



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in school – Hall at 3.15 to 3.30pm
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in school – Hall at 3.15 to 3.30pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2023	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Occasional day – school closed to all children
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Rotary Carol Concert for the school choir at the High Street Methodist Church – evening event
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Year 3 last swim of the term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Diwali to our families who were celebrating last Sunday – we hope you had an enjoyable Festival of Light.

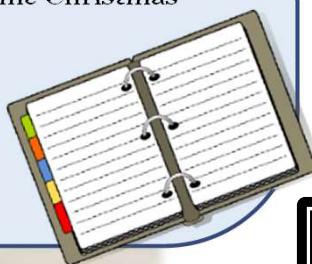
Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Reception to Year 4 Sex Education parent workshop on Tuesday this week. We hope you found the session informative. If you were not able to attend and would like any information, please make contact with Mrs Kemp, PSHE leader, via the school office.

We had a spotacular day in school today at our annual fundraising event for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who dressed up for the occasion and for any donations made via School Gateway.

Finally, a reminder that the Book Fair is still at Manland and will be running in the school hall, every day at 3.15pm until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. All payments must be made via pre paid voucher or online via a QR code. It's a great opportunity to support the school and also buy some Christmas presents.

Best wishes

*Mrs Wicks, Headteacher*



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 96.2% Congratulations to Year 3 who achieved over 99% attendance this week!

## Manland Values Award

This week's recipient of the Manland Values Award is Lucy from Year 5!

Lucy demonstrates the Manland value of responsibility every day. She is a kind and caring person who supports her peers in many ways. Equally, she is very happy to help in class, asking if she is needed to hand out books or to collect equipment etc.

I was particularly impressed with Lucy's recount on the life of William the Conqueror where she both displayed the historical knowledge that we have learnt last half term and used the techniques taught in English. I am very proud to be her teacher. Well done Lucy and keep up the hard work!





## Spotlight on Year 5 trip to the River Lea

Last Friday Year 5 walked to the River Lea to undertake a geography field trip on their topic, local rivers. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn practical geographical skills. Well done Year 5!



### Did you know?

The River Lea originates in Bedford and flows all the way to London to meet the River Thames at Bow Street.



### Did you know?

During the Middle Ages, the River Lea was used to transport good for various trades and industries.



A big **thank you** to the parent volunteers who accompanied Year 5 on their field trip, Mrs Cassell and Ms Chow!





## Spotlight on Sporting Achievements

### Harpenden District Cross Country Championships

On Tuesday this week the Manland Cross County team and their coach, Mrs Winfield, took part in the Harpenden District Cross County Championships.

All their hours of lunchtime training paid off and all children ran extremely well. Their placements resulted in Manland winning the small schools Cross Country cup for the second year on the trot! What an achievement!

Special congratulations go to:

- George (Year 5): 4<sup>th</sup> place
- April (Year 6): 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Ernie (Year 6): Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Vincent (Year 6): 4<sup>th</sup> place



A big thank you to Mrs Winfield for all the time she has volunteered running cross country club at Manland – her expertise has been invaluable and made cross country one of our most popular clubs at Manland. Thank you Mrs Winfield!







## Spotlight on Sporting Achievements

### Girls Football team

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Football Team who recently took part in the Harpenden District School's Sports Association Girls Football League this term. The team played so well over the tournament and really developed their skills over the series of matches. We are incredibly proud of you!



### National Irish Dancing

A huge congratulations to Phoebe from Year 6 who attended a National Irish Dancing competition at the weekend.

Phoebe competed throughout the weekend and was placed in several dances, including 1st in one of them.

Amazing job Phoebe!





## 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 still has 3 more dates so please feel free to come along and browse the books:

- Friday 17th November at 3.15pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

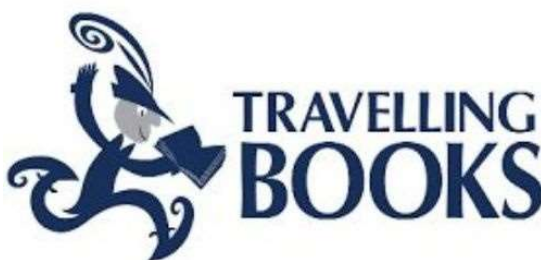
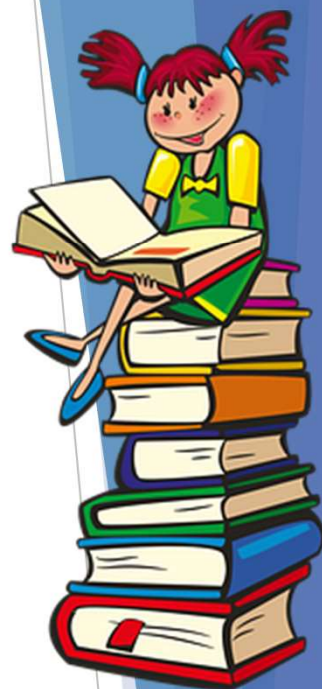
To purchase a voucher, please follow this link:

<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!





## Safeguarding: Parent/Carers online safety workshops

Empowered Online!, Watford FC CSE Trust mental wellbeing programme, will be hosting five **free** monthly online parent/ carer workshops with the aim to give parents/carers knowledge to support their young people online. The sessions will be facilitated by representatives from the NSPCC.

The next session will be taking place **23<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm via Zoom.**

If you wish to sign up, please use the link here <https://forms.office.com/e/gGtXThSHma>

These workshops will offer support around:

- Children's online safety and the online digital world.
- Children's use of technology.
- Signs of online abuse and bullying.
- Making space for conversations and talking with your child.
- Practical ways to keep your children safe.
- Modelling good behaviour.
- Persuasive design of the online world and managing screen time



**Staying Safe**

For more information please contact Empower project officer at [empower@watfordfc.com](mailto:empower@watfordfc.com)



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# Empowered Online!

A series of monthly online sessions delivered by Watford FC's Community Sports and Education Trust and the NSPCC, to support parents and carers in the local community. Sessions will be held via Zoom and will consist of a 30 minute workshop plus a 15 minute Q&A.

**Next session: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 | 7pm**

