



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
Mon 16 th October	Year 6 nurse visit
Tues 17 th October	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Thurs 19 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week at school, which kicked off with a workshop on Monday for parents/carers of pupils in Years 2 – 6 on the topic of reading. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended. We hope you took away from the session how passionate we are about reading at Manland. If you ever need any support to help your child reading at home, please do get in touch. The slides will be uploaded to the school website shortly:

<https://manland.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/reading/>

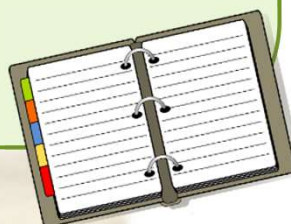
The parents evening booking system opened on Monday and so far over 94% of parents/carers have booked an appointment. If you have not done so already, or if you need to amend your appointment, please do so by visiting:

<https://manland.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Throughout the week we have been receiving deliveries for the renovation of the EYFS forest area. We are incredibly excited about the renovation and we are looking forward to sharing the new area with the children. A massive thank you to the HSA who have financed this project – we really appreciate your ongoing support of the school.

With best wishes,

Mr Comer, Interim Headteacher



Manland Values



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 96.6% Well done everyone!



Manland Values Award

This week's award goes to Saeed in Year 1! Saeed always comes into school with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. In every lesson he takes responsibility for his own learning by being ready, listening carefully and following instructions.

Saeed always tries his very best with all his work and shows aspiration by challenging himself.

Saeed is a polite and helpful member of our class. He holds the door in the corridor and when he was the register monitor, he completed his role sensibly, without being reminded.

Saeed should be really proud of the inspirational start he has made to Year 1.





Spotlight on Crucial Crew

Last Friday, Year 6 children took part in the Crucial Crew workshops at St Albans Fire Station. As children become more independent, these sessions are designed to raise their awareness of keeping safe in the community whilst out and about.

Children experienced a range of scenarios designed to get them thinking about hazards they might encounter at home and in the local area. For example, to highlight the importance of not crossing the road whilst being distracted, children had to navigate their way through a set of cones whilst concentrating on a writing task (more than a few cones were knocked over!). They explored how to keep safe around public water spaces and near electricity. Children worked in groups to spot as many hazards as they could in a home setting: trip hazards, devices left charging, small appliances such as hairdryers and irons left plugged in and face-down. It was alarming to see how quickly fires can develop from devices left charging on beds or sofas. Children role-played situations where they might find themselves intimidated by older children and pressured into decisions they might not find comfortable.

All in all, the morning gave us a lot to think about.



Henry K – “I understand more how about fire hazards. I’ve got a PS4 and I now know that it can overheat if I cover it with material.”



Elliot – “As I’m in Year 6 now, I go more places on my own and it was all about knowing how to be safe in public when you don’t have your parents with you.”

Rudy – “I learned that if a stranger approaches me, I should scream to attract attention.”



Evie – “I learned it’s more important to look where you’re going than looking on your phone when crossing the road.”





Spotlight on Keeping Safe Online



Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and monitoring are both important parts of safeguarding pupils and staff from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material.

Filtering

At Manland, we use RM Safety Net to filter potentially unsafe material for pupils and staff.

What is RM Safety Net?

All web connections at Manland pass through RM SafetyNet, before being returned to the browsing user. This system contains an exhaustive list websites/categories that are kept up to date by RM to detect any web searches for restricted content and denies/allows based on this result. This filter can also be manually edited, allowing sites that would otherwise be blocked and blocking sites that would otherwise be allowed.

Monitoring

At Manland, we use BEESAFE to keep our pupils safe online.

What is BEESAFE?

BEESAFE is a cloud based online safety solution that monitors activity on computers, designed from the ground up for use in Primary Schools.

BEESAFE creates reports to send to the relevant safeguarding personnel, ensuring that young people are protected against cyberbullying, radicalisation and other risks.

What does BEESAFE do?

BEESAFE protects its users by monitoring all activity across a network. BEESAFE logs any activity that triggers a violation, bringing screenshots of anything that suggests a child may be at risk to the attention of appropriate staff.

BEESAFE uses a combination of OCR technology, keyboard monitoring and refined software algorithms to detect and categorise any inappropriate content as soon as it is displayed on-screen.

A screen capture is taken of every incident. This will include showing exactly what was displayed as well as highlighting the trigger word or phrase, the time it was recorded, who was logged on and which computer was in use. Network information is also recorded to help identify if users were on or offsite. Thanks to its cloud based nature BEESAFE can monitor every computer that it manages regardless of whether it be connected to specific network or is at home or anywhere else, even if the violation occurs when the computer is not connected to the internet.

In addition, BEESAFE comes with a BEESAFE symbol (the friendly bee at the top of this article!). Pupils at Manland can press the BEESAFE symbol if they ever feel unsafe online and the screen will immediately lock



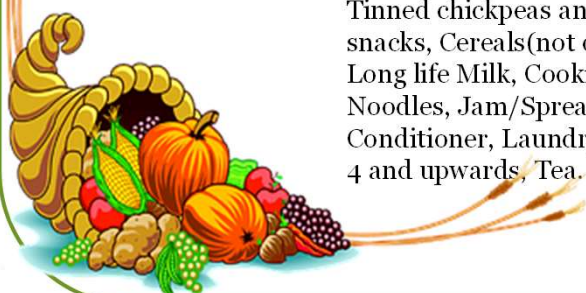


Harvest

A reminder that 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.

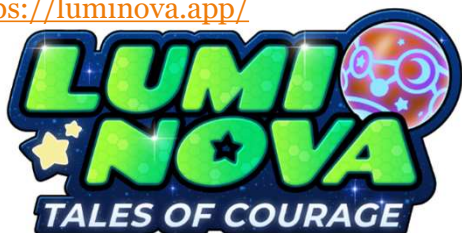


Anxiety App: 7 – 12 year olds

During the Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew, the school were informed about the Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage App. This is a child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets. It is for children aged 7 – 12 years old.

The app facilitates **graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation** to empower 7-12 year olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to **self-manage fears, worries and anxiety**.

Further information can be found:
<https://luminova.app/>



Headteacher Award

We wanted to let you know about some amazing homework undertaken by Elise in Year 1!

As part of their 'All About Me' topic, Elise created a fantastic piece of artwork, which opened up to tell us lots of wonderful information about herself!

Fantastic homework Elise! We are very proud of you!





Footpath works

Please be aware that footpath reconstruction work will be taking place on Sauncey Avenue between **9th October and 20th October 2023 between 9.30am to 4pm.**

Detailed instructions of the works taking place are attached to the newsletter.

Please take extra care when coming/leaving school during this period.



Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school. If you ever have a concern about a child, please speak to our DSL or DDSL, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp.



Driving on site

We want to remind all parents and carers that **you are not permitted to use the school car park to pick up from after school clubs.** Please park on Sauncey Avenue and walk down to pick up your child.

The car park is only for use by staff and for pick up/drop off at Time Out Club.

To ensure cars do not reverse onto Sauncey Avenue where children and adults may be walking, all users on the driveway **must give way to cars coming down the driveway**, even if this means reversing all the way back down to the driveway into the car park.

Please keep our site safe.

Reception 2024 Open Events

We will be holding three open events for the September 2024 intake. These will take place on **Wednesday 1st November, Thursday 16th November 2023 and Tuesday 12th December 2023.**

If you have a child that is due to start Reception next September and would like to come along, please feel free to join us at one of the events. A sign up link is available on the school website or scan the QR code below:



The speed limit for the school site is 5 mph

