



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it was a short week, it was still another action packed week at Manland!

We have been enjoying hearing the Manland Year 6 choir rehearse for the upcoming Rotary Carol concert next week. Their beautiful singing is really getting us in the Christmas spirit! Good luck to all the choir members representing the school at the concert next Wednesday – Aimee, April, Ella, Evie, Henry, Maia, Matilda, Maxi, Phoebe, Sienna and Tay.

We are looking forward to the HSA Christmas fete tomorrow from 2pm. So much work goes in to this event and it is always a highlight of the year for the children. This year there be games and stalls, Santa's grotto, bar, hot drinks and cupcakes, face painting and glitter tattoos, external stalls, Glaze Time, live raffle draw and music from the school choir, The Leftovers and the Harpenden Concert Band.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard putting the event together. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wed 6 th December 2023	Rotary Carol Concert for the school choir at the High Street Methodist Church – evening event
Thurs 7 th December 2023	Year 3 last swim of the term
Mon 11 th December 2023	Last week for school run clubs (external club dates may be different – please check with them directly)
Tues 12 th December 2023	Prospective parent morning at 10am
Thurs 14 th December 2023	Nativity for parents and younger siblings at 1.30pm



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.7%** This is below our target of 96%.



Manland Values Award

This week's Manland Values award goes to Mattie in Year 4!

Mattie is a beacon of inspiration in the Year 4 classroom. Mattie is a dedicated and positive student who pushes himself in every lesson and learning opportunity. With this commitment to his studies, he approaches each day with a contagious optimism that not only uplifts the entire class but regularly brings a smile to my face.

Mattie is also a dependable and good friend that looks to put his friend's needs above his own. I look forward to what the rest of this year brings.

Mr Brittin





Safeguarding: Attendance

Monitoring the attendance of our pupils is an important part of our statutory safeguarding responsibilities. We thought it would be useful to provide parents/carers with an overview of responsibilities around attendance:

What Parents/Carers must do:

- Telephone or email the school before 8.50am **each day** of your child's absence. Please leave an answer phone message if the phone is busy.
- Try to book any routine medical, dental etc. appointments outside of school hours.
- Tell the school in advance, of any appointments which cannot take place outside of school hours – complete and send in a Leave of Absence form:
<https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents/forms/>
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, check NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

What school will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Update you if your child's attendance falls below 96%.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Pupil News

Joshua (Y4) and Bethany (Y2) Harding dressed up as doctors and were part of the Bedfordshire Hospitals float in the Harpenden Carnival. They walked in the parade carrying the donation bucket, collecting donations for the Luton & Dunstable Hospital Critical Care Garden Appeal.

Well done Joshua and Bethany – what inspirational behaviour!





Spotlight on Amazon Wishlist



The Manland Wish List

Thank you to the parents and carers who have bought our pupils a Christmas present from our wish list – we cannot wait to see the children using the new resources! There is still plenty of time to buy something if you would like to.

This year, our wish list concentrates on resources for:

- Science
- Computing
- Early Years, and
- General classroom and cleaning resources

Our wish list can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/2WkudYM>

If you are able to 'buy us a gift', we don't mind if it is delivered directly to school or to your home address- whatever is easiest for you. A small reminder that Manland's address is:

Manland Primary School

Sauncey Avenue

Harpenden

AL5 4QW

(There is **no number** before "Sauncey Avenue")



As always, we recognise the current financial challenges that many of our families are facing and we do not want anyone to feel obliged to purchase a gift.

A big thank you to the families who have been able to contribute to our resources this week

- The Budd Family
- Anonymous donor





Spotlight on fundraising

Did you know, there are two easy ways you can raise vital funds for Manland when you are shopping? These donations really mount up and make a big difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

EasyFundraising.org

Manland School is registered with easyfundraising.org, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/manlandhsa/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-tw1

AmazonSmile
No donations

eBay
Up to 1.00% donation



JUST EAT
Up to 2.00% donation

John Lewis & Partner...
Up to 1.00% donation

Viking
Up to 6.00% donation



Marks and Spencer
Up to 5.00% donation

Etsy
Up to 2.00% donation

Waitrose & Partners
Up to £1.23 donation

Screwfix
Up to 0.50% donation

Sports Direct
Up to 1.50% donation

H&M
Up to 3.00% donation

Booking.com
Up to 4.00% donation

My School Fund: Sainsburys and Argos

You can also raise funds for Manland when shopping at Sainsbury's and Argos. My School Fund is an initiative that combines the spending power of parents and carers to boost school budgets. For every £1 spent in store, **1% will go to Manland** (terms and conditions apply) **and 2% will go to you**. This cashback is redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be accessed by logging into your account on the My School Fund website. To register, take the following steps:

- Step 1: Visit myschoolfund.org to sign up for free and link your account to Manland Primary
- Step 2: Register your credit/debit card to your account
- Step 3: Spend at participating retailers
- Step 4: Start receiving your eGift Cards!





Pupil work

This week we wanted to share some amazing work with you from one of our pupils in Year 5, George P!

This week, Year 5 were tasked with writing a cinquain poem. Mrs Barker was so impressed with George P's effort and we think you will be too!

Field of Poppies

By George P (Year 5)

Poppies,
Overgrown fields,
Fields of fire red poppies.
The poppies moving in the wind.
Poppies.

Poppies,
Oh my poppies.
We remember who fought,
Who fought for their life and country,
Poppies.

Poppies
Poppies, so bright,
Rays of sun shining down
Poppies, poppies, oh fire poppies
Poppies.



Netball news

Last week the A & B netball squad were in action, hosting St Nicolas in two exciting home games. The A team had an excellent game, ending in a 6-1 win for Manland. Well done to **Phoebe** who was voted player of the match by the opposing team. The B team also put on a great performance and had a very close game. They lost 2-1 in the end after lots of good play. Well done to **Rae** who was voted player of the match by the opposing team.



Yesterday, the squad had another set of matches at Roundwood. Excellent netball was played by the A team, who were the stronger team, moving the ball up and down the court. The game ended in a 5-5 draw after Roundwood scored a couple of goals in the last few minutes of the game. Congratulations, again, to **Phoebe** who was voted player of the match by Roundwood. The B team also played some excellent netball and won their game 2-1! Congratulations to **Cora** who was voted player of the match by the Roundwood team.

Well done to everyone in the netball squad for your fantastic performances!



Christmas at Manland

Christmas is coming and look at the beautiful post box delivered this week by the HSA!

A special thank you to **Mrs Meller** for her work on the post box – it is absolutely beautiful and really gives the entrance hall some festive cheer!

Children are welcome to put their Christmas cards in the post box in the days leading up to the end of term. Please can parents/carers make sure the name and year group of the recipient is written clearly on the outside of the envelope.

The Manland elves will start delivering the cards to recipients in the near future.



Christmas Diary Dates

Saturday 2nd December 2023: HSA School Fete

Friday 6th December 2023: Rotary Carol Concert (evening) at High Street Methodist Church for the Year 6 choir. Tickets will be given to choir members – 1 per child.

Thursday 14th December 2023: Reception – Year 2: Nativity performance for parents/carers and younger siblings at 1.30pm

Friday 15th December 2023: Reception – Year 2: Nativity performance for parents/carers at 9.30am

Monday 18th December 2023: Christingle Service at school and Christmas Jumper Day (normal school uniform, with a Christmas jumper, if you would like)

Tuesday 19th December 2023: Whole school trip to the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' (normal school uniform)

Wednesday 20th December 2023: Class Christmas parties and Christmas Lunch for children (normal school uniform). **End of term at 1.15pm**