

Manor Primary School

Richardson Road

Stratford

E15 3BA

Tel: 020 8534 2238

E-mail: info@manor.newham.sch.uk

20th July 2017
(Letter 14)

Dear Parents / Carers

**THANK
YOU!**

We have arrived at the end of another year! It has been an incredibly busy one, and we have all worked incredibly hard. Those of you who were at last night's Parents' Evening will testify to the sheer quantity of work that the children have done this year – lots of you left very laden down with the children's books!

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication this year – it has been a successful one, and this is down to their commitment to the school, and to your children. I am sure that you will join me in saying a really big thank you to them all.

As you know, we had an **Ofsted inspection** last week. Inspectors were in for two days. Thank you to those of you who took the time to talk to inspectors, or to complete the online survey. We do not have the results of the inspection yet, or the report – these will be with us shortly, and we will obviously share the news with you as soon as we have it. However, the children were great throughout the two days and really helped to showcase the school. I was very proud of them (and of the staff!)



We also had a visit from the **Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM)** assessor yesterday. She is looking at the quality of our inclusion, the support we provide for all children, and for the children with special educational needs. This is something that we are exceptionally good at, and we hold the IQM Flagship status (other schools can work with us to help improve their own work in this area). The visit was to see if we are still this good, and we are!

The **Sports Days** all went well. The children seemed to really enjoy them, there was a high level of competition between the teams, and between the children in each year group for the races! Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children – I know that they liked having you there. Thanks to the staff who organised each of the events, and to Ms Miller and her team of sports leaders at Eastlea who organised the KS2 day.



The **International Food Fair** was a lovely way to mark the end of a very successful year for the school. Once again, you did us proud by cooking up a storm, and bringing in dishes to share. Thank you to all who contributed, and thank you to the parents who helped us to clear up afterwards – that was very much appreciated.

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday at the **Para athletics** in the Olympic Stadium and the children and staff all really enjoyed themselves. The atmosphere was great, the children really got behind the athletes and showed their support for them. Thank you to Mr Ahmed for organising the tickets way back at the start of the year – it was a really good event to have in the last week of term. We are lucky to have the stadium on our doorstep, and it is really nice to be able to ensure that the children are able to experience some of these very high profile events.



The **school choir** performed at the **Royal Festival Hall** on Tuesday evening, as part of the NEWYVC Unite Festival – Peace in Every Voice. It was an amazing performance, involving hundreds of children from across East London. As well as our choir, there were lots of our ex-pupils performing as part of their secondary schools which was lovely to see. The children put a lot of time and effort into rehearsing for this, and thanks go to Ms Gurchinga and to Ms McGill for their hard work in preparing them for this.

As a bit of fun, and to promote healthy eating, we had a **Smoothie Bike** in the Dining Room yesterday lunchtime! The children, and staff, took it in turns to power the bike to make the smoothies. The children had a range of smoothies to try, and had to guess what fruit and vegetables had been used in them. Quite a lot of the children were good at identifying the ingredients – very impressive! The reactions were very positive – with a lot of children wanting to try all of the different flavours!



Next year's term dates for your diaries:

Autumn 1	Wed 6th September to Fri 20th October	Autumn 2	Mon 30th October to Wed 20th December
Spring 1	Wed 3rd January to Fri 9th February	Spring 2	Mon 19th February to Thu 29th March
Summer 1	Mon 16th April to Fri 25th May	Summer 2	Mon 4th June to Fri 20th July

The Summer break is a long one, and I hope that you all have lots planned and have fun with the children. In terms of their learning, it is really helpful if they keep reading throughout the summer, and practise their writing wherever possible – this will help to avoid the 'September dip' where they appear to have forgotten a lot of what they learned the previous year. There are a huge amount of activities and events on offer across Newham over the summer, and I would encourage you to take advantage of these where you can.

I would like to thank you all for your support for the school and your children this year. You have all contributed to a successful year, and to the children doing well – thank you.

Have a lovely summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all back here in September.

Kate McGee
Headteacher

COMMUNITY
DETERMINATION
EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
RESPECT