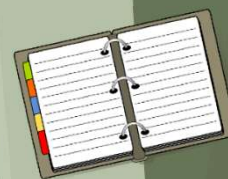




Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wet and windy couple of weeks but that has not stopped us! During one of my lunchtime walks this week, I had the pleasure of seeing our Year 6 Playleaders in action, setting up games for younger children, teaching them how to play with each other and develop their sporting skills. Keep it up Year 6!

We have also been busy with off site visits in the last two weeks, with Year 6 taking part in a crucial crew visit to learn all about road safety. Year 5 have also been developing their independence skills, taking part in Bikeability. This week long course teaches children how to be safe whilst cycling on the road and is another important step for our pupils as they start to become more independent. Well done everyone!

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 18 th October	Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 25 th October	House Learning Day



Manland Values Award – 4th October 2024



We have been so delighted with how Coco-Violet has settled into Year 1. She displays a positive attitude at all times and her warm and friendly nature is infectious. She has shown **aspiration** for her learning and puts 100% effort into everything. She listens and responds to feedback to improve her work. Her handwriting is always neat and she presents all work beautifully. We are so pleased to see Coco-Violet taking **responsibility** for our environment and newly decorated classroom.

In our music lessons, Coco Violet's work is outstanding and **inspires** others. Well done – what a wonderful start to year 1. We are so proud of you.

Manland Values Award – 11th October 2024



Since joining Year 2, Xyla has continuously displayed all of our Manland values. She is a very **responsible** friend, making sure that no one is left out. Xyla is always thinking of others.

Xyla has also been an **inspiration** to the class, particularly in PSHE. She is always eager to share her thoughts on each topic and treats everyone with respect. Xyla shows high **aspirations**, in all her learning. Xyla, you should be so proud of all your hard work this year!



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Message sent from the Chair of Governors to the HSA and FOM

We recently had the pleasure of going into Manland for our first Governors' meeting of the year. We knew that you and a team of parents had been busy over the summer carrying out painting, decorating and other improvements to the school but we were not prepared for the amazing sight that greeted us. The school looks absolutely wonderful! We cannot get over how hard you and your volunteers must have worked. The classrooms are clean, fresh and inspiring places to learn and the staffroom looks calming and comfortable and a much improved place for staff to take a well-earned break.

As you are aware, all schools are under increasing financial pressure and having to make difficult decisions on spending. As Governors, we know that Manland is incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents and carers but on this occasion you and your team of volunteers have surpassed yourselves! You have given so generously of your donations, time and expertise and gone to incredible lengths to help create such a positive environment for our children, families and staff.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this project - we are enormously grateful.

With best wishes
Libby Montgomery
Chair of Governors

Harvest

A reminder that you are cordially invited to Manland's Harvest Festival on **Friday 18th October 2024** from 9.15am! 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.





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Spotlight on Crucial Crew

On Wednesday (2nd October), 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 any 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 trying to text on a mobile phone (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.



Edie "Don't text walking, especially when crossing the road."



George G "Don't touch electric cables because electricity can jump up to 7 metres!"

Luke "Never leave your devices charging on a flammable such as your bed or sofa."



Hugo "Don't take things from older children if you don't know what they are."





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Spotlight on Year 6 Art

Year 6 have been exploring the work of Pablo Picasso and the Cubist movement. The children have been creating their own self-portraits in the Cubist style. Their creativity and effort have been truly impressive!



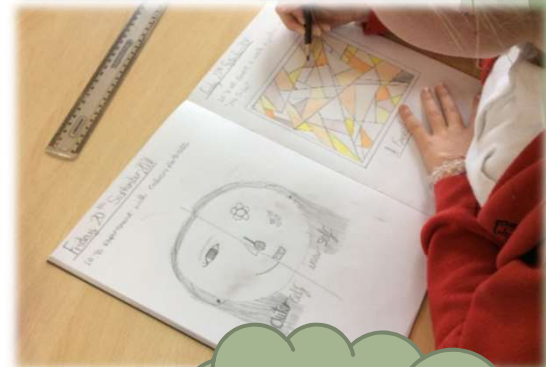
Eliza "You can create a picture using different shapes and shades."



Gene "We looked at Picasso to create our own picture."



Rae "Cubism is very creative and you can use your imagination."



Josh "It doesn't look like a traditional picture and you can't go wrong."





Spotlight on Bikeability



This week Year 5 have taken part in Bikeability. They first were assessed of their riding skills in a traffic free environment on the playground before proceeding onto the road. Over the next 4 days, the children learnt to improve cycle control, basic manoeuvres and drills on road junctions in the local area. These included left and right hand turns and overtaking parked vehicles.

Well done Year 5 for showing great responsibility on the roads!



Oscar "We learnt that you shouldn't ride on paths as they are for pedestrians"



Inayah "We have been learning how to stick our arms out to turn left or right."



Jack "We signalled using our arms so cars know where we are going"



Virginia "We have learnt how to turn corners safely across junctions."





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Spotlight on Attendance

Penalty notices for unauthorised absence

There is a now single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of **10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.**

- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.
- All schools must consider whether a penalty notice is appropriate in each individual case where one of their pupils reaches the national threshold.

Cost of a penalty notice

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child within 28 days
- There is no reduced sum available in this instance.

When paying a penalty notice fine, parents are essentially agreeing to an out of court settlement in respect of the unauthorised absences to which the notice refers. Payment in full against the penalty notice discharges the parent's legal responsibility for the period of unauthorised absence outlined in the Notice and the parent cannot be subsequently prosecuted for that period.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.

- Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines up to **£2,500.00**
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

If you don't pay the penalty notice in the given time, Hertfordshire County Council will prosecute you (if the notice hasn't been withdrawn).

Per parent, per child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines. Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 ([Section 576 of the Education Act 1996](#)) states that, in relation to a child or young person, a 'parent' includes any person who is not a parent (from which can be inferred 'biological parent') but who has parental responsibility for or care of the child. Parent refers to a person who typically has care of a child or young person if the child lives with them either full or part time and they look after them, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.



Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school.

If you ever have a concern about a child, please speak to:

Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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Please follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter)

@ManlandPrimary to keep up to date with what is going on in school.

Our tweets will help you gain an understanding of the children's experiences and learning across all of the subjects in our curriculum. We hope you enjoy sharing the children's learning with us.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **98.2%** Well done everyone!

Manland hall for hire!

The hall at Manland School is available for hire for family birthday parties on weekends. Please contact the school office if you would like to book.

Reception 2025 Open Events

We will be holding three open events for the September 2025 intake. These will take place on **7th & 15th November and 6th December.**

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.

Reception 2025

We would like to get an idea of sibling numbers for our September 2025 Reception intake. If you have a sibling who is hoping to join us in September 2025, we should be grateful if you could email us on admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk.

Thank you!



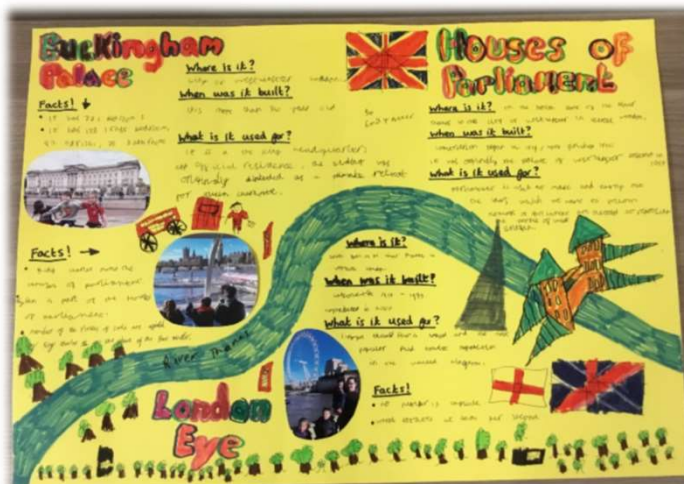
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Pupil News

Earlier in September, Emily from Year 2 prepared this amazing fact sheet on London landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament!

What fantastic work Emily!



Pupil Art



The weather has been a little dreary over the last 2 weeks and we thought you would all appreciate this wonderful water colour painting by Sofiyah in Year 5! What a beautiful composition Sofiyah! Thank you for brightening up our days with your wonderful painting!



Safeguarding Update: Be bright, be seen!

It's that time of the year again and 'BE BRIGHT AND BE SEEN' is an important message for all pupils and the whole school community.

The Active and Safer Travel Team are continuing to promote this as a key part of the road safety and active travel programme, especially over the Autumn and Winter months. As the days are getting shorter, now is a good time to remind your children of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make them more visible to traffic.



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We are recruiting!

Manland Primary School are recruiting! If you would like to join our team, or you know someone who might, we should be most grateful if you could refer them to the job adverts on Teach In Herts:

We are looking for a **Teaching Assistant** to join our support staff team.

· Days and hours: Monday - Friday 8.50am – 1pm, term time only



For full details, and to apply, please go to Teach in Herts:

Teaching Assistant role: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,teaching-assistant_97968.htm

As an employee of Manland Primary School, you will be able to access our employee assistance programme as well as the Herts Rewards scheme, which provides discounts and offers at many supermarkets, retailers and restaurants.

For full details, please visit Teach in Herts, or contact the office on 01582 713452.

Road Closures around Manland

We would like to inform you of drainage improvement schemes being carried out on Sauncey Avenue by Herts County Council, which may cause some traffic disruption around the school.



7 - 18 October: partial closure of Sauncey Avenue on the section from Ox Lane to Stewart Road.

28 October – 1 November: full 24 hour closure of Sauncey Avenue from Stewart Road to Manland Avenue (during half-term break).

