

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and that you have managed to stay as cool and comfortable as possible during this week's exceptionally hot weather. I would like to begin by thanking you for your support and understanding over the past few days, both through our closure days and as we adapted our routines to ensure that all children remained safe and comfortable in the challenging temperatures. Your cooperation with reminders about sun hats, water bottles and appropriate clothing has been greatly appreciated.

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back today and to see the school once again filled with their energy, enthusiasm and smiling faces. Despite the heat, the children have shown great resilience and have continued to engage positively in their learning and school activities. We are incredibly proud of them and grateful for the partnership we share with you in supporting their wellbeing and education.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank FOM for the fantastic Summer Fair that they organised last week. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, events like this take lots of time, energy and organisation in order to run smoothly and successfully. Hopefully you enjoyed the event as much as I did. I know FOM have been calculating the profits that they have made and I am not going to steal their thunder but wanted to recognise the effort they all put in and the gratitude we have for the money they have once again raised for the children of Manorbrook.

As we move towards the final weeks of the academic year, there remains much to celebrate and look forward to. This week, the newsletter contains a variety of updates, achievements and important information, and I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes and opportunities that continue to make our school such a special place.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paul Medlicott

Sports Day Results

Sports Day was a real success for all the groups despite the rescheduling due to forecasted adverse weather! It was lovely that so many family members could come along to enjoy the competition and cheer the children on. Huge congratulations to everyone that took part, the results were as follows:

<u>EYFS</u>	<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
1 st Brook	1 st Willow	1 st Willow
2 nd Mill	2 nd Mill	2 nd Brook
3 rd Quarry	3 rd Brook	3 rd Mill
4 th Willow	4 th Quarry	4 th Quarry

Reports for 2025-6

This year, we are streamlining the way we share our end of year reports about your child and their learning. Within school this year, we have been using a new assessment system called Insight and we are using this to distribute our reports to you. It will still contain the teachers' comments as usual but will also include aspects such as attendance all within the one document. In our aim to also balance the environmental impact of our use of paper, you will receive a link from Insight to be able to access your child's report from your electronic device which you can save or print if you so wish. To access the report, once you click on the link, you will need to enter the relevant information asked for about your child e.g. date of birth. The reports this year will be sent out on 14/15th July to you. If your child is in a year group which undertakes statutory assessments (Year 6 National Assessments, Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 1 Phonics) you will also receive a second link separately that will give you access to your child's outcomes.

Modeshift Walking Bubble

As the warmer weather approaches, Manorbrook are introducing a new aspect to our Active Travel Plan that we hope will support pupils and families in travelling to school using more sustainable and active methods. The **Modeshift Walking Bubble** is an active travel initiative that encourages families to park their cars at least a short walk away from school, creating a car-free zone around the school gates. This 'bubble' has been marked with stickers on lamp posts making it easy to see where you could park away from school and walk the last few minutes of the journey. Our Active Travel map on the website also highlights 5 and 10 minute walking, cycling and scooting zones around the school – see the link below.

Look out for our 'bubble' stickers and see how many you can burst on your active journey to school!

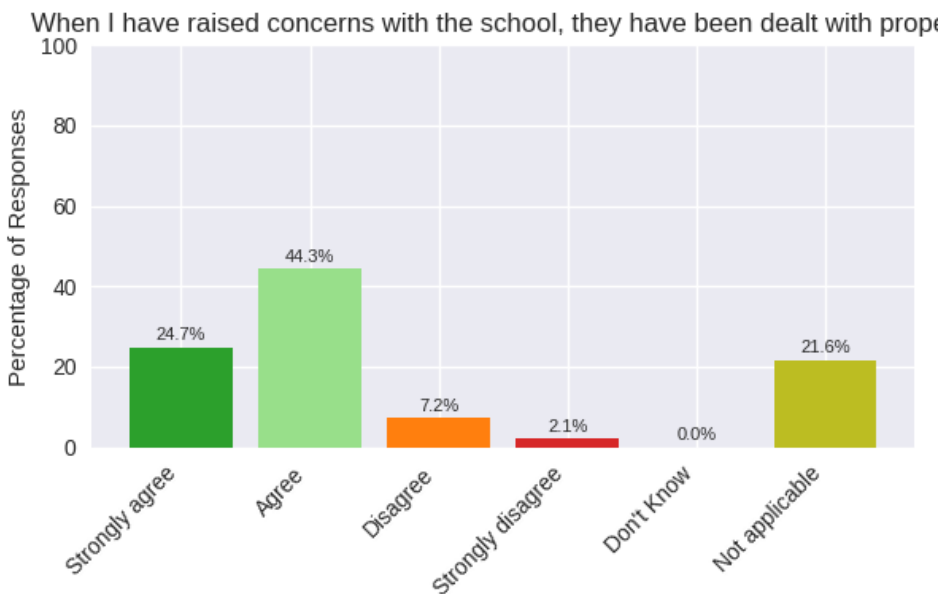
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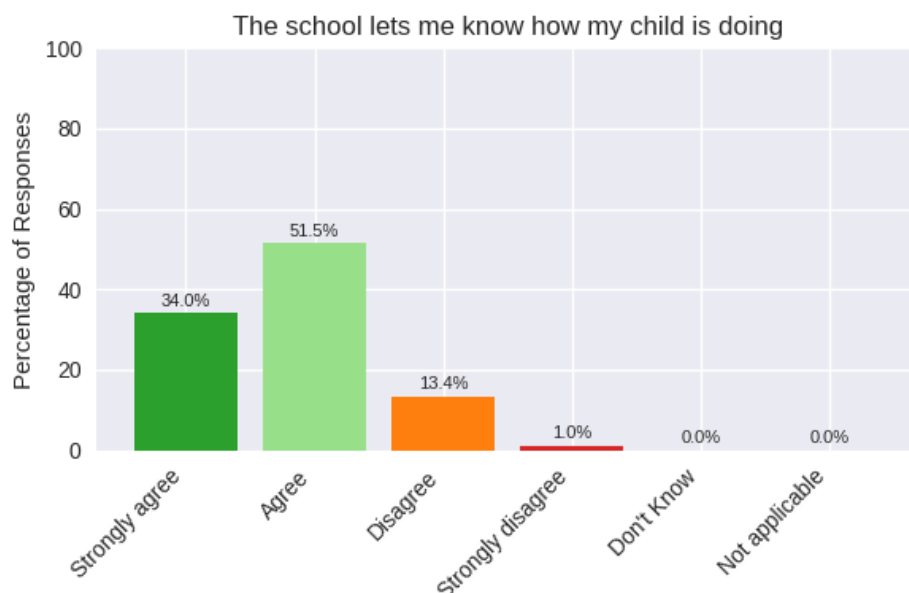
Parent Survey

As a continuation of the results of the Parent Survey, here are the next set of results that were obtained:

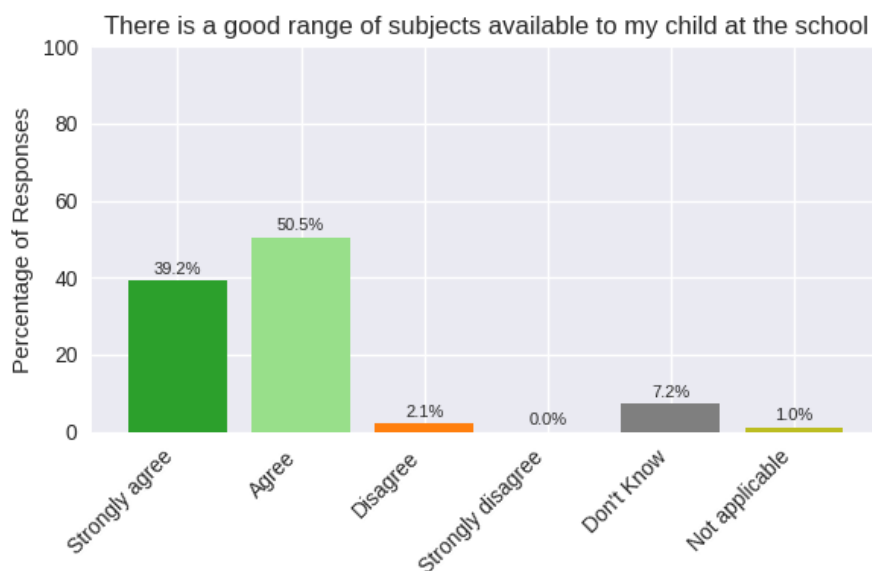
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly



The school lets me know how my child is doing



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at the school



Although, again, there are lots of positives in these results, we continue to strive to improve and action the areas identified for improvement.

One action we will be taking is to introduce a clear "Who to Contact" guide for families and will be introducing this during the beginning of the new academic year. This will outline the appropriate first point of contact for different queries and concerns, along with the stages of escalation where necessary. We hope this will make communication more straightforward and ensure that issues are resolved as quickly and effectively as possible by the most appropriate person.

As highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter, we have also adapted our feedback to you through the school reports. This year, we will be using Insight to provide parents with clear and accessible information about their child's progress and attainment. We believe this platform will offer a more comprehensive picture of learning, bringing information into one electronic document that you can access from your devices and help strengthen communication between home and school as we continue to refine and improve our reporting processes.

We were delighted to have a visit from this year's Rockhampton Folk Festival artists, Alain and Servo. They are drummers, singers, multi-instrumentalists, and songwriters. Their music revolves around African rhythms and melodies, brought to life through an array of instruments including mbira, kamale ngoni, djembe, congas, cajon, and guitar. It was a really interesting and valuable experience for the school community which the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in.

Y6 Production

Letters for tickets for the Y6 performance of 'Grossbusters' have been issued Y6 and choir pupils.

If any Y6 families or Choir Club families would like any additional tickets please let the office know how many more you would like by Monday 29th June. If we can accommodate your request, we will just add your name and number of additional people required to the list and you will therefore not need a physical ticket for these additional numbers.

Walk to School Wednesdays and Fridays



We count Walk to School numbers on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please try and support this if you can; if you drive to school, you may be able to stop the car a distance from school and walk the rest of the way. ***We award the golden trainer to the class with the highest percentage of walkers.***

Last week's winners were Starlings with 88%

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

FOM Disco: The next disco will take place on Thursday 2nd July. 150 disco tickets have sold so far! It will be a wonderful way for the children to celebrate the end of their school year and a lovely farewell to our year 6s...

Tickets will be available until 9pm on Wednesday 1st July. Please book now at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook> to avoid disappointment. Details of the discos are in the posters below.

For the KS1 and KS2 discos, on the night we will be selling glow items, tattoos and doing face glitter for 50p - £1. Please send your child with cash if they would like to buy something.

Reception children will leave with a fun filled party bag included in the ticket price.

Please be assured we will be making sure children keep cool and drink water throughout.

We are still looking for a couple of helpers for the KS2 disco. Please let your class rep know if you can spare some time to help this event run smoothly.

Summer Fair: We are proud to announce that the Manorbrook summer fair raised a grand total of...

☀️☀️ **£4,028** ☀️☀️

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event - whether that be by volunteering on a stall, baking cakes, donating items or coming along and showing your support. The fair really showed what the Manorbrook community is all about, and every penny raised will go back into the school and supporting our children.

Fathers' Day Pop Up Shop: The Father's Day Pop Up Shop raised a fantastic £500! We hope everyone who received a gift enjoyed it!

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JULY		
Thursday 2 nd		FOM Disco
Thursday 2 nd		Y5 Rainforest Roadshow
Friday 3 rd	1.15pm-4.00pm	Y6 Charity Sale
Tuesday 7 th		Y6 Castle School Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th	1.30pm	Y6 Leavers Performance
Thursday 9 th	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers Performance
Thursday 16 th	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 21 st		Last day of term