



Manland Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 26th April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception class had a wonderful start to the week, visiting Knebworth House and the Dinosaur trail to further their knowledge on their topic of dinosaurs. The children behaved extremely well and had a fantastic time. Thank you to our parent volunteers who accompanied the class.

A reminder that Monday 29th April is 'Dress Like a Rock Star Day' at Manland. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their TT Rockstar avatar or their favourite rock star! Parent workshops for parents of children in Year groups 2 to 6 will be taking place on the day, and pupils will spend additional time on their times table learning on the day.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Friends of Manland who hosted the Manland Olympic Marathon on Sunday – it was truly a gold medal performance by all!

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| Monday 29 th April | Dress Like A Rock Star Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent workshop (Year 2 – Year 4) 9:00-9:30Parent workshop (Year 5 – Year 6) 9:30-10:00 Year 4 Maths Challenge event (invite only) |
| Wednesday 1 st May | Year 3 & Year 4 District Football Rally (invitation only) |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Tuesday 7 th May | KS2 Chess Jamboree (invite only) |
| Friday 10 th May | Year 3 History trip to Verulamium Museum |
| Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May | Year 6 SATS week, including Year 6 breakfast from 8.10am |



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 96.9%

Manland Values



Manland Values Award

This week's winner of the Manland Values Award is Annabelle from year 5!

Annabelle constantly displays the value of "inspiration". She leads by example and always tries her hardest at everything, even if she finds it difficult.

Recently, I have been so impressed with Annabelle's Maths where you can see the effort she is putting in and the progress that she is making. Well done!

Back in the autumn term I was lucky enough to watch Annabelle playing football and I was impressed with her determination and the effort that she put into the games that she played.

I am proud to be her teacher every day. Well done Annabelle.



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Spotlight on Friends of Manland – the Great Manland Makeover!

Friends of Manland would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who supported the inaugural Olympic Marathon on Sunday! The event raised a truly incredible £6,735 for The Great Manland Makeover and we are now well on our way towards classroom refurbishment!

This money, together with the funds we already have via direct debit donations from our regular FOM donors, will be spent on new flooring for all of the classrooms and the staff room coupled with new blinds for the windows and new lighting.



We would like to thank the children for taking part with great enthusiasm and to all of the Manland Parents and your extended families for the generous sponsorship.

We are a small team of trustees and so the event was only possible due to the amazing volunteers running the stations on the day. We are so very grateful for the support we have received and look forward to seeing the exciting changes in the classrooms at Manland in the months ahead!

From the FOM Trustees - Hayley Sargeant, Sarah Bedingfield, Emily Hindell, Phil Tromans, Nicola Eccles and Gareth Antcliffe.



"On behalf of the school, a huge well done and thank you to Mrs Sargeant and Friends of Manland for their incredible work hosting this event" – Mrs Wicks





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Spotlight on Safeguarding – Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like mobile phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

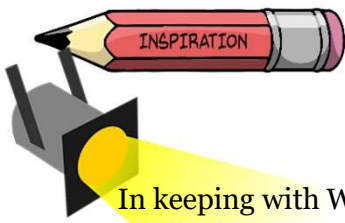


It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety online and you need support, please ask to speak to our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Wicks, or one of the Deputy DSLs, Mr Comer and Mrs Kemp.



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Spotlight on Reading

In keeping with World Book Day's theme of 'read your way', we challenged children to 'get caught reading' over the Easter holidays. It's fair to say, that regardless of landscape, wildlife and destination, nothing can distract the children at Manland from reading! A huge thank you to everyone who entered. Congratulations must go to Emma in Year 1 and Edward in Year 3 who were the KS1 and KS2 winners – a £10 book token is on its way to each of you!

**KS1
Winner!**



**KS2
Winner!**





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Spotlight on Early Years

Reception class had a brilliant time at Knebworth House on Monday. This was their first school trip on a coach! The children were very well-behaved and should be proud of how mature and brave they were.

When Reception class arrived at Knebworth House, they met their guide, Michael, who introduced them to some dinosaurs and told them a short story. Reception then went to solve the maze and find the lion in the middle. When they had finished the maze, they walked through the gardens and met some other storybook characters.



A big thank you to Mrs Steele and Mr Yallop for accompanying Reception on the trip!

Reception then headed to the Dino trail, where there were lots of life-sized dinosaurs to find and lots of information. They played some games together and sang some songs before going to another garden to do some drawing.

In the afternoon, Reception then went back to the garden for some special choosing time. There were a range of Dino-themed activities for them to try including croquet, dinosaur stories and dinosaur hoopl. They finished the day with a dinosaur parachute game before heading back to the coach and to school.





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Spotlight on Science

On Wednesday last week, Year 5 were off exploring space and developing their learning on the solar system! Inside the mobile planetarium, pupils learnt more about many aspects of space, from the solar system, how it all works together and the size of the planets, to space exploration including the Apollo Moon landings, the ISS and future missions! Pupils had a fantastic time developing their science knowledge. We are pleased to report that all pupils returned safely back to Earth, just in time for home time.



Cora: "I was amazed that the last person to walk on the moon put his daughter's initials on the moon and they may still be there!"

Gene: "I enjoyed learning more about the planets around the Sun."

Rae: "I liked finding out why it is called the Milky Way and Galaxy"



Edie: "I learned that when we see stars in the sky we are seeing into the past."



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Meet Herbert!

A special little visitor has been seen wandering around Manland the last few days!

Whilst hedgehogs are generally nocturnal, it is not uncommon for hedgehogs to be out during the day in the Summer months. Our hedgehog visitor, who we have named Herbert, appears to be active, bright and healthy and therefore the advice is to leave them be.

If you do come across Herbert, please give them plenty of space so they can continue their journey, and keep your voices quiet so as not to frighten them.

Thank you to the **Harding** family for the wonderful photo!



Cyber Resilience

Smartphones, tablets, phablets... they are great and enhance both our personal and business life. They are now as powerful as our traditional computers and can travel with us wherever we venture, ensuring that we can respond on the go.

But with the convenience of always being connected comes some additional risk in the terms of theft, loss and insecure connection.

With cyber attacks on the rise in the UK, here are 5 top tips to keep your devices, and the information on them, more secure.



- Switch on password protection – a complex PIN or password will stop the average criminal gaining access to your device.
- Make sure lost or stolen devices can be tracked, locked or wiped - there are lots of online guides about how to set this up for a device
- Keep your devices up to date - operating systems are frequently updated to fix vulnerabilities that get discovered as well as new functionalities. If you don't update then you might be giving criminals an open entrance to your data.
- Keep your apps up to date - as above
- Don't connect to unknown Wi-Fi hotspots - untrusted Wi-Fi hotspots create an amazing opportunity for cyber criminals to get in between you and the connection point. They can pretend to be the legitimate connection but instead monitor all of the traffic you send out, which could be your log in credentials. Either use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) before connecting to these services or tether your device to your phone.



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Staff news



Undoubtedly, some of you watched the London Marathon coverage at the weekend. Did you spot any Manland staff? Mrs Ebbs has been training very hard for the past 16 weeks and successfully completed the marathon on Sunday!

Mrs Ebbs, we are so very proud of you – what a wonderful achievement! You truly are an inspiration to us all. Well done!

School Clubs

Thank you to parents/carers who signed their child up to Summer term clubs. If your child has been allocated a space, the club will now appear in your Payment Items in School Gateway.

Please can parents/carers make your club contributions as soon as possible via School Gateway.

At Manland, we use School Gateway for all payments. Instructions on how to use School Gateway can be found attached to the newsletter.

Early Years Outside Area

A big thank you to the parents, carers, Governors and Harpenden MP, Bim Afolami, who re-opened our renovated early years outside area last Friday.

This project would not have been possible without the Manland HSA and we want to thank everyone who has helped raised funds for the HSA in recent months. Particular thanks to **Mrs Arnold** for all her hard work on this project.





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Pupil News



Congratulations to Tom from Year 2 who won his first matchplay tennis event last weekend at Hadley Wood LTC! Tom won the U8s category. Well done Tom – all your hard work is paying off!



Pupil News

Congratulations to our winners from the Harpenden & District Local History Competition! Last weekend, Henry (Year 3), Olivia (Year 1) and Francesca (Reception) were presented with their awards by the High Sheriff and Harpenden Mayor. Well done everyone! We are incredibly proud of you!

