the new artwork to be installed. Ms McGill has been busy working with many of the classes as they prepare for and work towards their final product. The theme that we have used this year is UNICEF's Rights of the Child. This concept underpins all that we do here, as is shown in us being a Rights Respecting School. The children have been involved in some very interesting discussions about what these rights are and how we ensure that they are upheld. Keep a close eye on the corridor – the work will be coming soon!



On Wednesday Year 6 led a very thoughtful **Remembrance Day assembly** for the whole school. They had put a lot of thought into preparing it and presented it very well. They talked about the difference between remembering and remembrance. They had researched letters and poetry from the First World War, and talked about how it was a time to remember not just those that had died in World War 1 and 2, but in all the other conflicts that there have been around the world since. They ended by leading a two minute silence.



Well done to the staff and children in Year 6 for a very fitting way to mark Armistice Day.

As you can see the contractors have finally started to install the **new fencing** around the perimeter of the school. We are hoping that it will be completed by the end of the month. At that time we will then be able to start to use the two playgrounds at lunchtime, and not just the one. It has been interesting having all of the children in one playground, and has worked well with lots of the children making a point of playing with younger or older siblings and friends.



We will be talking to the children shortly about how we will organise lunchtimes going forward.



A group of Year 6 children went to Birkbeck University last week as part of the launch of their **Brilliant Club** project. They work with a PhD student on the subject of philosophy – 'What is fairness?' They are expected to use independent study skills and have university style tutorials, and have to learn essay writing skills. Their final assignment is marked and graded. After a successful completion the children go to a university for a graduation ceremony.

Well done to Kausar in Year 5 who is Manor's first graduate of the **Children's University**. He attended a special ceremony in central London and received his certificate! I look forward to seeing more of these photos.



Don't forget that we are having our **Open Day** on Wednesday 2nd December. This is a change from the date originally published on the date cards as we have had to alter it. It is an opportunity for you to come in and spend part of the day (or the whole day!) in your child's class to see how it is that they are learning. We will be sending home timetables for you nearer the time so that you are able to come for a specific session if that is what you want to do. We always have a huge turnout for Open Day which is lovely for the children, and I look forward to seeing lots of you in school on that day.

A reminder of arrangements for **mornings when it is raining:**

A decision will be made at 8:50am as to whether it is a 'wet' morning.

Children will be let into the building from 8:55am.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children must come in through the outside doors.

Year 2 children must come in through the side door from infants

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 children must come in through the side door from juniors or through the main door

In order to reduce congestion adults will not be allowed in the building. EYFS parents must exit through the outside doors.



Some dates for this term for your diaries:

OPEN DAY – Wednesday 2nd December (**Change to date on date cards**)
School Council Fundraiser – Friday 27th November
Christmas Fair – Monday 14th December (3:00pm)
Parents' Evenings – March 24th (4-8pm); July 13th (4-6pm)

ASSEMBLIES

Guru Nanak (Sikh) – Wed 25th Nov
Christmas (Christian) – Wed 16th & Thu 17th Dec

Have a lovely weekend!

Kate McGee
Headteacher