



Manland Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 5 class have been away on their residential trip. Residential trips are an important part of a child's personal development, particularly in the run up to secondary school transition. We have loved hearing all about Year 5's adventures every day and we are incredibly proud of them.

I also want to thank Mrs Barker, Mrs Talley and Miss Jackson who took time away from their own lives and families to accompany Year 5 on the trip.

Finally, a reminder that the book fair is at Manland! It will be running every day at 3.15pm in the hall, with the last day being Tuesday 26th March. Cash payments are not permitted at the book sale; please either pay using the QR code or buy a pre paid voucher (please see the classlist from 19th March for full details).

Best wishes

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 20th – Tuesday 26th March	Scholastic Book Fair, each day at 3.15pm in the Hall
Friday 22nd March	School run clubs finish (check with external club providers for their end date)
Tuesday 26th March	Year 6 Spring Music Festival (rehearsal & performance) – Year 6 choir only
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3 & Year 4 Spring Concert for parents at 9.05am
Thursday 28th March	Easter Egg Hunt for children



Attendance

Our attendance for the week is **95.9%**. This is slightly lower than the expected 96%.



Manland Values Award

This week's winner of the Manland Value Award is William from Year 4!

Since William stepped into Year 4, he has been setting the bar high for himself across all subjects. His determination and willingness to take on challenges in every subject is truly inspiring.

William is also inspirational in the sporting arena, especially in football. What really makes him shine is how he is always there to support his friends.

William, you should be so proud of yourself. Keep being amazing! You are going to do incredible things on your Manland journey.



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Spotlight on Early Years Reading

Reception class had a brilliant time on their library trip last Friday! The children were absolutely brilliant and should all be very proud of their behaviour. They sat and listened beautifully and were very sensible walking, crossing roads and watching out for sneaky driveways.



Reception class met Tala, the alien who loves books! They also listened to the librarian who told them all the different things they can do at the library.



Reception class explored the library, choosing books to read together.

After listening to a story all about the library, they walked back to school, just in time for lunch. Great work Reception!



Thank you to our helpers, **Ms Mash** and **Mr Yallop** who accompanied Reception class on this trip!





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Spotlight on RE

Year 1 had a lovely visit to the local church this week. Reverend James greeted year 1 at the door and welcomed them into the church, where the children sat sensibly in the pews. They learnt all about the Christian Easter story, which Reverend James retold with the help of the children and various props. He even had a large model of the tomb and the stone where Jesus' body was taken!

"I liked it when I was at the front breaking up the bread." - Wilfred



All the children took part making a crown together using thorns. The children thought of some interesting questions to ask Reverend James at the end.

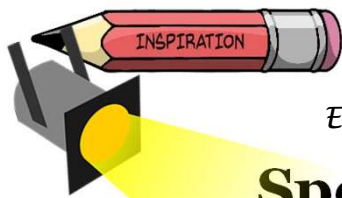
"My favourite part was when everybody got to go and put a thorn on top to make a crown." - Bonnie

"My favourite part was when I was chosen to wave the flag." - Charlie C

Back at school in the afternoon, the children consolidated their learning with a visit from 'JUMP' and used drama techniques to retell the story. What a wonderful day Year 1 had!

A big thank you to our helpers, **Mrs Keicher and Ms Begum** who accompanied Year 1 on this trip!



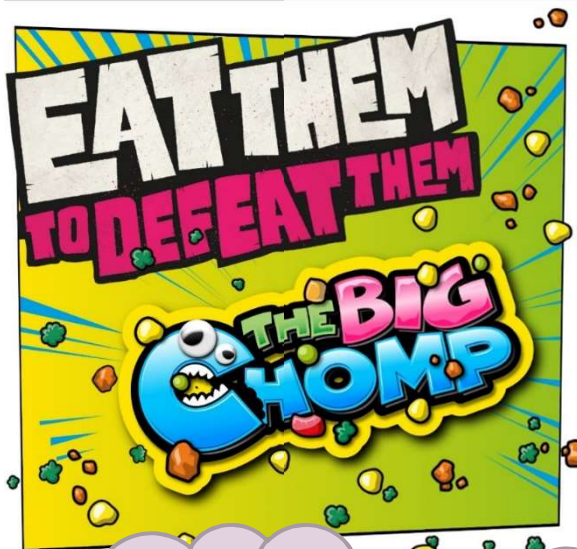


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Spotlight on Healthy Eating

“Eat Them to Defeat Them” returned to Manland on Monday 26th February 2024 and we are pleased to announce that lots of our pupils have been munching, crunching and chomping the vegetables on offer each week!

We have 1 more week to go on the march to victory! Join the Big Chomp if you have not done so already!



“Today it was tomato bread and I didn’t even notice the difference!”
Phoebe, Year 6

“I got a sticker for eating sweetcorn!” Isla,
Reception

“Today it was broccoli – it was delicious!” Cali,
Year 3



“The children are doing so well trying new foods” – Nicola,
HCL



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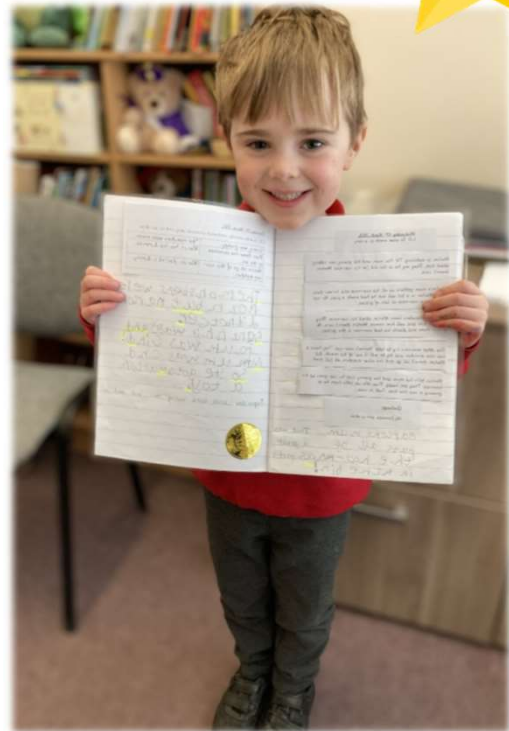


Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Charlie C from Year 1 for his fantastic piece of writing on the Last Noo-Noo by Jilly Murphy!

Charlie's writing!

Charlie's favourite part of the story was when Marlon's Mum put all the Noo-Noos in the bin!



Recycling at Manland

Since being installed in the Summer holidays, the clothes recycling bank at Manland has generated income of **£150** for the school and saved countless items going to landfill! Thank you to all those who have contributed!

Please feel free to use the clothes bank whenever you need. Although there is no parking on site for parents/carers, you are welcome to drive down the driveway to drop off items at the clothing recycling bank. Just buzz at the gates for access.

The bank accepts: clean clothing and paired shoes, in bags please. It does not take: dirty or damp clothing, carpets, rugs, single shoes, paper or rubbish.



Reading Corner

Our 'Get Caught Reading' competition will close on Monday **15th April**.

Hopefully, this will give children a chance to take their books away on any travels or experiences over the Easter holidays.

Please send all entries to admin@manland.herts.sch.uk.

We can't wait to see where you'll get caught reading!





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Netball News

The Year 5 and 6 netball players have been very busy! Last week they travelled to both St Nicholas and St Dominic's Schools where both teams enjoyed playing some great netball. After a tough game against St Nicholas, the A team girls ended up losing 5-2 and the B team 1-0 but all worked so hard. Well done to all the girls for working so hard. A special well done to **Rae** and **Rudy-Belle** who were both voted players of the match by the opposition.

A close game against St Dominic's saw the A team finish with a 1-1 draw. Well done to **Phoebe** who was voted player of the match. The B team played really well and won their game 5-4! Well done girls! A special well done to **Gabrielle** who the St Dominic's team voted player of the match.



Tuesday this week saw both the A and B team achieve wins against The Lea. Some excellent netball played. Well done to all!

On Wednesday, a group of 10 girls attended the Harpenden school's netball tournament. They played 5 different schools enjoying some great netball and all working hard. Well done girls!



Football



The boys football team had a game against St Dominic's this week. A very close game where all involved played brilliant football. The Manland boys did so well finishing the game with 1-1 draw against a St Dominic's team who have so far been unbeaten in the league!

Karate News

Congratulations to Adam, Nico and Stanley from Year 2 who took part in their first karate grading of the year last weekend. They all successfully moved up in the belts!

It takes lots of practice and effort to go up a grade – well done!



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Festival on the Field

Just a reminder that the 6th biennial Festival on the Field is fast approaching! The festival has gained a reputation as a high-quality family event where children and families can be entertained in a relaxing, fun, and safe environment. The festival is organised by our very own HSA, together with the PTA of Sir John Lawes School, and, to date, has **raised over £110,000 for both schools!**

To buy a ticket, go to: <https://www.festivalonthefield.co.uk/>

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Childcare Sufficiency in Hertfordshire survey

Hertfordshire County Council produces an annual childcare sufficiency report that is made available to the public. The report enables the council to understand the current market position across Hertfordshire for childcare. The results of this survey help them:

- establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- support the sustainability of places in Hertfordshire
- support the development of places where needed

Herts County Council want to hear from you! To complete the survey, please click below:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/8GWXXA/>

Harpenden History Competition



We received some fantastic entries towards the Harpenden & District Local History Schools Competition!

Good luck to everyone taking part!

You can find out more about the Harpenden History Society, from their website:

<https://www.harpenden-history.org.uk/>

