

# MANOR NEWS

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## Christmas Fair

At Manor School we all look forward to our annual Christmas fair with activities, competitions, face painting, refreshments and lots more. It is a lot of fun for families as well as Manor's staff and we hope you all enjoy visiting the school and taking part.



Keep a look out for the raffle winners, whose names will be drawn at the end of the fair. A list will be put up in reception where you can collect your prizes. Good luck!!!

The money raised this year will go towards new play-ground toys and activities.

We have made lots of changes to our break and lunchtime routines to make outdoor play more fun, safer and happier for the children, so thank you for your generous support.



Pupils, parents and staff had a wonderful evening at Stratford's Theatre Royal for the annual pantomime this month. Some children walked from the school, whilst other families met at the theatre to watch a hilarious performance of Sinbad the Sailor.

One highlight of the evening was when Mr Sam-Franks was taken onto the stage to sing and dance with the characters. (We shall save him the embarrassment of a photo!)

### Room on the Broom



Some wicked witches took reception & year 2 pupils to Stratford Circus to watch an amazing performance of "Room on the Broom" on the 7th December 2016. They went to watch the play because they were studying the author who wrote the children's book: Julia Donaldson.

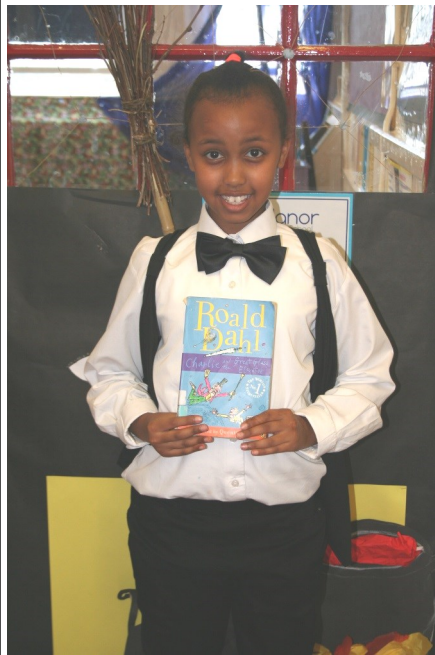
All of the children enjoyed the fun performance which was organised by our art teacher Miss McGill.

**By Amalia Omar and Aqil Sadique**

# A Century of Dahl

On Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, each class read a novel written by the marvellous Dahl. Roald Dahl is a very famous children's author. He has encouraged children and adults to read his famous books. His 100th birthday was on the 13th of September 2016.

Year 6 were reading *The Witches*. Year 5 were reading *Danny Champion of the World* and Year 4 were reading *Mattilda*. Year 3 were reading *James and the Giant Peach* and Year 2 were reading *The Grubber*. Year 1 were reading *The Magic Finger* and Reception were reading *The Enormous Crocodile*. **By Ariyan Shahriar**



Pupils dressed as **scrumdiddlyumptious** characters from **Roald Dahl** books for **Roald Dahl's 100th birthday**. There were lots of naughty witches. We had lots of fun. Almost everyone dressed up as splendid characters – even the teachers.

**Roald Dahl died on the 23rd November 1990 but his books still live on.**

**By Rizwan Uddin**

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

During the summer, children took part in the summer Reading Challenge, which was organised by the public libraries. The Challenge was to read books during the summer holidays. Everyone who won the Summer Reading Challenge won a certificate and a gold, shiny medal and they were invited to a Roald Dahl themed party.

Here are the people who told us they completed the challenge: Zoraida C4, Deborah C4, Melia C4, Humaira C4, Malcom C4, Alia K C3, Aima C3, Adijat C6, Tasnim C6, All these children received a certificate, a medal and other goodies as well as the invitation to the party. We hope you had fun!

**By Ariyan Shahriar**

# Bookfair

Manor held a half

price Scholastics book fair in December and some of the year 6 and year 5 pupils helped Ms Dempsey sell books, posters and stationary in the bottom hall.

We were selling books and thanks to the generosity of our parents we will now receive books for free for our classrooms and library.



*Here are some of the volunteers who kindly helped with our bookfair.*

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped Miss Dempsey, they all received a free book in assembly. **By Aqil**

# D.E.A.R

Drop Everything and Read



was introduced at the start of the year. The whole school starts reading at 3.00pm and finishes at 3.15pm. We read for a good 15 minutes, silently. We all need to be more confident readers.

Every single person in school, including the teachers, sit and read books from the library or reading corner. D.E.A.R is encouraging children to read for pleasure. **By Leoni Ryan**



# Educational Visits

## The Marvellous Museum

On the 26th of September classes 7 & 8 went to the British museum which was marvellous because they got to do lots of activities such as examining the artefacts and sketching them.

They went to the British museum because they were learning about the ancient Egyptians, so the teachers thought it would be the perfect opportunity to go to the museum. Year 3 enjoyed sketching and feeling the texture of the ancient Egyptian artefacts.

**By Amalia Omar & Erich Luistro**

## Build A Bear

Last half-term, the little Reception classes went to Build A Bear in Westfield to buy and build an excellent class teddy.

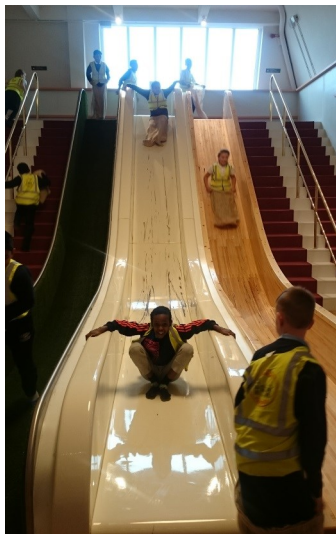
Class 14's teddy is named Freddy and Class 13's teddy is named Fluffy. They had lots of fun at Build A Bear. They get to take turns to keep the class teddy on the week-ends. Everyone was excited and eager to keep the teddy.

**By Rizwan Uddin**



## Wonderful Wonderlab

On the 14th of September the Year 5 classes went to the Science Museum and all of the year 5s learnt more about Space and Earth. Many of the kids enjoyed the new section of the museum called the Wonderlab. In the Wonderlab we also learnt about our new topic which is forces. Then the children looked at the facts sheets and tried the different experiments and activities. For example some children were testing friction by sliding down slides with different surfaces to see which was the quickest. Even the teachers enjoyed the trip. **By Amalia**



***Testing friction on slides and using pulleys to lift own weight.***

***Year 3 are also visiting the Science Museum in December. We hope you have lots of fun learning about science.***

## The Nocturnal New Forest

30 pupils were taken to the New Forest and left there for 4 days!

No, this is not the story of Hansel And Gretel, the children were chosen to stay there for an educational writer's workshop!

6 children from Manor, 6 from Vicarage, 6 from Park Primary and 12 from Elmhurst Primary School were lucky to be chosen.

We were writing poems and exploring wonderful wildlife. We saw wild horses and had to be careful because we didn't know how the horses would react. We also had to watch out for the horses' mess!

It was really fun and we had a wonderful experience exploring the forest. The people from Manor School who attended were: Rizwan, Amalia, Leoni, Aqil, Mansur and Aima. We learnt about metaphors, similes and other language features of poems. They encouraged us to express our creativity. We wrote many poems including Three Little Horses, Put Your Hand On and The Tree With Wings. We also had a rap battle about the 4 elements: Fire, Water, Earth and Air.

**By Amalia Omar & Rizwan Uddin**

# Sink or swim?

**Year 4 went to the Olympic aquatics centre every day for 2 weeks for swimming lessons last half term.**

They were put into groups depending on how good they were at swimming. The swimming teachers at the Olympic centre helped the children learn using floats and noodles. We would like to thank all the swimming instructors because they helped year 4 learn how to swim.

On the last day, after they were tested, they played games in the pool. All the children received certificates saying how far could swim. **Class 3 by AQIL**

## Singing Sensations

Have you ever wanted to sing ? Well come and meet the group of children who take part in our choir. They are learning different songs to perform at the Royal Festival Hall, in July.

The children have the opportunity to sing in front of thousands of people and learn different popular songs. Amina Gichinga, who teaches the group of talented pupils, also teaches singing to classes every Tuesday afternoon. They also they did a cluster rehearsal in November with all the other schools taking part. The rehearsal took place in Sarah Bonnell School. **By Leoni**

## Respect and Celebrations

**At Manor, we had a huge assembly about Remembrance Day for the soldiers and the people that had been killed at war.** We did this on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11:00 am, which was the date and time that World War 1 ended in 1918.

While the children were still in the hall, we had a 1 minute silence so that we could reflect on the soldiers that were in war and lost their lives. On the top hall, the whole school, including all the teachers, took this moment to realise every thing that the soldiers have been through.

**We hope you come and enjoy our Christmas assemblies on 20th December too. The classes have been busy practising songs to perform and we hope you all enjoy our Christmas concerts.** **By Erich Luistro**



## Habitat Zoo

Have you ever met a Meerkat ? Well the Year 2s have. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the classes 9 & 10 visited London Zoo. They went there because they were learning about habitats and animals. They mostly enjoyed looking at the animals. Also some of them actually met the animals for the first time ever. They also were learning about different climates and different animals. There were a bunch of animals in the London Zoo. A zoo is a place where animals live. The animals are from all over the world - every continent. A boy called Imad Islam said his favourite animal is a cheetah and his favourite habitat is a desert. They really enjoyed there visit.

**By Ariyan Shahriar**

## Newsletter Team

Welcome to the fantastic new Newsletter Team; Ariyan, Rizwan, Leoni, Amalia, Erich, Aqil and Imtiaj. The students take notes, then put them into reports. They type the reports, edit them and add pictures, ready to be printed.



The Newsletter Team do all their work in the after-school club and stay at the school starting from 3.15 until 4.30. To type and report they go to the ICT room and the library. The teacher that runs the club is Miss Dempsey. **By Leoni**

*We hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*See you all back in school on Wednesday 4th January 2017*