

The Manor Preparatory School

MANOR MESSAGES

Friday 14 May 2010

The Manor as busy as ever...

We try to keep assessments pleasantly low-key: this week the Year 6 children have done the external SATS, the results of which come around the end of term and are forwarded to parents. The other children have done

various tests, which inform our report-writing. The atmosphere around the school remains as jolly as ever - the Y1 Play was a triumph, hugely colourful and amusing. The Y5s have arrived safely on the Isle of Wight and are



greatly looking forward to their weekend of organised activities. The Y6s are equally looking forward to their Stratford Trip next week.

Best wishes
Piers Heyworth

Reminders: w/c 17 May

Whole School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the erratic weather, please protect your child with sun cream, sun hats and warm coats!
Pre-Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring in boxes, cardboard tubes, yoghurt pots and trays as we will be making junk model tractors.
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please check the Lost Property box in the cloakroom. Wednesday 19th May 8.55am Nursery will be going to Assembly. Please arrive at school in good time.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 19th May 8.55am–9.20am Assembly to parents and school; RK PE this afternoon. Friday 21st May Show and Tell: Eggs and creatures which start as eggs Please remember trainers for lunchtime clubs RD Tennis Monday RD/RK Athletics Tuesday RK Tennis Thursday
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 17th May trip to the Botanic Gardens Please remember packed lunches if not already ordered. Assessment Week
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see whole school reminder about weather.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 19th May House Swimming Gala 9.45am–10.45am Abingdon School Thursday 20th May Music Afternoon and Tea for Parents and Friends 2.45pm Main Hall
Year 4	
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 17th May 5.30pm Girls return from Isle of Wight. Please refer to telephone tree. Tuesday 18th May Girls not in school.
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Science Club on Monday because Mrs Price is on the Isle of Wight with Year 5. Upper School Choir CANCELLED Monday 17 May.
Sports Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 17 May 4:30pm: U9 & U11 Athletics v Chandlings (+Headington) (A). Return to school at 6.30pm Wed 19 May 3:45-5:30pm: U9A/B/C Rounders v Cranford House (H) Thu 20 May 4:30-6:00pm: U8/U9/U10 Swimming Gala v Headington (H). Parents to collect from Abingdon School at 6.00pm. Sat 22 May: U10 Swimming Tournament at Queen Anne's School, Caversham. Parents responsible for transport to and from Queen Anne's. Please meet Mrs O'Rourke at Queen Anne's School at 1:20pm. Sunday 23 May: U11 Netball team in OJNL U12 Versatility Tournament at SHSK. Meet at SHSK at 9:00am, finish at 4.00pm. Parents responsible for transport to and from SHSK.

Recent News In Brief...

Many of our parents, members of staff, girls and boys were delighted to see the art work of **ten girls from The Manor** on display at The Oxford University Museum of Natural History on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th May as part of **Young Art Oxford 2010**. Well done to all the girls!

The main hall at The Manor was awash with shuttles as thirty girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in an incredibly exciting **Badminton Festival** on Saturday 8th

May. James Barclay (Oxfordshire Performance Centre Head Coach) and Nicki Gilder (Badminton Development Officer) took the girls through their paces and Louise Atkins (6KW) demonstrated the skills to be rehearsed.

On Sunday 9th May, the U11 Netball team played extremely well against tough opposition in the **U12 Oxfordshire Junior Netball League**. The final score was 21-11 to the Trinity Reds.

Both **Year 4** and **Year 5**

enjoyed well attended **Book Club meetings** this week. **"Flood and Fang"** by Marcus Sedgwick from The Raven Mysteries series and **"Cosmic"** by Frank Cottrell Boyce were discussed with animation and both lived up to their names. The new bean bags in our library were also a great hit amongst the girls!

On Thursday 13th May the families and friends of Year 1 were treated to a wonderful and imaginative production of **"Humpty Dumpty: Was he pushed or did he fall?"** The girls

themselves were confident and inspired as they led their gripped audience to an unexpected conclusion!

This morning we waved good-bye to a very excited **Year 5** and all their equally happy teachers as they **headed off to the Isle of Wight!** There was much chatter about room allocations, high wire activities, coastlines and tuck boxes as the coach pulled out of The Manor. Do keep in touch with their adventures over the weekend on our website under **Latest News!**

Please also see the Latest News page of The Manor's website.



Notices



FOTM Country Fayre

Don't forget The FOTM Country Fayre on Saturday June 12th from 2pm-5pm at the Manor. Please book tickets by half term. A booking form is available on the school website (see FOTM tab on parents page). Prospective parent stallholders - do you make or sell things? Come along and set out your stall in the Marketplace at FOTM's Country Fayre. Stall cost is £35 with no commission. Please contact Sarah Wilkinson (via 4J).



Tesco Vouchers

A BIG THANK YOU for the **7,000** Tesco vouchers already sent in to school, counted with the help of Y5 and Y6 pupils. With the closing date fast approaching, please could you check your pockets and purses for any vouchers you may have overlooked and send them into school next week.



Pink Ribbon Walk for Breast Cancer

On Saturday 22 May, Mrs Gottfried, Mrs Heyworth, Mrs John, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Tracey from Learning Support plus Mrs Steinsberg will be taking part in a 20 mile sponsored walk at Blenheim in aid of Breast Cancer, as part of a team called 'Supporting Sisters'. If you would like to sponsor them go to www.justgiving.com/supportingsisters and don't forget to leave a message!



Congratulations to a Manor Old Girl!

Many congratulations to Samantha Cameron, née Sheffield, on her arrival at No 10 Downing Street! She was at The Manor between the ages of 6 and 11, before gaining a place at St Helen's.



Nursery/Pre-Nursery are always in need of **spare clothes**. If you have any unwanted items you would be willing to donate please bring them into school. All donations gratefully received.

New Design Manor Swimming Hats are now available for purchase from the Bursary