



Manland Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 2nd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday this week our House Captains were in action, canvassing their houses for suggestions for play equipment. The House Captains demonstrated fantastic leadership skills – thank you to them all and for all the wonderful suggestions from the children.

On Thursday, Year 3 went back in time to Ancient Egypt, getting some hands on learning to compliment their history topic. Throughout the day, Year 3 learnt about the food, culture and way of life in Ancient Egypt. More details can be found in next week's newsletter.

A reminder the safeguarding team at Manland Primary is Mrs Wicks (DSL), Mr Comer and Mrs Kemp (DDSL). If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, please ask to speak to one of them.
Kind regards

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Tag Rugby Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) – invite only
Friday 9 th February 2024	Year 4 trip to The Tate Modern Gallery
Tuesday 13 th February 2024	Year 6 Parent SATS meeting at 9.00am
Wednesday 14 th February 2024	Year 2 class assembly at 9am
Thursday 15 th February 2024	Year 2 trip to Bletchley Park

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **96%**.

Congratulations to Reception, who achieved 100% attendance!



Manland Values Award

Congratulations to Matilda from Year 6, who is this week's recipient of the Manland Values Award!

Matilda has a quiet confidence that permeates all that she does. Matilda's strong sense of integrity and purpose means she strives to contribute to her community. Matilda always asks herself the question 'what can I do?'. Matilda looks for opportunities to improve our school so that it is a positive place for all. This has been demonstrated in the various roles that Matilda has held throughout her time at Manland: School Council, Play Leader and now Deputy Prime Minister. But it's not all business! Matilda's creative flair means it's always delightful to read through the writing she produces in lessons.

If one looks closely, one might also spot your glint of determination that means you will achieve everything you want to, and more. Matilda, you are an absolute asset to our school, and to our class.



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Spotlight on British Values

House Captains were busy this week, leading a House Assembly to discuss what equipment pupils would like for outdoor play and wet play. We had some fantastic suggestions from pupils to consider, from traditional favourites (e.g. more netballs and footballs) to art and story competitions, Musical Statues to Shut the Box, Connect 4, Lego and many more!

Thank you everyone for your suggestions and to our House Captains for leading the assemblies. Mr Comer will now compile the results, review budgets and feedback to House Captains.



Griffins Monty and Phoebe



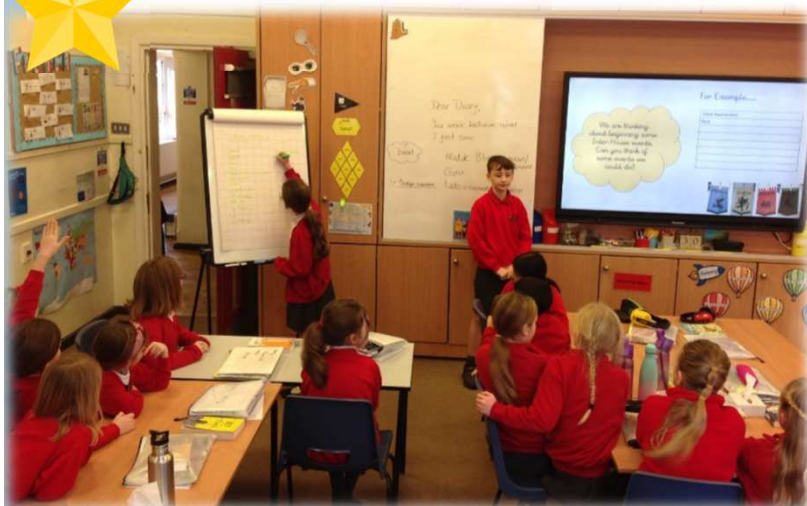
Phoenix Evie and Henry



"I would like more netballs. I love netball!"
Isabella, Year 2



Unicorns Sienna and Daniel



Dragons Rudy-Belle and Ollie





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Spotlight on English



Children at Manland love to read and write and, with this in mind, Year 6 visited Reception class to read their very own stories to them on Wednesday. Our Year 6 pupils were wonderful with Reception class, enthusiastically telling their stories, and displaying their love of reading and writing. Thank you, Year 6, for being so responsible and for your inspirational behaviour. Reception class loved having you to visit!





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Manland Primary School in Harpenden has made the top one per cent for phonics across the country. (Image: Google Maps)

Manland in the news!

This week Manland made the news! The Herts Advertiser featured Manland's success in the phonics 2023 screening, where 100% of pupils passed. This result put Manland in the **top 1% of schools** in the country for Phonics! We are incredibly proud of this result – well done everyone!



Reading Corner

Welcome to Manland's virtual Book Corner! Whilst re-visiting loved books together is always invaluable, you might want to peruse the Book Trust's recommendations to discover new authors and stories.

These recommendations will change each month and include a range of titles to suit every reader:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/books-we-love-in-january-2024/>) Happy reading!

A reminder that membership of Harpenden Library is completely free. Harpenden Library is located on the High Street (27 High Street, Harpenden, AL5 2RU).

You can also do a whole range of library activities online, including joining, browsing their catalogue online and reserving books:

<https://herts.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>





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Safeguarding

Manland Primary School is proud to be an Operation Encompass school.

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces: www.operationencompass.org

Per the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Wicks, known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

If you would ever like to discuss a safeguarding matter with a member of our safeguarding team, please ask to speak to our DSL, Mrs Wicks, or one of our Deputy DSLs, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp.

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This week we were reminded what wonderful, supportive and kind parents and carers we have at Manland. School budgets have been extremely tight for a few years now and our school has become adept at prolonging the lives of items and stretching our budget as far as it will go. To receive donations of resources, some out of the blue, is very humbling. We are extremely grateful to everyone for your generosity and kindness.

Thank you to Sofiyah's (Year 4) and Saeed's (Year 1) family for their donation of glue sticks to the school. The children use glue sticks on a daily basis – these ones have already been put to good use!



An equally big thank you to Freddie C's (Year 1) family for their donation of netballs and footballs for the children to use at playtime.

Netballs and footballs are hugely popular at Manland and we cannot wait to pump these up and get them out for children to use!

Thank you!

Many of the monitors used by staff at Manland are older than our oldest pupils! This fantastic monitor, donated by Gene (Year 5) and Ori's (Year 2) Mum, Ms Mitchell, has allowed us to move some monitors around and dispose of a very blurry monitor.

As the person who spends the most time on a PC, we thought it only right that the beautiful monitor went to Mrs Weston in the office.

Thank you, Miller family!

