



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 16 th October	Year 6 nurse visit
Tues 17 th October	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Thurs 19 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 20 th October	House Learning Day
Mon 23 rd – 27 th October	Half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and successful week at Manland is drawing to a close, as is – unbelievably – the first half term. It feels like the weeks are flying by; it will be Christmas before we know it!

We have enjoyed two fantastic events in school this week, beginning with a sensational Year 6 class assembly. It was wonderful to see how much the children have already learnt this year, and I can't wait to see everything they will achieve over the rest of the academic year.

We also enjoyed our Harvest Assembly today and, although it was a bit of a squeeze in the hall, it was a lovely for everyone to be together to celebrate. We are extremely grateful also for all the food and clothing donations which will be welcomed with grateful thanks by St. Albans Food Bank.

Thank you to all the parents and carers from Year 1 to Year 6 who came along to our Maths Workshop with Mr Spendlove on Tuesday. Feedback from the workshop was very positive. If you were not able to attend, the slides from the workshop can be found on classlist.

Next week, we are looking forward to parents, on Tuesday and Thursday. During parents evening, you will have the opportunity to find out about everything children have been learning so far this year and chat with the class teacher about how they have settled in to their new year group. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

With best wishes,

Mr Comer, Interim Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **96.4%**. All classes, but one, achieved over our goal of **96%** attendance. Well done everyone!

Manland Values Award

This week, Jem from Year 5 has been awarded the Manland Values Award!

Jem is an all-round pupil, who puts their all into everything that they do. He shows **responsibility** every day in class, by respecting both the adults and peers. Jem is always ready to learn and model that learning behaviour to others in class. He is often willing to make contributions in class and is keen to share his ideas. Jem is **aspirational** because he always listens to feedback given and acts on that advice. I was particularly impressed with Jem's recent suspense story where he used some wonderful descriptive language that we had been learning about in class. I am so very impressed and proud of the hard work that he has put into this first half term in Year 5.

Thank you, and congratulations Jem!





Spotlight on Sporting achievements

Girls Football

A big congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team who have been representing Manland in the Harpenden District School's Sports Association Girls Football League this term.

The team took part in the third round of matches recently and played incredibly well. The team have really developed their skills over the matches and have demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Aimee, Cora, Rae, Ella, Sienna, Maia, Gabrielle, Elouise, Annabelle and Tay!

We wish you lots of luck for the final round of league matches coming up!



Pupil News

Congratulations to Sienna in Year 6 who had a fantastic county gymnastics competition recently, coming 2nd overall in her age range. What an amazing achievement! This means Sienna will now represent Hertfordshire at the regional finals in November!

Good luck Sienna!





Water bottles



We have seen a large increase in the number of children asking for plastic cups as they have forgotten their water bottle. We are keen to reduce the amount of one use plastic waste in school. Please remember to send your child in everyday with a water bottle.

Many thanks

Families Hertfordshire Magazine

Please find below a link to the latest digital issue of Families Hertfordshire Magazine Packed with articles and activities for the coming weeks:

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fh112so23dm?fr=sMDVjYzY2NTE2NDA>

There's plenty of hands-on fun for kids, ideas for outdoor activities - and spooky Halloween excitement! And some giveaways too!

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

"Spreading a Little Happiness"

Once again Manland is supporting Rotary in Harpenden for their annual Shoebox appeal for 2023, supporting disadvantaged families in Eastern Europe.

Please take a look at the website for information on where the shoeboxes go, and ideas of what to include:

[Rotary Shoebox Scheme – Sending boxes of gifts to Eastern Europe](#)

Each box costs £3, which the office will collect on behalf of Rotary in Harpenden. We would ask for the boxes to be returned to school the first week back after half term.

If you would like a shoebox please come and see the office.

Harvest Festival

What an amazing Harvest Festival we had today! Thank you to the children for their beautiful singing and poems and also to our Harvest speakers, Reverend James Brown and the St Albans Food Bank.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers join us to celebrate the Harvest; we hope you enjoyed the children's performances as much as we did!

Thank you to all our families who contributed to the Foodbank Harvest collection. All items have now been picked up and distributed to families in need.



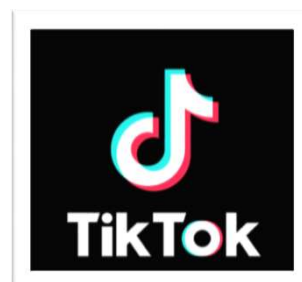


Safeguarding – Online Safety

What is TikTok?

TikTok is a short form video app. It is a place for fun and positive content created by real people around the world. Our mission is to inspire creativity and bring joy.

To sign up for TikTok, you must verify that your age is over 13.



Information below from TikTok regarding Family Pairing

Family Pairing

Parenting digital life can be daunting, which is why we offer caregivers meaningful ways to set guardrails with their teens on TikTok.

Our Family Pairing features let parents link their TikTok account to their teen's to enable a variety of content and privacy settings. We encourage caregivers to discuss the Family Pairing features with their teens, and explain why they choose to turn them on. Even without Family Pairing enabled, parents can help their teens enable our app's Digital Well-being offerings including Screen Time Management, and Restricted Mode, which are protected by a passcode set by the parent or guardian. These settings may vary depending on your region and version of the app.

More information can be found at <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-us/guardians-guide/>

The Big Ambition survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country.

This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

To find out more head to [The Big Ambition page](#).

To take part in The Big Ambition survey visit: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition or scan the QR code.



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