



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 13 th Nov 2023	Flu vaccinations
Tues 14 th Nov 2023	Rec to Year 4 Sex Education Parent Workshop at 9am
Wed 15 th Nov to 21 st Nov 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in school – Hall at 3.15 to 3.30pm
Thurs 16 th Nov 2023	Year 5 and 6 Sex Education Workshop for parents at 9am Prospective Parent Morning at 10am.
Fri 17 th Nov 2023	Children in Need Day – non school uniform with the theme, Spotacular

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a blustery week at school, but that has not stopped us!

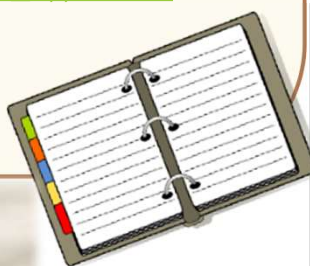
On Wednesday we welcomed in parents and carers from Year 5 to class Assembly. Year 5 told us all about their learning so far this academic year and entertained us with their fantastic singing. Well done Year 5! See our Spotlight for more details. Year 5 continued their adventures this week, taking part in a geography trip to the River Lea today. Look out for details in next weeks newsletter!

Finally, we have two amazing opportunities to join our staffing team. Currently we have a teaching assistant role available and also a SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) 1:1 teaching assistant role. Both roles are full time roles, but part time applications will also be considered. If you would like to find out a bit more about either role, please feel free to make contact with me via the school office for an informal chat. Further details and applications should be made via the Teach In Herts website:

- https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.teaching-assistant_88351.htm
- https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.send-support-assistant_87708.htm

Best wishes,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **96.8%**. Well done to Years 1, 4 and 5 who all achieved over 99%!

Manland Values Award

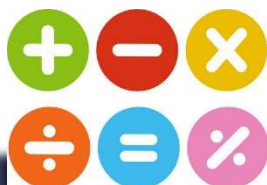
This week's recipient of the Values Award is Georgia in Reception! Georgia always challenges herself to achieve her best. Georgia decided that she wanted to try and solve a large puzzle before register. Every day she would get a little bit better and get a few more pieces into place. Georgia recruited friends to help her and one day she succeeded in completing the whole puzzle before register time! Georgia was over the moon with her achievement.

Georgia has also applied this same attitude to her reading and phonics lessons. I am very proud of the way Georgia has approached the start of her learning journey at Manland Primary School. Well done Georgia!



Spotlight on Year 5 Assembly

Thank you Year 5 for your spectacular Assembly this week! You have worked so hard this academic year – we are very proud of all of you for getting up and telling us all about your learning. Well done Year 5!



GOOD JOB



Spotlight on House Learning Displays

Following our newsletter on 20th October 2023, we thought parents/carers would be interested in seeing the amazing displays the children created throughout House Learning Day this year!



The theme of this term's House Learning Day was "The Environment" which was suggested by the children during house assembly.

All children learnt about 4 different environmental themes.



I'm sure you will agree, we have some very talented artists and eco conscious pupils at Manland!



Book Fair

With Christmas approaching (and knowing how much our children love to read!) we have arranged for the Book Fair to return to Manland!

Book Fairs are a wonderful way to promoting reading and the school also earns commission from all books sold at the fair. We use this commission to buy much needed books for Manland, so please feel free to stock up on presents at the book fair - the books are at bargain prices!

Dates

The book fair will be taking place in the school hall on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th November at 3.15pm
- Thursday 16th November at 3.15pm
- Friday 17th November at 3.15pm
- Monday 20th November at 3.15pm
- Tuesday 21st November at 3.15pm

Payment

Please be aware, we are only accepting **payments online** or via **pre paid vouchers** at the book fair.

To make a payment online at the book fair:

Parents/carers can scan a QR code and make payment for their total spend. Before checking out, please see a member of staff to confirm the total spend and then please show them confirmation that payment has been made.

To buy vouchers in advance of the book fair:

This allows your child to go along to the book fair and buy a book.

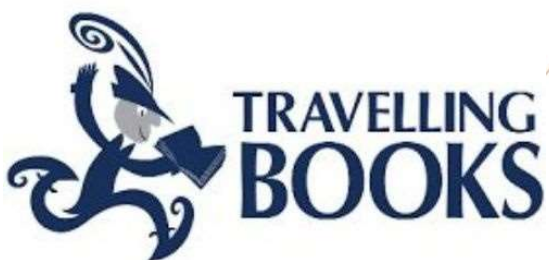
To purchase a voucher, please follow this link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/gift-vouchers>

Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash. Vouchers can be purchased up until midnight on the day before the collection of the Book Fair.

Class Wish-Lists

This year, class teachers have also prepared **class wish-lists of books they would like for their class**. Details will be up in the Hall during the book fair. If you would like to, and are able to, we would be really grateful if you are able to buy a book for a class at the book fair!





Festival on the Field

The HSA are proud to be leading on running the Festival on the Field event which takes place on **Saturday 6th July 2024**.

The festival has gained a reputation as a high-quality family event where children and families can be entertained in a relaxing, fun, and safe environment. The event attracts up to 3,200 locals. The festival is a volunteer-run fund-raising event, organised by the parents' association of Sir John Lawes School and Manland Primary School. The festival to date has raised over **£110,000 for both schools!**

You can now purchase Early Bird tickets from today here -

<https://buytickets.at/festivalonthefield1?ref=manland>

A Family of 5 only costs £76.50 which is a 10% discount. Free tickets are available for Manland families who qualify for free school meals. Just contact the school office. Its a great day, so please support your school and purchase your tickets now.

Thanks,
The HSA

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on the field

Brio and Magnetic tiles wanted!

Reception class clearly have some engineers in their midst as they are on the hunt for any second hand Brio or Magnetic tiles (e.g Magna tiles). If you have any Brio or Magnetic tiles at home that you no longer want, Reception class would love to receive them! Any donations would be gratefully received – please feel free to drop them off at the school office.



Safeguarding

If you ever have a concern about a child please ask to speak with a member of the Safeguarding Team: Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp. If you explain to the office that you have a safeguarding concern they will then be able to prioritise this.

Mr Wardle is our governor responsible for Safeguarding. Mr Wardle meets with school leaders to ensure that we have effective systems and processes in place to safeguard all children in our care.

Pupil News

We were delighted to be informed this week that **Henry G** from Year 3 has been awarded **Highly Commended** in this year's Mayor's Christmas Card Competition!

Henry and his guests have been invited to attend a Presentation Ceremony at the Town Hall with the Harpenden Mayor.

As Highly Commended, Henry is also invited to join the Winner on stage for the switch on of the Christmas Lights in the High Street at the Christmas Carnival!

Congratulations Henry!