



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2022



Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Mon 2 nd October | Parents evening appointment system opens for bookings at 6pm Year 2 – 6 Reading Workshop for parents/carers at 9am |
| Tues 10 th October | Year 1 – 6 Maths Workshop for parents/carers at 9am |
| Thurs 12 th October | Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am |
| Friday 13 th October | Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly for parents/carers at 9am |

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week for offsite visits with both Year 3 and Year 6 heading out of school this week. Year 3 began their weekly swimming trips to Harpenden pool and Year 6 were off site today on a trip to St Albans Fire Station, taking part in the Crucial Crew program.

Crucial crew aims to help children to assess the risks and dangers of everyday activities and teaches children how to act accordingly. Year 6 represented the school beautifully on their trip and learnt a great deal – look out for further details in next week's newsletter.

On the topic of trips and super curricula activities, we are really keen that no pupil at Manland misses out on an opportunity due to financial circumstances. We are fortunate to have the support of two charities in Harpenden, who can provide financial assistance for school pupils; the James Marshall Foundation and the Harpenden Trust. Please do also let the school know if you are experiencing financial difficulties so we can support you as best we can. All information will be treated confidentially.

With best wishes,

Mr Comer, Interim Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 96.1% Well done to Year 2 who achieved 99% attendance!



Manland Value Award

This week's award is given to Jude from Year 4!

Jude is a dedicated student and has embarked on this academic year with unwavering motivation and enthusiasm.

Each day he starts with a positive and focused attitude, ready to seize every lesson as an opportunity for growth of knowledge.



Jude has also demonstrated a remarkable maturity and friendly manner that leaves a lasting impression on all. He consistently uplifts his learning partners, engages in joyful play during break and lunch times, and radiates positivity towards all his classmates.

As his teacher, I couldn't be prouder of the kind and hardworking student I have in my class.

Well done Jude!





Spotlight on...House Captains

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who put themselves forward to be a House Captain. The votes have now been counted and verified and we are delighted to present to you our new House Captains for 2023-24.
Congratulations!





Spotlight on Friends of Manland

We are so grateful that many parents and carers have already reached out this term and asked about Friends of Manland (FOM) and how best they can support Manland Primary school. Several new families have already pledged their support by joining our direct debit scheme and we are absolutely delighted by this.

The charitable purpose of FOM is '*to advance the education of pupils at Manland Primary School.*' We work alongside the HSA to increase the funds available to the school, with the HSA having a focus on building a strong school community, and FOM providing educational resources.

Some of the recent FOM donations to the school:

May 2022: £10,000 raised through the 'Heart of the School' campaign for essential building works to repair and refurbish the School Library

September: 2022: £7,500 to cover the cost of educational subscriptions used by teachers across all year groups

November 2022: £2,500 for additional library fit out and furniture costs

March 2023: £7,500 'Cost of Living Crisis Grant' to help bridge the gap between spiralling costs and LEA funding in order to safeguard against cuts to resources.

May 2023: £7,500 to pay for 15 new laptops and a storage trolley for use in computing lessons across all year groups.

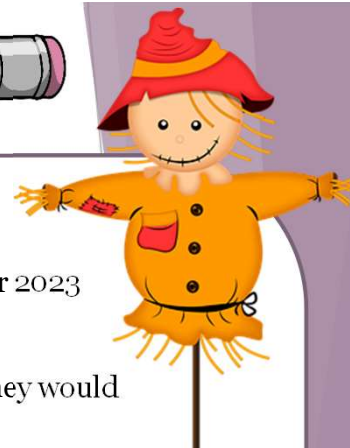
As trustees we continue to be amazed by the generosity shown by many families in supporting FOM and the school, both through the direct debit scheme and through one-off donations to our additional campaigns. However, the school continues to face significant financial challenges and we would be so grateful if you would consider becoming a regular donor.

Currently 55 Manland families contribute to FOM regularly via direct debit. The average contribution per family is £20 per month.

If more families join the direct debit scheme we will be able to **help the school fund educational resources so that its core funding can be used to safeguard classroom staff.**

All donations are entirely voluntary and confidential. You can find out more and sign up to the scheme via our website <https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents/friends-of-manland>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please chat to one of the FOM parent trustees: Hayley Sargeant, Sarah Rowley, Emily Hindell and Nicola Jacks.



Harvest

You are cordially invited to Manland's Harvest Festival on 13th October 2023 from 9.00am!

The children are busy preparing songs to celebrate the occasion and they would love to see as many of you there as possible.

On the day, school will be collecting food for the St Albans District Foodbank. They are currently in need of the items below. If you are able to, please send your child into school with any donations of these items. These will then be collected by the food bank and distributed to families in need.



Baked Beans, Pasta, Rice, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Tinned peas, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tinned soups, Tinned meats, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned chickpeas and pulses, Desserts, Biscuits and savoury snacks, Cereals(not oats-we have plenty!), Long life fruit juice, Long life Milk, Cooking Sauces, Cooking Oil(1 litre max), Noodles, Jam/Spreads, Toilet Rolls, Shower Gel/ Shampoo/ Conditioner, Laundry tablets / washing up liquid, Nappies sizes 4 and upwards, Tea.



Friends of Manland

A huge congratulations to the Manland Dads who cycled 100km last weekend – all the way to Brighton! What a fantastic achievement! We hope you were not too sore the next day.

At the time of writing, the total amount raised by the Manland Dads is £2,055, which, including gift aid, gives a total of £2,516.25. This is a phenomenal amount and will make such a difference to our children – thank you to everyone who took part and to everyone who donated.

If you have not donated, and would like to, please follow the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/richard-booth-1694896429499?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transactional_-_page_launched_-_charity&utm_content=d66c1c30-c0b4-4e8d-bc28-21b2ceba260f&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1694896877315

A massive thank you to Kush, Tom, Jack, Joe (a former Manland dad) and Richard!





Safeguarding- Online Safety

How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

What do you like about using your phone?

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their phone for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a family agreement to manage your families time online.

For more information visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Pupil News

Congratulations to Mathew, Joshua and Jude from Year 4 who passed their karate gradings last weekend:

Matthew - orange belt
Josh - purple belt, and
Jude - green belt

Well done!



Pupil News

Sophie in Year 5 won the 'Harpenden in Bloom - multi headed sunflower competition' this year with a whopping 29 heads!

Sophie will be invited to a presentation at Harpenden Council towards the end of the year. Well done Sophie!

Parents Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our Parents' Evening on:
Tuesday 17th October from 15:30 to 19:30, or Thursday 19th October from 15:30 to 17:30.

This will provide you with an opportunity to view your child's books and classroom and to discuss your child's work and progress with their class teacher.

The school uses an online booking system for Parents' evening bookings. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's teacher and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Appointments can be made from Monday 2nd October at 6pm.

Should you wish to make changes to your appointment, you are able to log back into the system and make the appropriate changes.

Please visit: <https://manland.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment.

