



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back pupils after the long Summer break and I want to extend a special warm welcome to all our new Manland families at the start of this academic year. Children have settled well into routines and are fully engaged in teaching and learning.

Returning to school this new academic year was an especially happy one for pupils and staff, as we saw the outcome of many months of fundraising and hard work by our school community.

Over the Summer holidays, Friends of Manland's "Great Manland Makeover" took place, with all main building classrooms receiving new blinds and flooring, as well as a complete repaint by the Manland Parent Helpers.

Staff and pupils were amazed to walk in on day one and see the outcome of all this hard work – to everyone who donated time, money or expertise to this project, thank you. We are over the moon with the results and children are already benefitting from their improved learning environment.

Going forward, the school newsletter will be published every 2 weeks on a Friday. The Manland Values Award will continue to be awarded on a weekly basis, so future newsletters will celebrate two award winners!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Diary Dates

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| Monday 16 th September | Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' 9.00am |
| Tuesday 17 th September | Reception 'Meet the Teacher' 9.00am |
| Wednesday 18 th September | 'Meet our Governors' coffee morning 9.00am |
| Thursday 19 th September | Year 3 swimming begins |
| Monday 23 rd September | Flu vaccination day for all classes |
| Friday 27 th September | Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9.00am |

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 98.8! Well done everyone!

Manland Values Award



From the first day of Year 6, Cora has stood out for all the right reasons! In the short time I've been her teacher, I've noticed that Cora approaches any task with diligence and a determination to do that task to the best of her ability. Cora has listened carefully to our class book, magpie-ing just the right words, phrases and ideas for her own writing!

But it doesn't stop at English! During Maths, Cora's meticulous approach means she thinks carefully about her explanations and swiftly reaches the challenge tasks. In addition to all of this, Cora's manners are exemplary. Cora has made a fantastic start to Year 6 – I have no doubt that this will be a fantastic year!





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Spotlight on the Great Manland Makeover



Before.....

There are innumerable studies showing the benefits of a positive learning environment on a pupil's ability to learn well. With this in mind, over a year or so ago, Friends of Manland approached school leaders with an offer they could not refuse.....a complete classroom refurbishment!

Having been built in 1939, Manland was showing it's age – Year 6 even still had it's original black out blinds installed during world war 2!



Mr Kirsop, grandfather to William and Alex, once again donated his time and expertise to help define the scope of the project, source contractors and negotiate quotes. Friends of Manland and the HSA followed up, undertaking fundraising events such as the Great Manland Olympics!

We were initially unsure whether such a large scale and expensive project could be undertaken in one phase, but soon enough, Friends of Manland and the HSA gave school the news that they had raised enough for the work to take place – all thanks to the generosity of our Manland community!

During.....

Over the summer holidays, one by one, each classroom was carefully prepared and painted by the Manland Parent Helpers, before new blinds and flooring was installed



Once each room was complete, a fantastic team of parent helpers then returned to clean and move all the furniture back to classrooms ahead of the first day of school!

The Great Manland Makeover has been a truly amazing and overwhelming achievement – we know that our parents have busy lives – to receive so much support has been humbling. We appreciate every single one of you.

We are over the moon with the results, and we hope you are too! Thank you.



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Spotlight on the Great Manland Makeover

After!

Lucas (Year 1) "My classroom makes me feel happy."



Caitlin (Year 6) "I like how bright our classroom is."



Bonnie & Rafferty (Year 2) "I like our new carpets and the green doors."



Audrey (Year 5) "The blind colours and carpets are really lovely."



Isabelle & Daniel (Year 3) "The colours of the walls are really nice."





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Safeguarding Update

Following the introduction of **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 on 1st September 2024**, the school has revised its **child protection policy**. A copy of this policy will shortly be on the school website.

As it is the start of the academic year, Online Safety Acceptable use agreements will be coming home to all pupils shortly. These will need to be signed by pupils and returned to the school office as early as possible.



Parents and carers also have online safety responsibilities and these are outlined below. We should be grateful if all parents/carers could remind themselves of their responsibilities:

Online Safety Appendix F: Summary of key parent/carers responsibilities

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

The online safety policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community.

- Parents/carers are required to support their child in understanding and signing the Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.
- Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas of the school unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises that include anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified agreement with individuals and parents/carers. When a parent/carers is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.
- Parents/carers should not assume that pupils can bring technological devices to school and should always check the school policy.
- All cyberbullying incidents affecting children in the school should be reported immediately. (If the incident involves an indecent image of a child the report must also be made immediately to the police for your own protection.) The school will investigate and respond to all reported cyberbullying incidents, liaising with others where appropriate. No reply should ever be sent to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable block the sender and report abuse to the site. Evidence should be retained and shown in school and/or to the police. Evidence should not be forwarded.
- The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that uses the school name or logo in any form.
- Any parent/carers, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with a member of staff rather than posting their concerns online. Parents/carers should not share school related information or images online or post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute. Negative postings about the school would impact on the reputation of the whole school community. Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, pupils and parents/carers.


Please see the full online safety policy in the policies section on the school website.



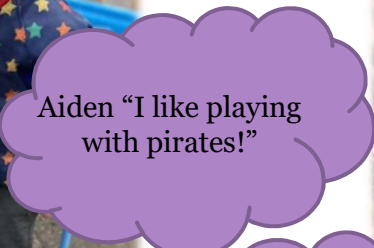
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Spotlight on Reception Class


Reception have had a brilliant first week and a half settling into their new school! They have started their phonics learning journey and spent some time learning about all the different parts of the school and what they can do there. They have been having lots of fun and they're all excited for the rest of their time at Manland! Welcome Reception class!



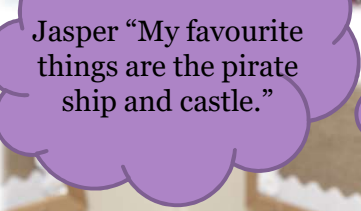
Max "Today I played with the creepy crawlies!"




Aiden "I like playing with pirates!"




James "I've really liked playing with the puppet show."



Jasper "My favourite things are the pirate ship and castle."



Lily "The sandpit is so much fun!"



Isabelle & Orla "We've really liked dressing up as princesses!"





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Staff news

Unfortunately we have said goodbye to some members of staff over the holidays.

Ms Brougham has been part of the Manland family for many years and has been a stalwart of Reception class for much of that time. Over the years, Ms Brougham's kind and magical nature has made her a firm favourite with children, parents and staff alike. Over the holidays, Ms Brougham made the difficult decision to stop working so that she could care for a family member. We will all miss Ms Brougham greatly, and we wish her and her family all the very best.



Mrs Hose is another member of staff who is beloved by all! Mrs Hose has a wealth of knowledge and experience in special educational needs and disabilities and so many of our children have benefitted from her support and care over the last 6 years. Following a relocation, Mrs Hose has moved to a role closer to her new home. We will forever be grateful to Mrs Hose for all her hard work and care and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Finally, we also say goodbye to our caretaker, Mr Reid, who has worked at Manland for the last 6 years. No matter what challenge Mr Reid was faced with, he never failed to have a cheery smile and "hello" for everyone he met. Mr Reid will be sorely missed in the corridors of Manland Primary and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Safeguarding

Annual consent forms (OV7C) and pupil online safety agreements are sent home with all children at the start of a new academic year. These are safeguarding forms which must be completed and returned to school. Please check your child's bag if you have not done so already. We would appreciate it if all forms could be posted in the **red post box** in the school entrance hall by **Monday 16th September**.



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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.

Meet the Governors Coffee Morning

You are cordially invited to the Governor coffee morning!

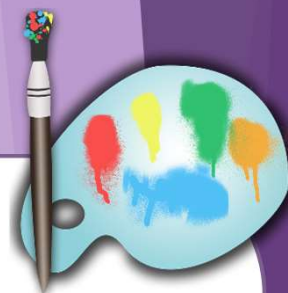
Date & Time: Wednesday 18th September at 9am.

Location: School Hall

Governors set the strategic direction of the school and act as a critical friend to school leaders. Please come along and find out about our school. No need to RSVP – just turn up!



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Artists wanted!

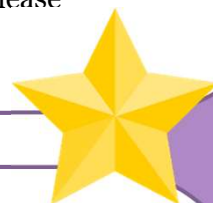
Calling all Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6) pupils in Hertfordshire!

Hertfordshire Heroes is encouraging all Key Stage 2 pupils in Hertfordshire to take part in our annual Christmas Art Competition by 25 November 2024. This year, we invite children to create artwork to bring cheer to military personnel for their chance to win a day of adventure hosted by the UK military's operational headquarters, Northwood HQ. A winner will be chosen from each year group in Key Stage 2. The theme this year is honouring the 80th anniversary of D-Day.



The artwork will be shared with those serving in the Armed Forces who are working away from their families at Christmas to help bring them some cheer.

For more information including details on how to enter and further guidance, please visit www.hertfordshireheroes.org/christmasart.



We are recruiting!



Manland are currently 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:

- Caretaker – 20 hours a week, 52 weeks a year (including 25 days annual leave): [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Caretaker \(teachinherts.com\)](http://Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Caretaker (teachinherts.com))
- Cleaner – 3 hours a day, term time only: [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Cleaner \(teachinherts.com\)](http://Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Cleaner (teachinherts.com))
- Lunchtime supervisor – 1 hour a day, term time only – [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Midday Supervisory Assistant \(teachinherts.com\)](http://Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Midday Supervisory Assistant (teachinherts.com))

No experience is necessary – full training and resources will be provided.

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.