

The Manor Preparatory School

MANOR MESSAGES

Friday 21 May 2010

A Technological Leap for The Manor!

The Manor enters a new technological era this week with the launch of paperless communication as well as our vibrant new website.

I hope you have had time to browse the new website and that you will visit it regularly to check

for updates, particularly on the Latest News page where you can view up-to-the-minute features and photographs of the children's activities.

We will soon also be launching an area of the website dedicated to the pupils, called 'Pupils'



Own Pages' ('POP!'). I shall update you in due course when this exciting initiative is launched.

We welcome any feedback you may have on the new website.

Piers Heyworth
Headmaster

Reminders: w/c 24 May

Whole School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 27 May 'School Lights Off Day'. The whole school photo will be taken on Friday 28 May.
Pre-Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not in on Fridays, you are welcome to come in for the photo (see above) at 11am. Please meet us on the field.
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 28 May Nursery Assembly in Main Hall. Please arrive by 8.45am to prepare. If you are not in on Fridays, you are welcome to come in for the photo (see above) at 11am. Please meet us on the field.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show and Tell – Insects. Wednesday 26 May RD PE. No Swimming on Friday.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 26 May. No swimming because the girls will be at Chapel.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 25 May Trip to Sulgrave Manor. Tudor picnic unless school packed lunch booked. Please come school dressed in Tudor clothes if you are wearing your own costumes. Thursday 27 May 9.30am–10.30am House Swimming Gala Abingdon Pool.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 24 May 9.30am–10.30am House Swimming Gala Abingdon Pool.
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 25 May 9.30am – 10.30am House Swimming Gala Abingdon Pool.
Sports Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of time for all House Swimming Galas from 9.00am-10.30am to 9.30am-10.30am. Wednesday 26 May 3.15pm-4.15pm U10/U11 Tennis (6 pairs) v The Dragon (Away). Thursday 27 May–rearranged Rounders Fixture against Cokethorpe for U9A and U9B at The Manor, meeting at 3.50pm, starting at 4.00pm, finishing at 5.30pm. Saturday 29 May & Saturday 5 June – no Saturday Netball Club
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 24 May Y4 Music Afternoon change of published time to 2.15pm (previously 2.30pm) Main Hall. Parents welcome. Wednesday 26 May Chapel Y3–6. Friday 28 May 2.15pm Y5 Music Afternoon Main Hall. Parents welcome. Friday 28 May No Orchestra.

Recent News In Brief...

Y5 had a superb weekend on the **Isle of Wight**, where the sun shone on all their adventurous activities, from abseiling to sand sculpting. On Monday, Y1 were to be found in the beautiful **Botanic Gardens** where they discovered breathtaking varieties of plants and flowers. The beautiful weather also enhanced the atmosphere at the **Athletics Meeting** at Chandlings where The Manor and Headington joined Chandlings' pupils in friendly competition. Many medals were won and personal bests

slashed!

On Wednesday morning the Y6 girls arrived at school, suitcases in tow, for their two day Shakespeare experience in **Stratford-upon-Avon**. Their packed schedule included tours of Anne Hathaway's cottage and garden and Shakespeare's Birthplace, an evening performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' and a Wigs and Make-up demonstration! Meanwhile, the boys and girls from Reception delighted us all with their wonderful **Assembly** during the course of which their cherished chicks

actually hatched! What amazing timing from Reception!

At the same time the Y3 girls were in fierce competition for the **Poole Y3 House Swimming Shield**. Their progress and prowess impressed all who were watching. On Thursday Y3 were in action again at their **Music Afternoon** where they bravely performed solo and group pieces to their families and friends.

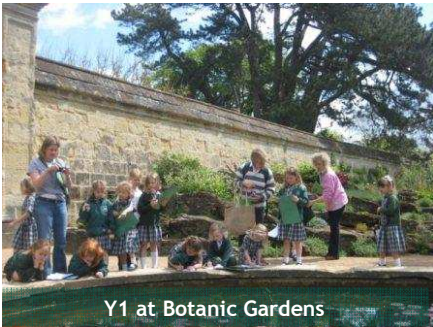
Year 1, Nursery and Pre-Nursery all enjoyed **practical lessons outside** this week as they explored

weighing and measuring, jam tart making and physical co-ordination on the outside play area respectively.

Congratulations to all the Swimming Teams on their historic win in the **Swimming Gala** against Headington on Thursday! This is the first time in living memory that The Manor has beaten Headington who have not been beaten for 7 years!

Mr Wilkinson cooled us all down on Friday morning with a fascinating talk about his **walk to the North Pole!**

Please see the Latest News page of The Manor's website for full reports.



Y1 at Botanic Gardens



Y6 in Stratford-upon-Avon



Y5 in Isle of Wight

Notices



Drivers and Pedestrians on the School Premises

Drivers are reminded not to use their mobile phones whilst driving; this is both dangerous and illegal. Parents and children should also take great care whilst crossing the zebra crossings.



Y6 Normandy Trip Meeting

It has come to our attention that conflicting dates have been given for the meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the Normandy trip. Please note that the **correct** date for the meeting is **Tuesday 8 June** at 7.00 pm and **not** Tuesday 25 May. Many apologies.



FOTM Country Fayre—Final Call for Tickets

FOTM's Country Fayre on Saturday 12 June promises to be a super summer event for all the family (see Country Fayre Letter on Parents' page of the website for further details). **Closing date for tickets is Friday 28 May—by Half Term.**



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We managed to raise a fantastic £1381 in Free Books for the Library and English Department! Mrs Belcher

Lost & Found...

A paperback copy of *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce has been handed in to the library. If anyone has lost their copy, please collect it

from Mrs Belcher in the Library.

Nathaniel Wornham (Pre-Nursery) has lost his book bag (marked 'Nathaniel'), a grey

gillet and some jam tarts wrapped in silver foil! If anyone finds these items, please return them to the Nursery.

