

Weekly Newsletter



'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

British Science Week

This week, we have celebrated British Science Week and explored this year's theme 'Change and Adapt' with lots of science-based learning in our classrooms. PLMM have used their new bookshelf text 'It Starts with a Seed' to look at plant life cycles and have started to explore this 'for real' by planting cress seeds and taking care of them this week – we look forward to seeing how they grow! RSH have looked at changes in Deansgate and how the Manchester skyline has changed over time as well as taking part in 'Deep Sea Yoga' which combined physical movement with learning about marine life and their adaptations. They also discussed the change that happens to a caterpillar turning into a butterfly and created some brilliantly colourful paper-chain caterpillars to illustrate this.

We were also lucky enough to welcome in two parents who generously gave their time to speak with the children – a huge thank you from us to you, as these visits/discussions help our children to learn more about the world around them.

- Dr Babiker spoke to the children about what a doctor does, how they can help people, the different places doctors work and the different kinds of doctors. The children were excited to share their experiences and ask lots of questions. Dr Babiker said her favourite part of her job is helping people to feel better.
- Mrs Guettel is a data scientist and explained what data is and talked about different 'data' we can find out from school – like how many children in the class, and how they could use a vote to choose a new ice cream flavour for lunch!

Community Art Project

Last term we welcomed Beth from Castlefield Viaduct into school to talk to our children all about this special place right round the corner from us. Since then, we have been honoured to be asked by Castlefield Viaduct to be involved with the National Trust Blossom Project to create some artwork inspired by Blossom.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have worked with Ellie and Hannah from Manchester's Little Artists to explore blossom and nature through exploratory play, from printing to ink blotting and using recycled materials. Pupils have had the opportunity to try out lots of different art techniques and create blossom inspire artwork.

We will share more about this exciting community art project next week ...!

You can find out more about Manchester's Little Artists on their Instagram here: [@manchesterlittleartists](https://www.instagram.com/manchesterlittleartists) and on the next page we have included a flyer detailing their next community-based workshop should any of you wish to get involved.



Spring Sing Performance

You are invited to join our first EYFS Spring Sing Performance on Thursday 3rd April, at 9.30am Please book your tickets through this link – [Spring Sing Performance](#)

This link will open at 6pm on Monday 17th March – please note, tickets are free but they do need to be booked to help us keep track of numbers.

We are asking that tickers are limited to two per family to ensure we can accommodate all Pre-School and Reception parents in our hall. Should you require more tickets, please contact Mrs McGowan in the School Office.



Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award for last week and this week are ...



These were awarded for **Bravery** for growing in confidence and the other for **Curiosity** for taking an interest in some new learning!
Well done to both of you!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

MANCHESTER'S



We run child-led art workshops aimed at 3-6 year olds. They are messy, creative and embrace the process, not just the end result. We welcome children with any needs and those outside of the age range.

The workshop is run by two experienced early-years educators, who understand the importance of children's development through art explorations.

Next workshops

THEME: MIXING
Saturday, 29th March
Morning: 10 - 11.30
Afternoon: 1 - 2.30

Carlton Club, M16 8BE
Tickets £10
+siblings £5
(This event is outside)

Tickets available on [ticketsource.com](https://www.ticketsource.com)

[Manchesterslittleartists](https://www.instagram.com/manchesterslittleartists)



Assembly this week



This week we read 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers (and yes, it is another one of my favourite favourites!)

This is the lovely story of a boy who meets a penguin who he helps return to the South Pole, only for them both to realise they miss each other! Throughout the book we talked about how they work together and the determination of the boy to help out his new friend. We thought the main Character Trait links were **Kindness** and **Bravery**, however how it did also link to all the others too!

Some 'book related' reminders:

- Please use the World Book Day Tokens that were given out last week
- Register at your local library

EID-AL-FITR

With Eid-al-Fitr approaching at the end of March, we would like to invite parents/carers into school to talk about Ramadan and the celebration of Eid.

If you are interested then please let the School Office know via email or in person if this is something you may be interested in.

PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder that Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March.**

To book a 10-minute appointment, open the MCAS App and select 'Parents' Evening' (left-hand side), select your class teacher and then choose a date and time. If you have any problems booking an appointment or if you are unable to make any of the offered times, please get in touch with the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17th March – Smoothwall Digital Safety Online Session, 7-8pm – [click here to register](#)

Tues 25th & Weds 26th March – Parents' Evenings

Thurs 3rd April – Spring Sing Performance, 9.30am start*

Fri 4th April – last day of term

Tues 22nd April – Inset day – school not open to pupils

Weds 23rd April – Start of Summer term – school open to pupils

Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

For term dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, please visit our ['Term Dates'](#) page on our website

*Any Pre-School children who do not attend on a Thursday will be invited in for our Spring Sing Performance

