

MANCHESTER COMMUNICATION PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

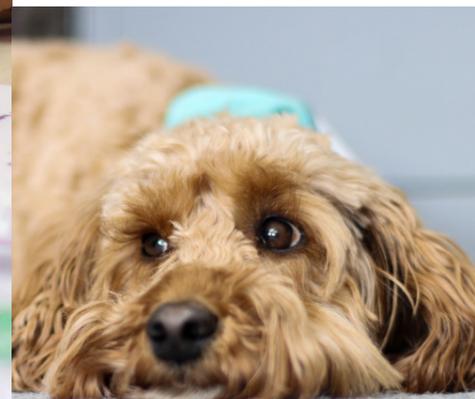
Take a look at what MCPA has been getting up to.





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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Once again, we find ourselves at the end of another exciting year at MCPA, a year of firsts.

Our first Y6 cohort to complete their SATs did very well. Our first series of wins in sports tournaments made us all proud. Our first trips and visits to all over the North West for a long time re-opened doors. And of course, our first appearance on national TV, in Britain's Got Talent, put MCPA's talent on the map. We have crammed a lot into this year!

Britain's Got Talent was an obvious personal highlight. Not just because of the incredible experience, meeting Ant & Dec and showing some of our children around London (only going wrong on the tube once). But because it was also fantastic to see how our whole school community celebrated together, happy for our friends who did well. The production itself was actually about 7 minutes long, and was cut down by half for TV. This meant that some of the children were almost completely cut out of it. At this point, they could have been really upset. But they weren't, they were happy for their friends and happy that as a team they achieved 4 'yesses'.

Thinking back to our children standing on stage in London's West End as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden, Aleesha Dixon and over two thousand audience members gave them a standing ovation, still sends a shiver down my spine. There are no limits to what our children can achieve with the right support. That's our mission as a school, to enable every child to excel and open up doors which they may not have known were there.

In addition to all the great work our children have been doing, our staff have been working hard to continue to drive our school's development too. We have worked with external professionals to review the quality of our curriculum and EYFS provision, to ensure that it is the best it can be. An important part of this work, which will continue into next year, is looking at how we fulfill our public sector equality duty, this is a legal

requirement to protect and positively represent all of the protected characteristics in equal measure, through the curriculum and wider school work. I am extremely proud of how welcoming and accepting our children are, this is an essential skill for success in modern Britain and embodies our community quality of Friendship.

Our community qualities of Attitude, Behaviour, Courage, Determination, Enthusiasm, Friendship and Grit are threaded through everything we do in school. They form the back-bone of our approach to character education, as they are the qualities which we teach, promote and praise. They are our expectations of children now, but also our aspirations for their future. Maybe your child has been given one of our special CQ badges this year? These were only given out to children who demonstrated one of our qualities in an exemplary way, so they are very important! In addition to these badges, my 'Always Club' has continued to grow. Children in the 'Always Club' live by our motto 'behave like no one is watching', this means that their behaviour is excellent, whether they are being watched or not.

At this point in the year, our classes have already transitioned up to their new year groups. Children are becoming familiar with their new staff, rooms and routines. This means that when we return in September, we are ready to hit the ground running with lots of learning! There's no winding down at MCPA!

I do however hope that you all get the opportunity to wind down and relax over Summer. Whatever you get up to and wherever you go, enjoy it and stay safe.

Thank you for all of your support and good wishes.

Alex Reed
Headteacher



WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day was themed around inspirational people. In early years we looked at people who help us in our local community; police officers, doctors, firefighters etc. In Key Stage 1 and 2 the children learnt about people who have made our world a better place to live in. The children discussed what qualities and values these people have in common. They also looked at their own values and qualities and how these can make a positive impact on our own day to day lives.

Children came into school dressed up as their inspirational person. For some children it was their grandparent who had fought in the war, for others it was a historical figure who had made an impact on the world we live in today and for some children it was a role of someone who helps us in our community e.g. a doctor, a teacher, a firefighter etc. It was great to see the children not only dressed up but be able to talk about why they were inspired by them.

We performed poetry, wrote letters and created real life hero capes to celebrate the NHS and our teachers, amongst others. Sharing our favourite books, we discussed our love for reading and even had a few reading competitions!



SPORTS DAY

We had two fantastic Sports Day's for both the EYFS and Kest Stage 1 & 2. The children took part in a range of yard and field events and a mindful/yoga session. We had a great turn out from parents and it was lovely to see all our families come together and support all of our amazing children.

The results are as follows:

- 1st Shakespeare (blue) 420 points
- 2nd Marconi (red) 400 points
- 3rd Olympic (yellow) 380 points
- 4th (white) Turing 360 points
- 5th (green) Cooper 240 points

Congratulations to all our children who took part and a special well done to Shakespeare (blue team).



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CPR

This year all of our children have learnt how to perform CPR - a lesson which we hope they never need, but potentially the most valuable lesson they will ever have. Younger children brought their teddies into school to act as practice dolls, with older children using the 'resusci Annie' models. As ever, the children were brilliantly behaved and engaged well with the session.



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BGT

MCPA took a trip to London with 12 of our very own superstars to audition for Britains Got Talent. Before the audition we hopped on and off tubes to take a whistle stop tour around the famous landmarks and gave the Queen a wave.

When we arrived at the audition the children turned on their star quality and true professionalism and they gave the performance of their lives. The children's micky-take audition of how BGT came about won over the judges and audience resulting in a standing ovation from all 4 judges and a "4 yeses" from Simon Cowell himself. The children's fame did not stop there. Although we didn't go through to the semi finals the reaction from the public was amazing and we were then approached by BBC Manchester Radio, who came into school to interview the children about the whole experience.

The children described the day as 'the best day of my life'. Watch this space as I am sure that will not be the last time you see those 12 famous faces on TV doing what they do best.





URBAN CREW

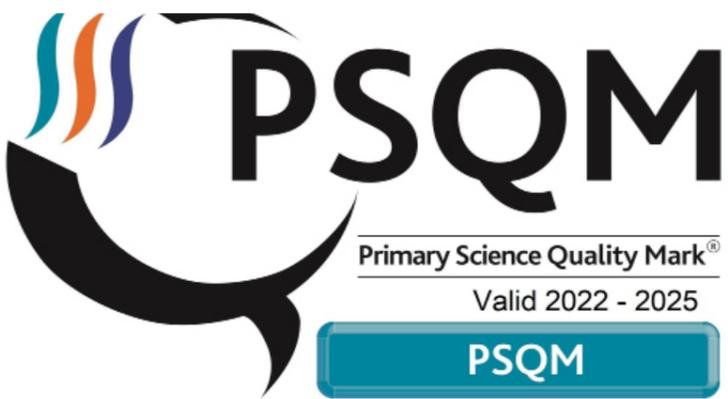
The Urban Crew, along with 11 other Urban Crew schools, attended the Urban Crew ASDAN Awards ceremony at MCA, where they received their ASDAN certificates. This is equivalent to 2 units of a GCSE! They also enjoyed watching the hilarious 'Wacky Woody' magician.

Aarush received a separate trophy for MCPA's Urban Crew Member of the Year.

For the last 10 months they have completed daily school patrol duties, litter picking, attended 3 workshops, sold tickets at the bike raffle, completed 2 Community visits, delivered an assembly on Climate Change, and took part in the ESA event. At the 'Enterprise Day' they became business people for the day; winning the 'Most Profit' trophy!

Everyone of them has been amazing, showing off their individual talents. They have gained so many skills, which hopefully they will take with them in to year 6 and beyond.

Well done Aarush, Laila, Dalilah, Denzel, Taylor, Kevin, Kaiya, Zanzibar, Aminah and Radyja.



PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK AWARD

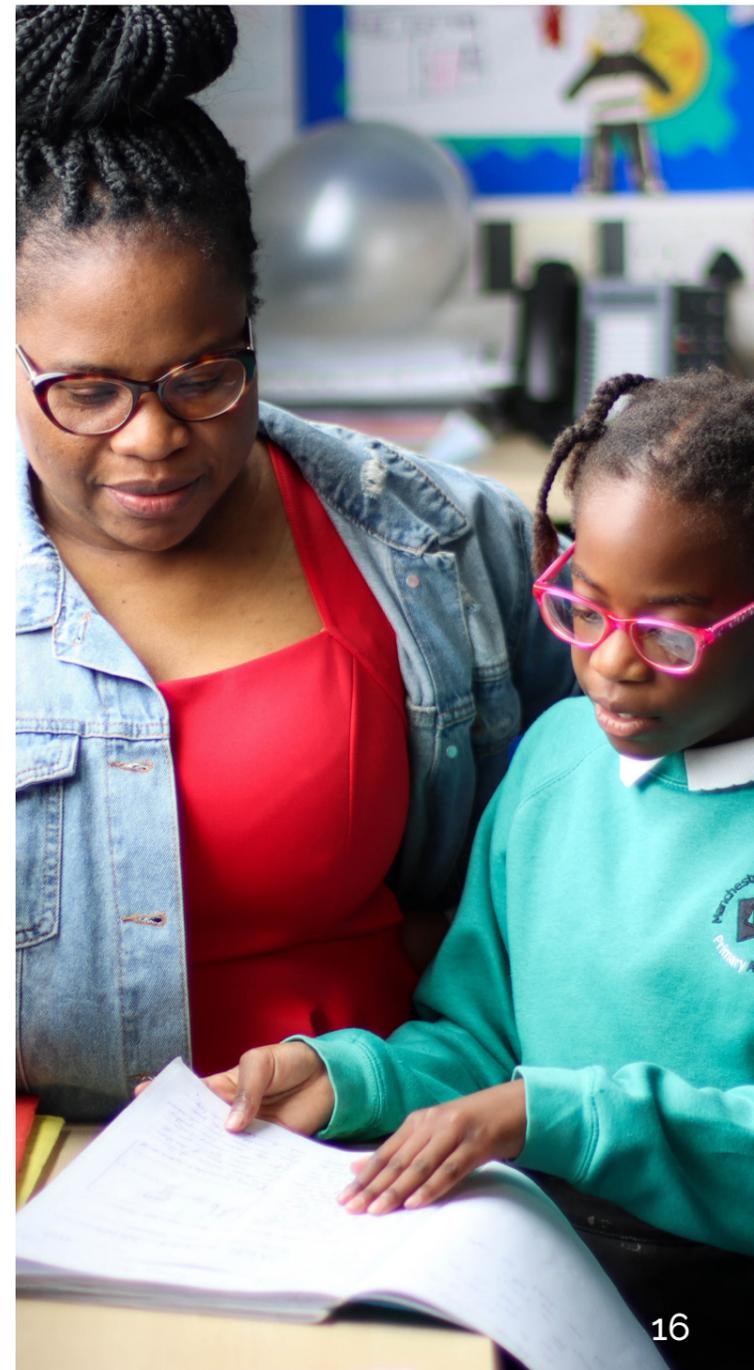
In May of this year the Primary school were delighted to be recognised for the quality of science education on offer when they received the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). The PSQM is a year long programme which supports and measures the development of effective science leadership and the quality of science teaching and learning. There are 13 criteria which must be met by the end of the year for the mark to be achieved with a focus on science subject leadership, science teaching, science learning, and wider opportunities in the school that support the development of scientific concepts and understanding.

PARENT SESSIONS

Here at MCPA we are always keen to involve our parents in their child's learning. This year, the doors have begun to re-open after lockdowns. Parents have been able to come into school for showcase events, shared learning afternoons, parent breakfasts and parent focus group. Next year we will look to increase the frequency of these events, as the feedback is always excellent!



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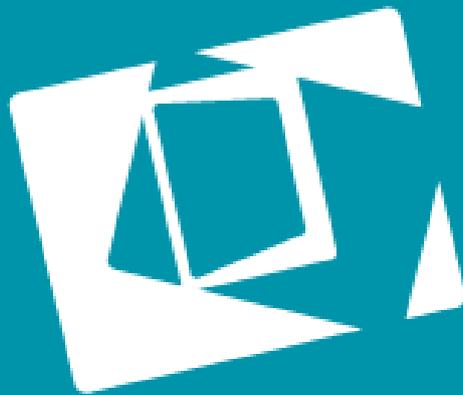
TRIPS AND VISITORS

We think it is important to have a wide range of opportunities for our children. We recognise that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom and therefore provide children with additional learning experiences. This includes trips, visitors and external workshop.

Over the last year, the children have partaken in many adventures, experiencing different activities and learning new skills. The photos on this page are examples of what we've been upto, such as trips to Chester Zoo, Skipton Castle and Blackpool with visitors coming to show the children space and a mini-farm.







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