



## Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly I would like to thank those families that joined staff for the Didsbury Festival Parade on Saturday. The theme was The Coronation and it was lovely to join with other local schools for this local event.

On Friday last week Mrs. McKrell and some of our Y6 pupils planted flowers in our planters outside Didsbury Library as part of Didsbury in Bloom. Later this term the judges for Britain in Bloom will be coming to Broad Oak to look at projects that we have undertaken in our school grounds.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Day events this week. It was great to see so many parents and carers attending. We hope to have the final results available next week. I wonder which house will win?

On Tuesday we had a visit to school from the author James Campbell. Our KS1 and KS2 children enjoyed his presentation and afterwards were able to buy signed copies of his books.

We are currently receiving a high number of requests from families to take holidays in term time. May I remind families that leave cannot be authorised and if it exceeds 5 days will result in a fine of £60 per parent per child. A full copy of the MCC Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

Can we kindly remind parents and carers to order school meals in advance via School Grid. This week we have had more than 30 pupils each day that have not ordered and the pupils get upset when they are unable to have their preference.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Shore on the safe arrival of their baby boy Otto Shore. We wish the whole family every happiness!

## Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.  
Head teacher

## Attendance

Our school attendance target for this year is 97%. Our attendance to date is 92.5%

Well done to Oak – 98.6%, Elm – 99.5%, Larch – 97% and Spruce – 97% who had all had attendance above our target for week ending 09/06/23

Well done to Oak – 98.7% who had attendance above our target this week.

## Star of the week

Well done to the following children that were star of the week last week:

Beech – Samayya, Yew – Aniya, Pine – Hasnain, Hazel – Sophie, Birch – Lyla, Alder – Eva,

Larch – Menaal, Aspen – Avril, Rowan – Arnav, Spruce – Yaseen, Willow – Zain, Poplar – Inaaya.

Well done to the following children who have been chosen as start of the week this week:

Beech – Niko K, Yew – Zainab, Pine – Taim, Hazel – , Birch – All of Birch, Alder – Ayman, Larch – All of Larch, Aspen – All of Aspen, Rowan – Jammal, Spruce – All of Spruce, Willow – Imogen, Poplar – Padasht.

## Upcoming Dates

Health & Sports Week 26th - 30th June



**EXTENDED**

**The Hearts Trail  
is to run till  
Sunday 18th  
June.**

## 'Greening our Community'

**Plant a tree for cleaner air in Manchester and to combat climate change.**

**Care for the Environment and Help Broad Oak Go for Gold!**

*(The Woodland Trust Schools Gold Award!)*



### **Take a free tree sapling to plant.**

- At home in your garden
- At home as part of a hedgerow
- Wild plant in a local green space
- Go Gorilla Gardening!

### **Please take:**

1. tree sapling
2. support/cane,
3. certificate
4. How to plant sheet

**Donations to School Fund are welcome.**



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**Have fun planting!**

# Didsbury Festival



Many thanks to our families who came out to walk with us as part of the Didsbury Festival 'Coronation Parade'. It was a glorious day, on Saturday the 10th June and we all had a great time wearing crowns, waving our flags and carrying the banners to Didsbury Park with crowds cheering along the route!

Broad Oak also had a stall at the Festival, to raise money for the School Fund, and had many takers for the Bottle Tombola and Hearts Trail, which is still on this week in Fletcher Moss Park till Sunday 18th June. Thank you to all parents who gave up their time to help set up and run the stall.

We raised **£291.70**, Thank you.

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## Didsbury in Bloom



Pupils from year 5/6 went into the village on Friday the 9th June to plant our adopted planters outside the Library with Summer plants. Each year we take part to support Didsbury in Bloom and help keep Didsbury looking beautiful and a great place to be. I think you will agree the pupils have done a wonderful job and the planters are blooming!

Families can join in and support us by helping to water the plants throughout the summer. Whenever you are visiting the village please take a large full bottle of tap water and enjoy watering our planters !

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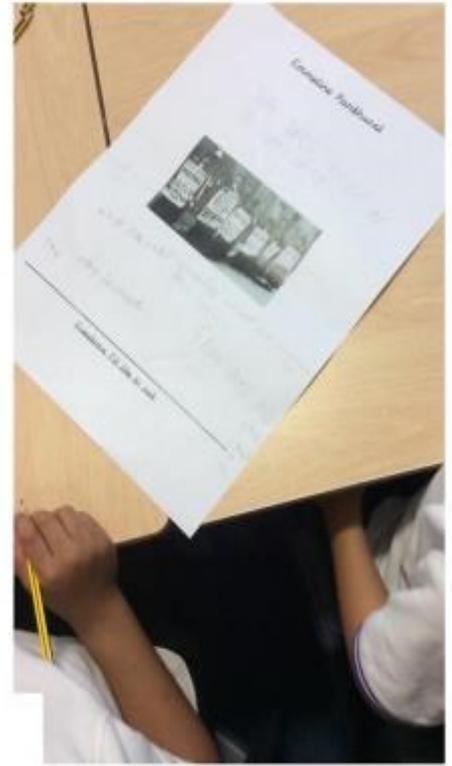
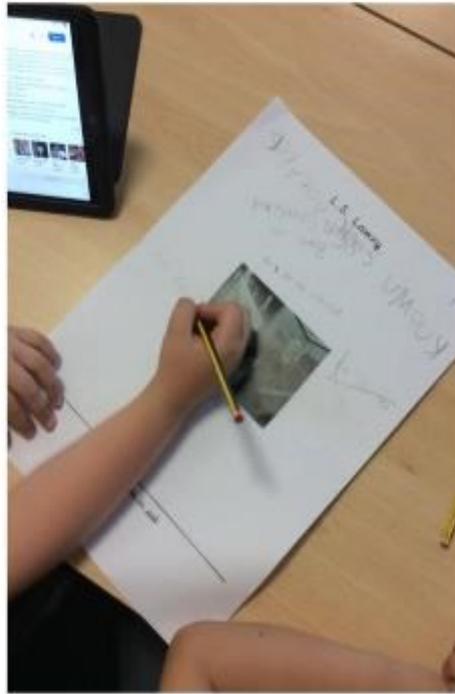
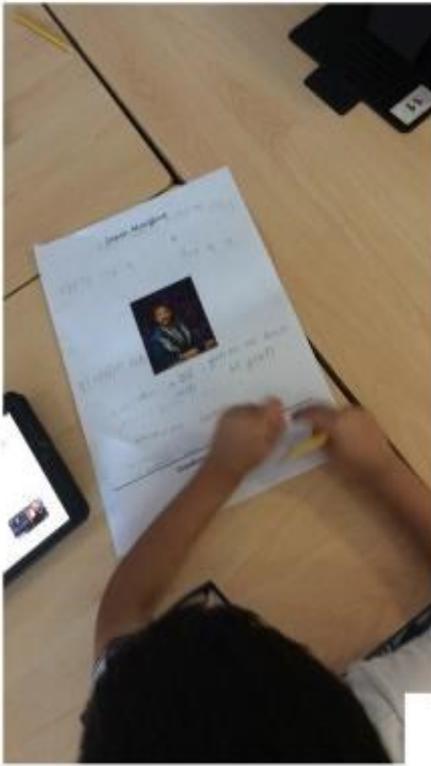
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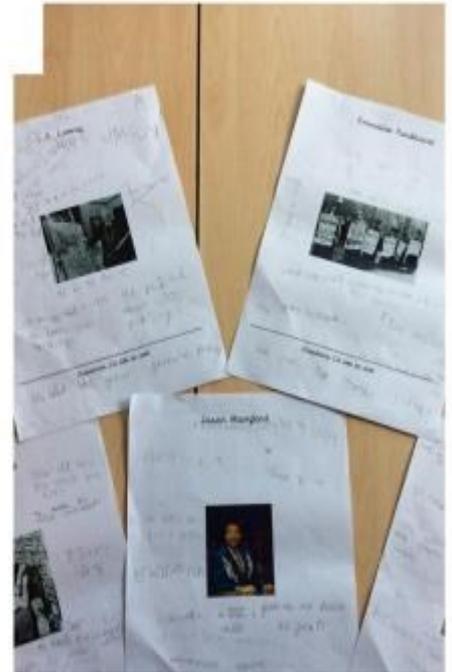
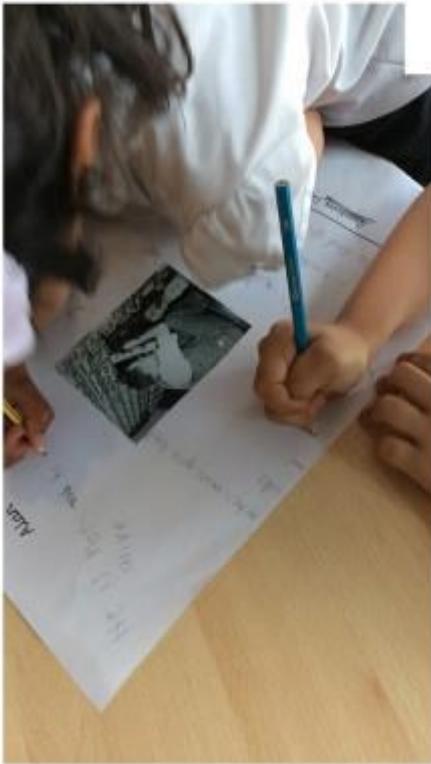
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WALT: to find information using different sources.



This half term, KS1 are learning all about local heroes from Manchester, such as Marcus Rashford and Emmeline Pankhurst.

Here we are researching on iPads by looking at images in order to think of questions that we would ask our heroes.

We then found out the facts that answered our questions.



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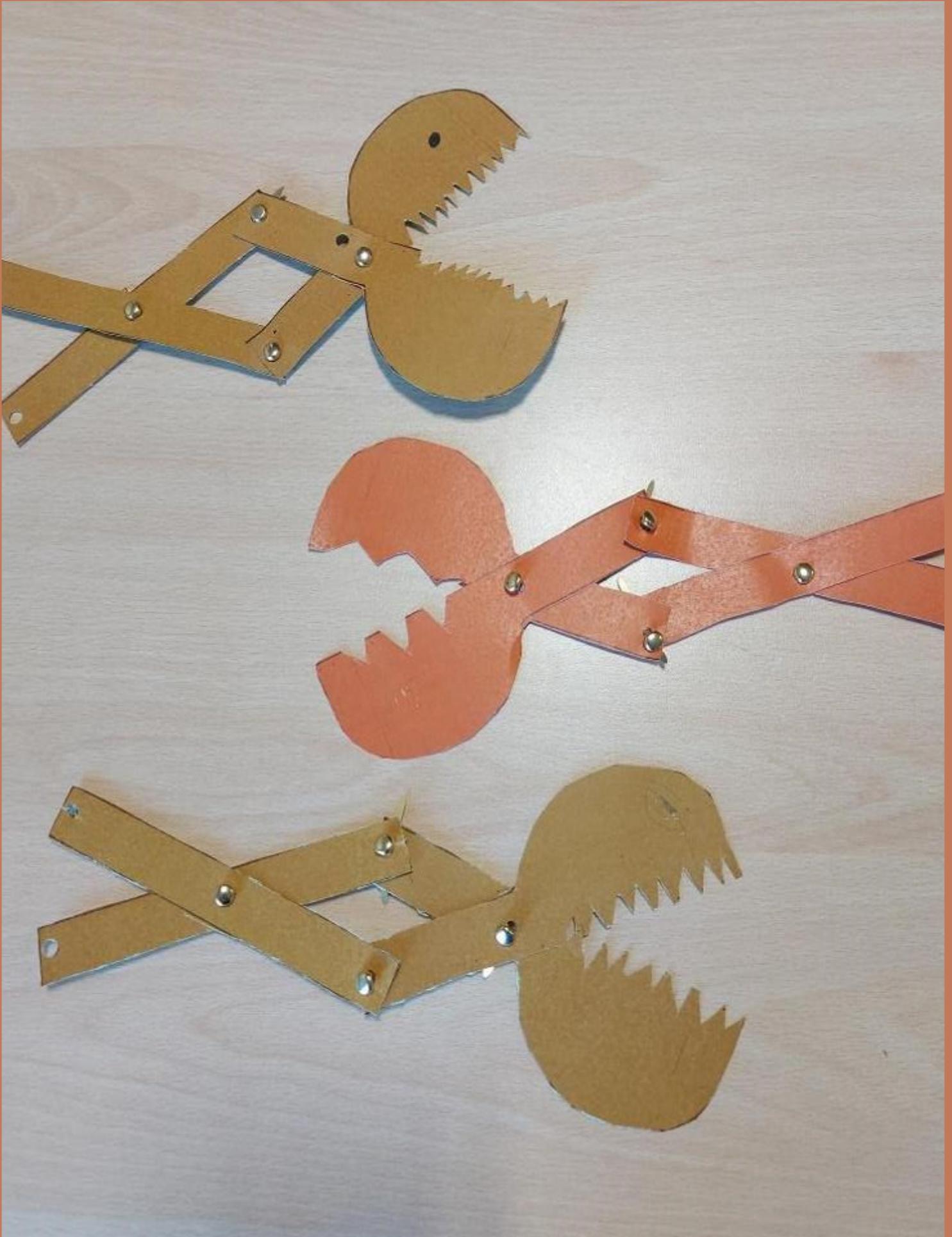
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Year 1/2 have been making monsters in Design and Technology.



We have been learning about levers, pivots and linkages to enable our monsters to move. It has been lots of fun!

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Join us for  
our next  
event

## Abney festival

Saturday 24th June 2023  
12 noon - 4pm

Join us at Abney Court for our summer festival!

- BBQ made by our very own Chef Phil
- Hook a duck along with tons of prizes
- Tombola
- Petting zoo
- A performance from star dance academy
- Live music
- Fire engine
- Bouncy castle
- Ice cream van
- Face painters
- Balloon animals
- Football fun

And lots more fun....

You do not need to book in advance, all ages are welcome.

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Abney Court care home  
Abney Hall Park, Manchester Road,  
Cheadle SK8 2PD  
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AND DISABILITIES 0-25 YEARS

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Welcome to our first newsletter of June. In this issue, we have exciting news about the Summer SEND Community Offer!



## Water Fun

Play and have fun on the water this summer with the Water Adventure Centre (WAC). There are kayaking and water-play sessions at two sites for SEND children and siblings aged over 8 up to 25 living in the Manchester City Council area. Children and young people must be able to swim 25 metres or more to paddle in their own boat. If they can't swim, they must be accompanied by an adult (18+) in a double kayak or a rafted Canadian.

The free sessions (please book) are welcoming, safe, informal and fun.

### Ashton Canal, Droylsden

Sessions are 2-4pm on Thursday 3rd August, Tuesday 8th August and Thursday 31st August at the Water Adventure Centre, The Old Boathouse, Fairfield Locks, Off Maddison Road, Droylsden, M43 6ES (Sat Nav: M43 6DS) Please see the directions – it's tricky to find!

<https://www.wateradventurecentre.org.uk/about/directions>

### Chorlton Water Park

Sessions are Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm on 26th July, 2nd August and 9th August at Chorlton Water Park, Maitland Avenue, Manchester, M21 7WH. Meet beside the first jetty/slipway nearest to the car park.

For further information and to pre-book please contact WAC on 0161 301 2673 or [info@wateradventurecentre.org.uk](mailto:info@wateradventurecentre.org.uk). Part of the SEND Community Offer for families living in the Manchester City Council area.



## Miracles In Manchester

Last week was Carers Week, the annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and celebrate the contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities throughout the UK.

Here's Carers Manchester newsletter special, with news of a song written by local carers – 'Miracle' – about what it's like to look after someone you love. Hear the song on You Tube.



## Family Coach Trips

There are going to be some fantastic coach trips with The SPACE Group and 4CT! A share of the tickets will be available to book face to face at the following venues:

Wednesday 21st June, 10am-12.30pm, Wythenshawe Lifestyle Centre, Portway, M22 1QW (As part of the Local Offer Drop In!)

Friday 23rd June, 11am-1pm, St George's Community Centre, Bothwell Road, M40 7NY

Saturday 24th June, 1-3pm, The Grange Community Resource Centre, Pilgrim Drive, M11 3TQ

Wednesday 28th June, 10am-12 noon, Rodney House School, 1 Albert Grove, M12 4WF

Please note: The number of tickets at each venue will be limited - first come, first served. It's only ONE trip per family and bookings need to be made with cash (most trips are £5 per adult).

More coach trip information will be released soon. Keep up to date through Facebook with The SPACE Group Manchester



## MANCHESTER LOCAL OFFER DROP IN

Wednesday 21st June, 10am-12.30pm  
Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre, Wythenshawe

We're back at Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre in Wythenshawe for our next Drop In. It's on Wednesday 21st June, 10am-12.30pm. Look out for a news bulletin about it nearer the time.

### FUTURE DROP INS:

Thursday 13th July, Moss Side Power House, 10am-12.30pm

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## Education News

Following the updated Department of Education's 'Suspension and permanent exclusion guidance' (May 2023), a further document has been published to support parents in their understanding. This document will be effective from September 23rd 2023 - School exclusions: guide for parents.

The Council for Disabled Children has created some guidelines for parent carers looking for support with tribunals or disputes. Whilst parents and young people are free to use whoever they wish to support them, these guidelines are to help inform and support that choice. You have a right to free impartial information, advice and support from trained, SEND specialists. In the Manchester City Council area, this is offered by the SENDIASS team - check out their Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Schools in England can use lunch parcels or voucher options to ensure they provide free school meals to those children entitled to them and on the school roll. In response to Contact's campaign letter, the minister for schools has confirmed that maintained schools and academies have a duty under the Education Act 1996 to provide nutritious, free meals to eligible pupils wherever they receive education. This applies both in school and at home. Learn more about the free school meals campaign.



## Give Your Family Feedback

The city's parent/carers are invited to help design a new website and brand for the new Family Hubs in Manchester. These are a new initiative being developed nationally to ensure services and support for families are better connected. The hubs will be based within communities so that families can easily access the support they need locally. If you would like to learn more and give feedback on ideas for the Family Hub brand and website, there is a session on Thursday 15th June, 10am-12 noon (followed by lunch) at St Thomas Centre in Ardwick M12 6FZ. Find out more on the Manchester Parent Carer Forum website: <http://manchesterparentcarerforum.org.uk/event/family-hubs-consultation/>.



## Autism Webinars

Did you know Greater Manchester Autism Consortium have an ongoing programme of webinars? There are still places on two of the Zoom sessions: Teen Q and A, Tuesday 13th June, 7-8.30pm and Sensory Webinar, Tuesday 28th June, 10am-12 noon.

Check out the events page and click on the flyer of the seminar you would like to attend to book.



## Grants For Families

React charity have been in touch to let us know they currently have funding to help children in the Manchester area. They will assist any child under the age of 18 diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and whose family is in financial need. Funding is for items that improve a child's quality of life around basic, essential needs (specialist medical, mobility, hygiene and educational equipment). Find out more on the React website.

Families with children that have complex needs and disabilities can apply to the Family Fund for grants for vital equipment - such as computers, specialist equipment and educational toys. It can also help with the cost of goods or services, like washing machines and refrigerators. See the Family Fund website for how to apply. In 2023, they introduced a new grant for young people aged 18-24. Check out Your Opportunity, which has a video on how to apply. Grants can be used for a range of activity, including day trips, club membership, laptops and musical instruments.

## Child Trust Fund Campaign

There are 80,000 disabled young people in England and Wales at risk of losing £210 million. A difficult and costly process means many are unable to access the savings held in their Child Trust Fund. Contact are supporting a parent-led campaign to help disabled children access their savings. The have a special Facebook Live Q&A session on Monday 19th June at 2pm. You don't need a Facebook account to watch the livestream but you must be logged in to ask questions or post any other comments.

## Easy Read Health Information



Manchester People First have produced an easy read booklet about Annual Health Checks. Everyone over the age of 14 who is on their doctor's learning disability register is entitled to one. Learn more in this NHS information on annual health checks.

Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust have created easy read resources around a range of health topics, including anxiety, epilepsy, nutrition, and sleep. The guides were made with the Trust's learning disability care hub. Contact details on the guides may be different for people, depending on where they live.

## Universal Credit Updates

If you are under 66 and claim Income Support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Tax Credits or Housing Benefit in Greater Manchester, you will be transferred to Universal Credit from June 2023. Find out more from Citizens Advice.

In other Universal Credit news, there will be an increase in late June to the payment that eligible claimants can get towards childcare costs. Also, parents on Universal Credit who are moving into work or significantly increasing their working hours will receive help with childcare costs upfront, rather than in arrears. To learn more, see Contact's information on Universal Credit.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

There are plans in Manchester to develop a number of outdoor multi-use facilities within communities - called PlayZones.

MCRActive would like to understand the barriers for parent/ carers and young people with limited mobility or disabilities around using these types of spaces. How can they be accessible to all? You can email or telephone to respond to the following questions or give any other comments:

**Which sports or activities would you like to see in the PlayZone?**

**Would you prefer instructor led sessions?**

Are there any facilities that would be helpful? (Like a seating area, toilets, lighting or adjustable equipment.)

**Are there any safety or access concerns that currently stop you from using outdoor spaces?**

### WHAT IS A PLAYZONE?

PlayZones are modern, safe, and engaging facilities. We want this to be reflected in the design and settings for these facilities.

PlayZones are designed for recreational football and at least one other sport. There are a range of facility types to meet the needs of different sports.

Further design guidance will be shared later and these pitch designs are for illustrative purposes only

Football Foundation - PlayZone Programme Website



Please contact Michele Saycell at [m.saycell@mcractive.com](mailto:m.saycell@mcractive.com) or 07984 014102 by the end of June. Thanks for any contribution you can make!

## SEND FAMILIES TASTER DAY

Join our **FREE** sport and physical activity taster day for individuals with **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)** and their families

**Date:** Saturday 1 July 2023  
**Time:** 12pm-2:30pm

Manchester Communications Academy, M40 8NT  
Contact: [r.kemp@mcractive.com](mailto:r.kemp@mcractive.com) | 07736 918676

SCAN ME FOR MORE INFO!

### Poetry Competition Winners

The Manchester Deaf World Book Day Competition has been running for around 25 years.

This year's theme was 'Manchester' and the children had to write an acrostic poem using the 10 letters of the city's name.

The judge was Donna Ludford, the previous Lord Mayor of Manchester. She chose four winners: KS1 Infants - Hussain Majadba, KS2 Juniors - Neisha Kaur (pictured), KS3/4 Secondary - Satvik Jadhav and Lebekha Khan from the Special School community. Congratulations to the winners!



MCRActive are running a SEND Families Taster Day at Manchester Communications Academy, Harpurhey, M40 8NT, on Saturday 1st July 12– 2.30pm. This event is free for all to attend with no booking required - just turn up and take part. The aim of the day is to provide taster sessions of sport and other activities for SEND children and young people but also to include their family and friends.

Everyone can be involved in sport in Manchester! Confirmed sports so far are basketball, rugby (wheelchair and tag), boccia, netball, tennis and multi-sport. They are also hoping to have a few role models at the event who can share their stories and experience.

More information on the MCRActive website - any enquiries to Rebecca Kemp at [r.kemp@mcractive.com](mailto:r.kemp@mcractive.com), 07736 918 676.

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# 10 - 18 June 2023

## THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



The wildlife group at Fletcher Moss Park is running a series of events over two weekends, to coincide with Great Big Green Week. All walks start from the Visitor Centre, where there will also be displays of information by local groups. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

### Sunday 11th June

**1:30pm** Wildlife walk around Stenner Woods with guidance on identification.

**3.00pm** Tree walk around Fletcher Moss Park to enjoy our many beautiful trees, including rarities.

### Sunday 18th June

**9.45am** South Manchester Swifts will show how to help these endangered birds.

**10.00am** Bird walk to see what we can spot. Bring your binoculars!

**11.30am** Balsam walk around areas most in need of bashing with advice on how best to control this highly invasive plant.

**1.00 - 1.30** Emily Capstick tells a story, Swifts, for young children.



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# GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly from the school.

Receive instant messages, complete surveys and forms, book your parents evenings and more.

Select your school to get started!



## LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

**You must have your email linked with the school**

## TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



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- Logout

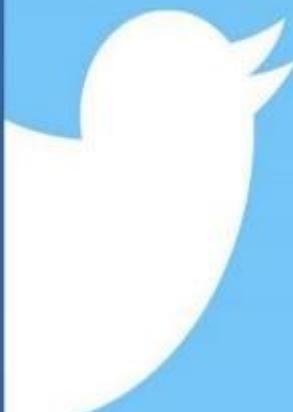
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