



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Empowering children to lead fulfilling lives

Friday 19th January 2024



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thurs 25 th January 2024	Year 1 class assembly at 9am
Wed 31 st January 2024	Year 3 Ancient Egypt workshop
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Tag Rugby Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) – invite only
Tuesday 13 th February 2024	Year 6 Parent SATS meeting at 9.00am
Wednesday 14 th February 2024	Year 2 class assembly at 9am



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95%**.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our lunchtime and after school clubs kicked off this week. We are incredibly proud of the range of super curricula activities on offer at Manland and this term is no exception. 19 clubs are on offer this term, ranging from sporting activities to lego building to baking and art – we hope there is something for everyone!

A special mention to two parent/carers who are running clubs this term – Mrs Wollaston who is running Chess club again and Ms Begum who is running Lego club. We are incredibly grateful to you both for volunteering your time to provide our children with these wonderful experiences – thank you.

We are always on the look out for support with clubs. If you think you could run a club at Manland in the future, either alone or with another parent/carer, please do get in contact with the office. We are keen to provide our pupils with the widest possible range of experiences - so if you are a keen photographer, ball room dancer, speak a different language, whatever, and you think you could run a club at Manland for a term, please do get in contact.

Many thanks

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

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Manland Values Award

The Manland Values Award winner this week is Scarlett from Year 5!

Scarlett consistently works hard at school demonstrating the Manland value of responsibility every day. She is a kind and caring person who supports her peers in many ways. She enjoys and excels at sport.

Scarlett is also aspirational with her attitude to learning. She arrives at school promptly, is always ready to learn and completes every task to the best of her ability.

I was particularly impressed how Scarlett's confidence has grown over this year. She even demonstrated her gymnastics skills in front of the class!

Scarlett is a pleasure to teach and I am very proud to be her teacher. Well done and keep up the hard work!



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Spotlight on Aspiration



This term we are focusing on our value of Aspiration and we started this off this week with the first of our parent/carer talks on aspirational jobs!

A big thank you to Joshua (Year 4) and Bethany's (Year 2) Mum, Dr Liu, for coming in to talk to the children all about her job as an anaesthetist.

The children really enjoyed hearing all about Dr Liu's work at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, helping people who are poorly and in pain.

Thank you Dr Liu for everything you do to help people and for providing our pupils with such high aspirations.

Dr Liu's job

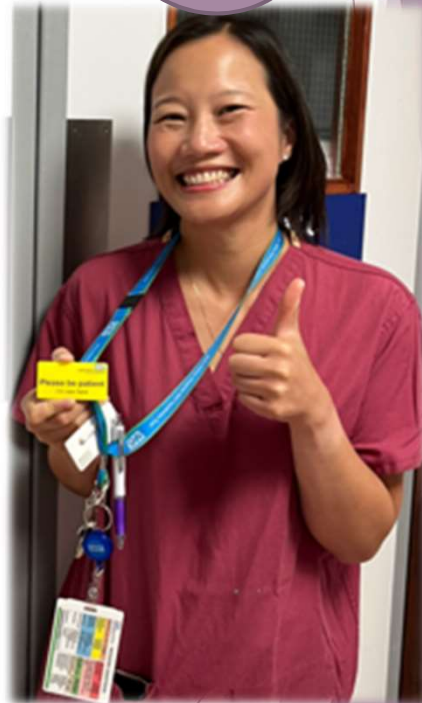
I am an anaesthetist.

I work in a hospital.

I help people go to sleep for an operation.

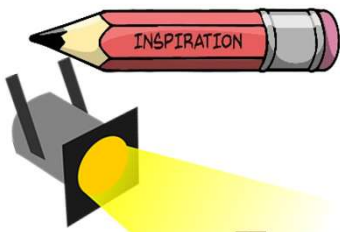
I help take away pain when it hurts.

I help look after very poorly people.



We are continuing with these assemblies this term with our ongoing priority of **empowering children to lead fulfilling lives**, with talks from parents/carer on a wide range of aspirational jobs, including Software Engineering, Data Scientists, Town Planners, Advertising, Radiology, Hotel Marketing and Communications, Engineer and Construction Solicitors, Scientists and Barristers and Judges – we cannot wait!

Thank you to all our parents/carers taking part – our children will get so much out of hearing about what you do and how they can aspire to achieve similar jobs.



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Spotlight on EYFS

Expressive Art & Design and Maths



This week, Reception class were flexing their creative and mathematical skills, baking the most delicious looking Gingerbread men! The school smelt wonderful all day!

The children used a range of skills throughout the baking process. They developed their motor skills mixing the ingredients, rolling out the dough and cutting out their people. They also developed their understanding of how food is made, the importance of washing their hands and even showed their creativity as they decorated the biscuits. We were extremely impressed with their baking skills! Well done Reception class - we hope this inspires you to do more cooking at home!



"My favourite bit was rolling out the dough!"

"I liked mixing all the ingredients together"





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Governance

We were fortunate to welcome four school Governors in to school this week.

Excellent governance is essential in every educational setting and we are fortunate to have a committed and knowledgeable Governing body.

On Tuesday, Mr Wardle (Safeguarding Governor) met with one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mr Comer, to review safeguarding procedures in school. Various topics were discussed, including safe recruitment for staff, volunteers and Governors and online safety. Mr Wardle also spoke with staff to understand how our safeguarding procedures work in practice.



On Wednesday, Dr Bagga (Inclusion Governor) met with our Inclusion Leader, Mrs Kemp to discuss how Manland ensures it's curriculum is adaptive and inclusive. Dr Bagga also met with pupils who talked to him about their experiences of learning at Manland.

On Thursday, Mr Geeson (Pupil Premium Governor) was in school and met with our Pupil Premium Leader, Mr Comer. They discussed how Manland ensures that all pupils have the same experiences at school, both in terms of the curriculum and super curricula activities.

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Montgomery, was in school on Friday. She regularly meets with Mrs Weeks to ensure the effective strategic leadership of the school. She is a critical friend and provides invaluable support.

A big thank you to our Governors for coming in to visit and for all the time they volunteer to support the school. You are always welcome in school – the children love meeting you and telling you about their experiences.



Financial Support

We want all our families to get the support they are entitled to and we always want to pass on any cost saving ideas we hear about.

The cost of medical prescriptions is an essential cost for many families. It is worth checking to see if you are entitled to free NHS prescriptions using the [eligibility checker](#).

For families who do not qualify for free NHS prescriptions, the NHS offer a Prescription Pre-payment Certificate (PCC) [link here](#). The certificate covers all NHS prescriptions for a set price, so although there is an initial outlay, you can save money if you regularly need medication. Generally, if you need more than 3 items in a 3 months, or 11 items in 12 months, it is more cost effective to use a PCC.

The prescription charge in England is £9.65 **per item**. A PPC currently costs: £31.25 for 3 months or £111.60 for 12 months.





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Moving On From / To Manland

Secondary School applications

A reminder to all parents with children who applied for a place at a secondary school this year that National Allocation Day is coming up on **1st March 2024**.

If you applied online, the schools admissions team will email you on that day, or you can log in to the admissions system to check your allocation.

If you applied on paper, the schools admissions team will send you a notification letter and response form by first class post.

The deadline for accepting your offer is **15th March 2024**. For those parents/carer who applied online, you can use online facilities to opt out, make a new application or an appeal.

Further important dates for the process can be found here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/important-dates-secondary-school-admissions.aspx>



Reception 2024

A reminder to all parents/carers with children who applied for a place in Reception for September 2024 that National Allocation Day is coming up on **16th April 2024**.



We are delighted to be oversubscribed for our Reception 2024 class. This is a fantastic achievement in a period of low birth rate across Hertfordshire and is testament to the passionate way our Year 6 children talked about our school, both in their House Captain speeches and their ambassador tours. It is also due to the huge support and community spirit provided by our HSA volunteers and our parents, **Mrs Barcock and Mrs Smyth**, who spoke at the open mornings about what it was like to be a parent/carer at Manland.

Thank you to everyone who helped out – we cannot wait to meet our new pupils!

Birthday Party Hirings

We wanted to remind parents/carers that Manland hires out its Hall, Kitchen, KS1 play area and toilets on weekends and evenings for children's birthday parties!

The rate is £40 per hour. Keys and locking up instructions can be picked up from the office the week before the event, and then dropped back to the office after the event.

In the interests of neighbourly relations, we do not hire out the KS2 playground or field. In addition, we do not hire out for adult parties – again, due to neighbourly relations.

A Birthday Party application form can be found attached to the newsletter or is available on request from the school office.

