



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2019. This term in school we will be focusing on our Core Value of Courage.

We hope that you have been able to access our new Picture News resources via the parent tab on our school website. Each week we will launch the topic for the week in assembly and the children will then discuss the issue in class. The website will include some discussion questions that you can explore at home.

You will notice that we are slightly changing the content of our newsletter. From now on we will share learning from three year groups on each newsletter. We start this week with input from Nursery, Y2 and Y5.

Finally, Mrs. Davison will be starting her maternity leave as of 25th January. I am sure that you will join me in sending very best wishes on the imminent new addition to her family.

Best Wishes,

Kevin Corteen
Head Teacher.

Year 2 - City Football

2H and 2C are really enjoying their outdoor games lessons.

Each week they learn new skills to help develop their confidence, stamina and ability when playing invasion games. Mr Abassi from City Football is a great inspiration to all of the children. 2E will also have the opportunity to benefit from these lessons later on in the year - dates to be confirmed.



We have had a recent safeguarding concern at a Manchester school under the category of online grooming. In the light of this, GMP has advised that we remind all schools to share a reminder of existing good practice messages with students.

Following the Christmas holidays, students may have received new technology, including phones for Christmas. We would like to remind all of our pupils of the need to keep themselves safe when using social media, and online, generally.

The following tips may be useful:

- Use the privacy settings on the phone to limit who reads your feed
- Keep location settings off when on social media
- Do not share personal information or images/video with anyone online
- Do not accept a friend request from someone you do not know in real life
- Know how to block or report anything concerning on sites and apps they use. Use [Net Aware](#) to find out how.
- Look out for the CEOP icon to report any suspicious or concerning areas on apps/sites
- Check out the NSPCC tools, including being [Share Aware](#).
- Remember that online behaviour – including sharing personal information – should mirror behaviour in person
- Perhaps [download the Ziplt app](#) to help you to deal with requests for inappropriate photos.

If you have received or sent any information, images or video to someone whom you do not know, you may want to talk about this with someone.

You can share a concern with staff at school. The named staff for safeguarding in our school are Mr Kevin Corteen, Mrs Lisa Walker, Mr Richard Osler & Mrs Thaley Clough.

DIDSBURY PARK POPPY PATH

VOLUNTEER DAY – SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019 @ 12 – 3PM

**MEET AT THE BRIDGE ON SANDHURST ROAD
BY DIDSBURY PARK**

We need:

WEEDERS – individuals to further weed certain areas of the path so they are ready for the Spring sowings.

EDGERS – individuals to use the concrete and stone to continue the path edging.

WHEELBARROWERS – individuals to barrow the weeds and collect leaves from the path back to the lock up in the park.

Your weekend exercise session starts here. Chop and change jobs for a full body and mind workout whilst benefitting your local community.

We provide spades, forks, hoes, gloves, high viz, etc.

You just need some sturdy footwear, clothes that you're happy to get muddy and a good sense of humour.

If you want to donate or get involved please contact
tom_westcott@outlook.com

Manchester Art Gallery - Welcome to Open doors Sat 19th January

Open doors is a creative workshop especially for children and adults with autism and other social communication issues, their families and carers. We open our doors early so that you can come enjoy and explore art together as a family.

This Month's session is: Saturday 19th January 9.15-11.15am
 Next month's session is: Saturday 16th February 9.15-11.15am
 And then : Saturday 16th March 9.15-11.15am

Please feel free to contact Katy McCall on 0161 235 8869 k.mccall1@manchester.gov.uk
 If you have any questions or would like to find out more.

The gallery will be open to the general public at 10am please visit
www.manchesterartgallery.org

When you arrive at the Gallery, walk between the pillars and through the front door.

Follow the arrows to the Martin Parr Exhibition, explore the gallery and make some art. Then come and discover the **Clore Studio** where there will be artist led activities.

Quiet room available if you need a moment out.



Feeding the birds in Saplings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2019

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| Film Club | Fri 18th January 3.20-5pm |
| Year 1 visit from GMP | Wed 23rd January |
| Year 6 Robinwood Trip | 23 – 25th January |
| Class Assembly - 5S | Thur 24th January |
| Class Assembly - 5BR | Thur 31st January |

February 2019

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| Year 1 Jodrell Bank Trip | Thur 1st February |
| Class Assembly - 5BU | Thur 7th February |
| Class Assembly - 2E | Thur 14th February |

Spring half-term: School closes
 Friday 15th February 2019

Spring half-term: School opens
 Monday 25th February 2019

Year 1 Brazilian Workshop - Rio De Vida
 Mon 25th February

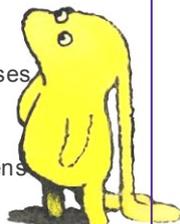
March 2019

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| World Book Day | Thur 7th March |
| Class Assembly - 2H | Thur 7th March |
| Film Club | Fri 8th March 3.20-5pm |
| Class Assembly - 2C | Thur 14th March |
| Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip | Thur 14th March |
| Class Assembly - 3D | Thur 21st March |
| School Book Fair | 21st - 28th March |

April 2019

Easter Holiday: School closes
 Friday 5th April 2019

Easter Holiday: School opens
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019



Year 5 Beast Creator Topic

Last week, as an introduction to our new topic 'Beast Creator', Year 5 had a visit from Andrew the 'Bug Man' who brought in his brilliant mini beasts for the children to look at. Year 5 were lucky enough to meet Marge the Giant Millipede, Tom the Tree Frog, Spinderella the Tarantula, Mr Tickle the Royal Python and other fascinating creatures. Many of the children showed great courage in observing, holding and stroking these incredible animals. A small selection of the pupils were even brave enough to hold the tarantula!

This week, Year 5 have gone hunting for creatures within the grounds of Broad Oak. They have observed mini beasts in their habitats, recorded their numbers and identified which scientific groups they belong to. The children discovered all sorts of creatures including snails, centipedes and woodlice. They had a marvellous time.



This week in Nursery we have used binoculars to hunt for wild animals, watch out for predators! Performed a lively puppet show making up exciting stories. Built a car with the junk modelling and played rhythms on the big drum.