

Good News Newsletter

Dear Parents, carers and Friends of Manford,

We are now at the end of a very busy term and we have enjoyed a number of festive events here in school. We are very well supported across the school and I would like to thank all the parents who give their time so willingly; This help allows us to attend local walks, go on educational visits to support curriculum work and to run events that support our school community such as the Uniform Shop. We look forward to continuing to work with you all in the New Year. I am delighted with how well the children have applied themselves in school with regards to their own learning and through the support our Year 6 Senior Children's Team have offered the school in recent months.

I am very proud to share my Christmas message space with Sana A – School Ambassador who has written a Christmas message of her own, on behalf of the Ambassador and Prefect Team, to pupils, staff and governors:

Autumn term has been jam-packed with fun-filled learning experiences across the entire the school. As pupils we have been pushed out of our comfort zone in many aspects, this has only helped to make us more diligent and resilient learners. We have seen pupils overcome day-to-day challenges in an excellent manner that displays the ethos of Manford Primary School.

In more recent days we have had the snow affect people coming to school, nevertheless the attendance was a lot better than we thought it would be, which displays the desire pupils have to be in school, learning with their peers.

As ambassadors and head prefects we're so pleased to see how our peers are learning and collaboratively working together. We hope next term we will see you work as hard as you have this term.

Even though this term has been an amazing one, there are also aspirations that we strive to build upon. Our hope for next term is for Manford pupils to will grow in self-confidence, we hope pupils will be able to push themselves out of their comfort zone so they can reach their full potential in every aspect of learning. We know that this term was one with many challenges, however we always work to do our very best and we would like to thank all the pupils at Manford Primary for it.

Finally, we would like to thank all the teachers and staff and governors for helping us this term. I hope you all will have a Merry Christmas and an amazing holiday!



**Merry Christmas or Season's Greetings
to everyone.**

See you in January 2023.





**We are celebrating the following
birthdays;**

10th December - 20th December

Abraham M – Red
 Darcie S - Red
 Alexia L – 1A
 Amer R – 1A
 Taner I - 2S
 Manal S – 4M
 Rhea T – 4M
 Karisha D – 4M
 Amelia L – 4W
 Joanna M – 5F
 Savannah-Mia – 5W



**Over the Christmas holiday, the following
children will also be celebrating their
birthdays;**

21st December – 31st December

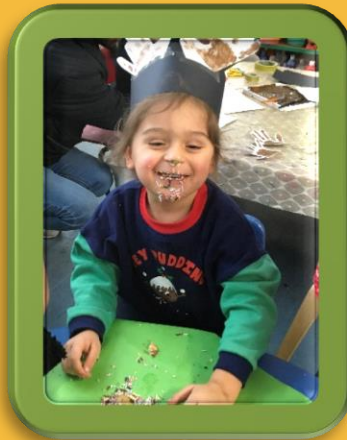
Hadiya A – Pre-school
 Sulaiman A – Pre-school
 Eliana M - Blue
 Francesca C – 2C
 Inayah A – 3D
 Fatheha A – 3A
 Adam A – 5W
 Rafiu R – 5F
 Raihan I – 6C



We hope you all enjoy a fantastic birthday!

Year 2 Nativity 'A King is Born'





We were so excited to welcome our parents into Preschool to join us in some festive activities! We decorated our homemade gingerbread men, made reindeer hats and even performed our Christmas songs and poem. The adults got to enjoy a hot Christmas punch and a mince pie too. The children did so well; singing beautifully and reciting our poem really clearly. We had such a lovely time at our Christmas workshop. Merry Christmas everyone!

Reception's Nativity show

Reception put on a beautiful Nativity concert, telling the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus through verse and songs.

They all did incredibly well to remember their parts, actions and words to the songs. All the Reception teachers were so proud of each and every child for putting on a great nativity to celebrate Christmas.



Reception's Nativity show





In reception, we have been doing lots of Christmas arts and crafts. We had fun making baubles and designing ginger bread houses.



We enjoyed painting snowmen on the art easel outside. We have been working on making our art more detailed by adding in correct features. For the snowman, we were trying to remember to use orange for the carrot nose, brown for the hat and white for the outline/body.





We have really enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating the school Christmas tree. We decided which of the decorations we thought would look nice and carefully placed them on the tree.



Reception

In class, we have loved designing our very own Christmas tree decorations to hang on the class tree. We had to choose the colours we wanted, the design and then cut them out ourselves. With help, we added some string so it could dangle from the tree.





Year 1
made Christingle's with
Velisha from The
Christian education project.
They learnt that the Orange
represents the World, the red
is the love of Jesus, the candle
is his light and the
sweets/sticks are the four
seasons.



As part of our DT home learning, the Year 1 children were asked to build a Snowman





The
children
enjoyed
playing in
the snow!



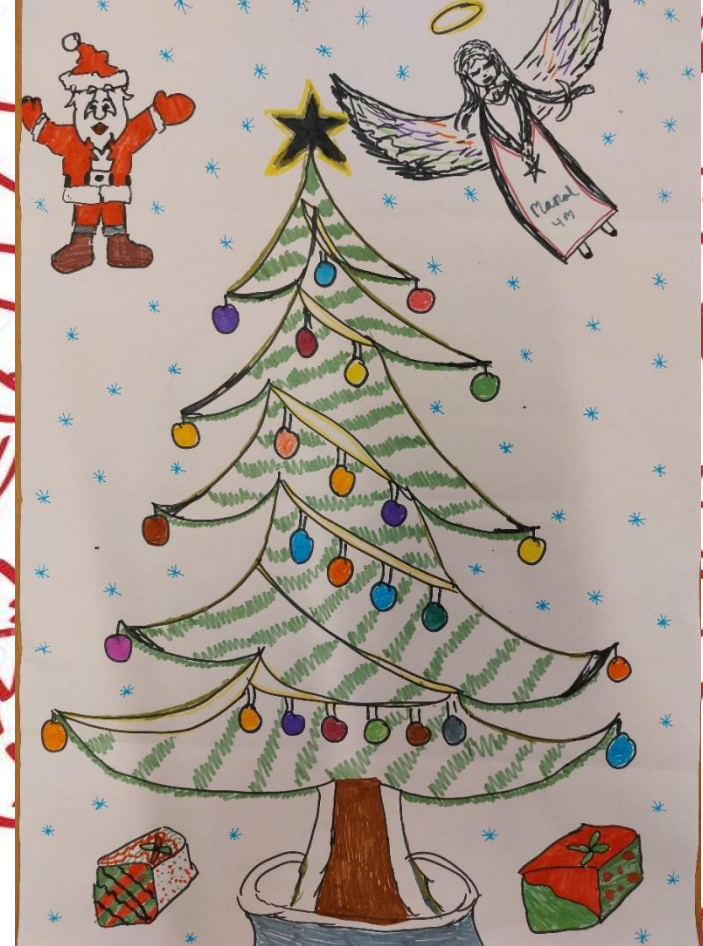
Christmas Jumper Day!





Art competition winners

Well done to Bortecin 6L and Manal 4M who won the Christmas Art Competition! The competition was run by Art Leaders Emma and Dimitar in Year 5 and judged by all the Art Leaders.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/ratingboard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

HELLO OSCAR

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



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JOIN OUR FREE WEBINARS!

Ultimate Parent Teacher Guide to SEND Appeals & Tribunals
Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8pm

How to improve your child's Executive Functioning Skills
Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 8pm

Dyspraxia (Developmental Coordination Disorder) – an Introduction
Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm

Precision Teaching – Sight Words to Fluency
Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7pm

Ultimate Guide to explaining Anxiety to Children with Coping Strategies
Thursday 26th January 2023 at 8pm

Graphic Facilitation – using Dual Coding to support Learning
Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 7pm

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Do you want your voice heard?

Upcoming COFFEE MORNINGS

Time: 10am – 12noon

DATE: FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023

VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

GUEST: WES STREETING MP

DATE: MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023

VENUE: THACKERAY DRIVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

GUEST: AUTISM SPECIALIST TEACHER

DATE: TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2023

VENUE: ST JOHN'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

DATE: WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023

VENUE: NEWBURY HALL CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Come along and meet other parent carers, share experiences, signposting and gain mutual support.



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London Borough of
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contact For families
with disabled children

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DATE: FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**GUEST: PAUL ALLEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF VIBRANCE
(Short breaks, Outreach, Residential, & Day Services)**



DATE: THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023

VENUE: ALBERT ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

GUEST: AUTISM SPECIALIST TEACHER



DATE: WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023

VENUE: HAINAULT CHILDREN'S CENTRE

DATE: THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

VENUE: ALBERT ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023

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