



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Diary Dates

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had at Manland!

We have welcomed many parents/carers in to school this week to our “meet the teacher” sessions. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended – we hope you found the sessions useful. If you were not able to attend, the slides from the sessions can be found on Classlist.

Remember, If you ever have any concerns or queries for your child’s class teacher, please either email the office at [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk), or touch base with the them at the end of the school day.

The children have had another very successful week and we have already seen some fantastic achievements in their learning. We are all confident that this is going to be a really great year at Manland.

All clubs started this week and it has been wonderful to see the children exercising their creative, cognitive and physical skills. Many of our clubs still have spaces, so if you would like your child to join, please email the office. Full details of our clubs can be found:

<https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents/clubs/>

Have a lovely weekend and a happy Rosh Hashanah to all our families celebrating the Jewish New Year.

Best wishes,

*Mr Comer, Interim Headteacher*



Date	Event
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception ‘Meet the Teacher’ – 9am
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes day – See Classlist
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents/carers at 9am
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 swimming begins
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Phonics Workshop for parents/carers at 9am  Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 2 – 6 Reading Workshop for parents/carers at 9am
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 – 6 Maths Workshop for parents/carers at 9am

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **98%**! This is fantastic – well done everyone!



## Manland Values Award

As part of the school community and the class community, it’s really important that everyone does the right thing and is where they need to be at the right time. In the short time that I’ve been Maxi’s teacher, I’ve been struck by his conscientiousness, diligence and attentiveness.

He listens carefully to explanations, which means that I can give him feedback in the lesson and very quickly move his learning forward. When lining up and transitioning around the school, Maxi is a role model to those around him and leads by example. He never needs reminding or refocussing and that in itself, is impressive! Maxi, I am very much enjoying having you in year 6 and I’m looking forward to our Year 6 journey – it’s going to be a great year!



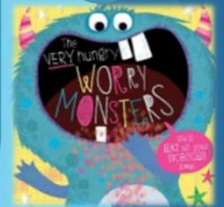
## Spotlight on Reception class

We have had a great first full week in Reception!

We have read "The Very Hungry Worry Monsters" by Rosie Greening and created our own monsters to help us eat any worries we have. We have painted some beautiful, vibrant self portraits and talked about the colours and shapes we can see in our faces. We have sung lots of songs and listened to lots of stories. One of the most important things we have been doing is explore our new learning environment and playing with all the exciting learning resources we have in there. Mr Spendlove, Miss Brougham and Mrs Fairhead have been working hard to make us feel welcome and to help us build confidence.



"I like it at school" - Isla



"The best thing is the marble run" - Georgia



Francesca showed great determination and resilience climbing the outside rope! Well done Francesca!

"I love this room" - Uzay

Whilst playing with the marble run, Milan counted the marbles. He was confident counting from 1 to 10



Chloe used a star cutter to cut out stars. She counted, "1..2..3..4..5..6..7!"



Freddie and Coco-Violet decided to be police officers. "We heard there's something wrong in the train station." Dhilan joined in, making a siren sound, imitating a police car.



After reading The Very Hungry Worry Monster in class, Uzay designed his very own worry monster. His monster eats pizza!





## Safeguarding

Just a reminder that annual consent forms (OV7C) and pupil online safety agreements went home with all pupils this week. These are safeguarding forms which must be completed and returned to school. Please check your child's bag if you have not done so already. We would appreciate it if all forms could be posted in the red post box in the school entrance hall by **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Food Rescue

The Food Rescue Hub has collection points in both Welwyn Garden City and Hitchin! Unsold food, otherwise destined for destruction, is rescued and diverted from the bin and offered to the Herts community. The uncooked food is recovered from local food-based businesses and is offered on a pay-as-you-feel (PAYF) basis, making it accessible to all.

In addition to the provision of rescued food, they also provide regular opportunities to learn about limiting food waste in your own home. For more information, follow their link:

<https://www.foodrescuehub.uk/>



## Pupil News

Congratulations to Suri in Year 6 who passed her Grade 2 Clarinet exam with merit this week! What a fantastic achievement Suri! Well done!

Do you have some pupil news you would like to share with our school community? We love to celebrate the success of our children, both in school and out of school. If your child has some news which you would like to share in the newsletter, please email us on [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk)



## Leave of Absence

To avoid disruption to learning, we ask that parents/carers book all routine medical and dental outside of school hours.

We understand that this is not always possible, so where your child does have an appointment during the school day, parents/carers need to complete a Leave of Absence form and send it to the school office at least 1 day **before** the appointment (where possible).

The Leave of Absence form can be found here: <https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents/forms/>

**All lunch food ordered from the school kitchen must be ordered by 9.30am each day.**

Therefore, if your child does have an appointment in the morning, it is very important that you complete the lunch section of the Leave of Absence form, and send it to the office before the appointment, so that the kitchen know how many meals to cook that day. If this information is not provided to the school before 9.30am, please provide your child with a packed lunch from home.