



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic day we have had today at House Learning Day! The theme of the day was inventions and children worked in their Houses, across year groups, to design and create some amazing inventions! Children used a range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills throughout the day, as well as teamwork and communication skills. Well done everyone!

Our football, rugby and netball squads have all been in action over the last two weeks. Good luck to everyone taking part in a team; try your best and demonstrate the wonderful team work and sportsmanship that Manland is well known for!

Finally, best wishes to all our families for the half term break. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 24th February

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 28 th February 2025	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check parents meeting 9.00am
Monday 3 rd March 2025	Year 5 Maths Challenge
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Year 3 Tring Museum class trip
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Year 5/6 District Netball Rally

Manland Values Award



Dhilan, everyday your cheerful nature makes us smile and the Manland values shine through in all that you do. You consistently show an **aspirational** attitude to learning. You are always ready to learn and you are a role model, **inspiring** others in the class. You are a wonderful learning partner and you are always polite, calm and well mannered.

You also take **responsibility** for your learning at home, taking time to complete additional tasks as well as working hard on your reading, spellings and maths. In our class assembly and PSHE, you shared how you are proud of your efforts and achievements in English and so are we. It has been wonderful to see you make such good progress with your phonics and reading and to see you grow in confidence in Year 1. We are so proud of you, Dhilan, our latest year 1 superstar.

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In Year 6, we've been discussing themes along the lines of 'what it means to be different'. As one might imagine, this has fired some enthusiastic debates! Through many discussions, Marcy's determined voice has shone through. Marcy has demonstrated a fierce determination to do what is right, a strong sense of justice and a willingness to speak up for those whose voices may not be heard. In all lessons, Marcy listens carefully to teaching and instructions; she works consistently carefully through tasks. Her responses in RE and PSHE show that while she takes on board all points of view, Marcy measures these against her own opinions to form insightful responses that are always interesting to listen to. This is echoed in English – Marcy's book is always one I look forward to marking (she impressed me from day one, with her very first piece of writing!). Marcy's thoughtful demeanour means she notices when others are not feeling their best and offers gentle words of encouragement so that they feel better. Marcy, you are a real asset to our class! You are unique, you are determined, you have a wonderful path ahead of you!





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Spotlight on House Learning Day

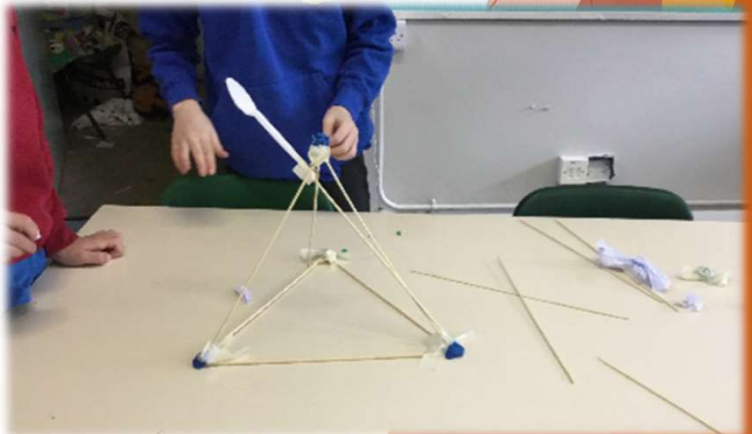
National Inventors Day

Today was House Learning Day and the theme was STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities for National Inventors Day! The day started off with the ever popular whole school quiz, followed by various challenges to engage our budding inventors! Challenges included making a balloon powered car to learn about forces, designing a marble run and building a marshmallow catapult. Children competed in their House groups to see who could design and build the best inventions. Well done to all our inventors and congratulations to **Unicorns** House for winning overall!

Phoenix – “With Miss Noonan and Mrs Barker we have been making cars from basic materials. It was super fun as we got to blow balloons up really big in order to power our car across a long distance. We called ours Firecracker!”



Griffins – “House learning day is something we all really enjoy as every house has a friendly competition. We have a series of activities for everyone to do. One of my favourite things is the competitive spirit and bonding with other years.”

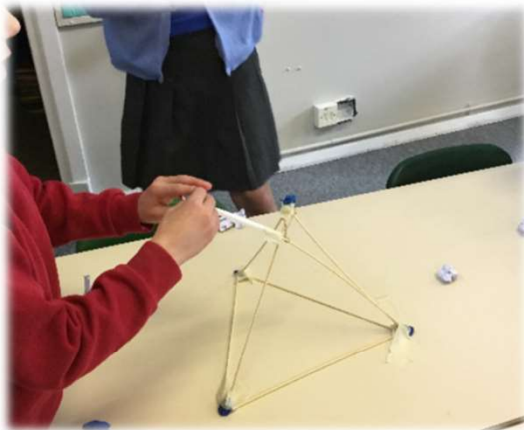




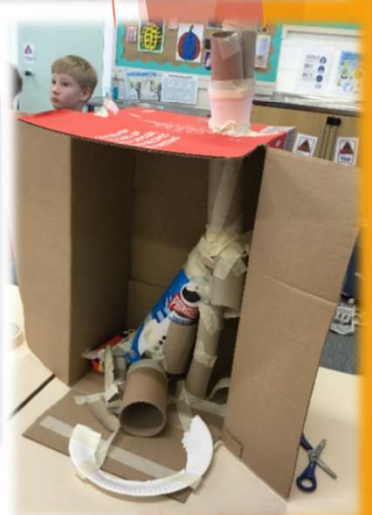
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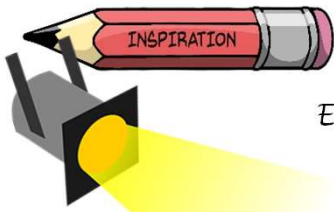
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Dragons – “We made catapults using bamboo sticks, elastic bands and plasticine. We made cars from straws, bottle tops and balloons and marble runs from lots of cardboard!”



Unicorns – “For this house learning day, our topic was inventing. We got to create many amazing things such as catapults, balloon cars and marble runs. We got to work with other students in different year groups who we don't normally work with. We had lots of fun competing with other creations. I particularly liked the catapults because Unicorns won!”





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Spotlight on History

On Wednesday, Year 2 spent the day at Bletchley park learning all about communications to link with their History topic. They had a jam-packed day exploring the grounds and a workshop. They even found a some information about Charlie's Great Grandma who worked at Bletchley!

Year 2 loved going to all of the different huts and the mansion to see what they would have looked like during WWII.

The children got to crack lots of different codes using their Morse code Knowledge, as well as exploring real uniforms and artefacts from WWII.

Year 2 should all be so proud of the way they behaved and engaged in the day.



"I loved finding my Great Grandma's name in the house"



"I liked how the dials worked in the Bombe machine!"

"I loved the Enigma machine and we actually got to press it"



"I liked the activities especially dressing up"





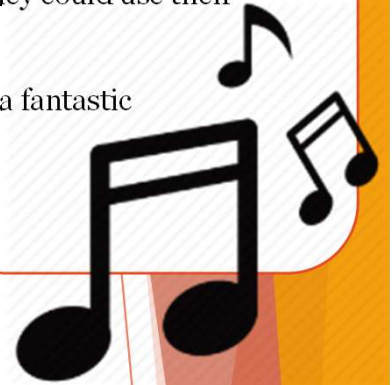
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Spotlight on Year 2 Assembly

Year 2 have worked so hard over the last two weeks, putting together their class assembly. Not only did they work really hard learning their lines but they have been practising lots of music skills to make sure they were ready. They really enjoyed exploring how they could use their bodies to make a thunderstorm soundscape.

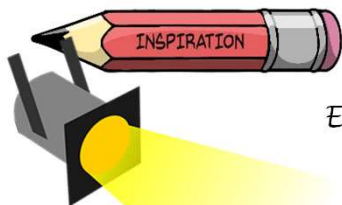
All of their knowledge from this half term came together and they put on a fantastic performance. They should all be so proud!

Well done Year 2! What a busy week you have had!



History





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Spotlight on Sport



Year 5 and 6 District Tag Rugby Tournament

10 children from years 5&6 spent the day at Harpenden Rugby club, attending the recent Harpenden Schools rugby festival.

They played 6 different schools and, despite having a nervous start, gained in confidence as their games went on playing some good rugby. During play they made some lovely moves both in defence and attack. The children all really improved enormously from the first game to the last!

A big well done to **Ava, Virginia, Thomas, Charlie, Hugo, Oscar, Mattie, George, William and Eliza.**



Netball

Netball A team

The A team recently took part in their second league match. It was close in the first half, but the girls worked hard and started to pull it back! In the second half, they displayed lots of great netball with great defence, moving the ball up the court and some lovely goals resulting in a 5-2 win! A special well done to **Rae** for being awarded player of the match by the opposition.



Netball B team

It was the first game of the term for the B team. The girls all enjoyed playing some lovely netball, despite a tough opponent. Some brilliant passing and moving across the court and lots of good teamwork on display. Well done to **Eliza** in year 6 for being voted player of the match!



Football

The boys A&B team visited Beech Hyde school on Friday last week for their second fixture. It was a tough fixture for all, with added cold, wind and rain! The A team worked hard and played some good football. It was a close game which ended in a 2-0 victory for Beech Hyde.

The B team also played some amazing football, working very hard and showing some brilliant teamwork. Their efforts were rewarded with a 3-1 win!

Well done everyone!





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Safeguarding

Online safety

Every child deserves to be, and feel, safe online.

The online world creates many opportunities for children and young people, providing a place where they can communicate, learn and play. But there are also risks.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

The annual Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday, February 11th. This year's theme was **'Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online.'** Online safety runs through all our lessons in school. If you would like further information on this year's theme, please go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c78xzmeyyzlo>

WHAT IS 'DOOMSCROLLING'? ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS



Internet Matters have published a useful article for parents and carers focussing on [doomscrolling](#). This term refers to the habit of continuously scrolling through negative news online, which can significantly impact both mental and physical health. The article provides valuable insights for parents on how to recognise if their child is doomscrolling and offers practical tips to help prevent this behaviour. Understanding and addressing doomscrolling is crucial in promoting a healthier online experience for our children.

ROBLOX MAJOR SAFETY UPDATES

In November 2024 Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include: • Limits to how children under 13 can communicate. • Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device (remote management). Further guidance on parental controls can be found [here](#).



DIGITAL LITERACY GUIDE

Funded by the European Union, InHope have released a new Digital Literacy Guide which is aimed primarily at teenagers, but may also be useful for parents and carers

The guide can be accessed [here](#) and includes information on lots of areas, including:

- Know your Device
- Interacting Online
- Seeking Help and more.



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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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 or
email them at
safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the
last two weeks is **97.2%**

All classes, but one, achieved our goal
of over 96% attendance!

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 are interested.



Parents Evening

For Parent and Carers of Reception to Year 5:

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our Parents' Evening on:
Tuesday 11th March from 15:30 to 19:30, or Thursday 13th March 2025 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.

To Parents and Carers of Year 6:



You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and look through your child's books in
their classroom after school on Tuesday 11th March or Thursday 13th March 2025 or during the day
on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

Meetings will be 20 minutes long. So that all teachers can meet with parents/carers at their booked
time, we ask that you leave your appointment promptly at the end of your meeting.

Please note that the session on **11th March** clashes with Year 5/6 football tournament, so please
take that into account when booking your appointment

The portal will open to parents/carers for bookings on Monday 24th Feb at 6.30pm

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



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Manland are recruiting!

Do you like working with children? Can you help them to eat and play safely and happily? Are you looking for a stepping stone for a career in education?

If so, this could be the job for you. We would like to appoint an MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant) to support pupils over lunchtime, 12 - 1.20 every day.

No qualifications are required and training will be provided. You will need to be good humoured, adaptable and have the ability to listen to children. If you are interested in working in our school do get in touch. To apply, please go to: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_100143.htm



E-SCOOTERS

Please find below a message from Herts Constabulary:

E-scooters have become increasingly popular in Hertfordshire over recent years, however it is currently illegal to ride them on public land anywhere in the county. They can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. We have attended multiple incidents of collisions involving an e-scooter, many of these incidents have resulted in broken bones or serious injuries being sustained by pedestrians or the e-scooter rider.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. It is not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters meaning that using them in public spaces can lead to the scooter being seized under s165 of the Road Traffic Act. In addition to this, if stopped by the Police, you can be reported for committing driving offences such as driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, using a mobile phone or handheld mobile device while driving, riding on a pavement, or drink driving. Please note, there are currently no rental trial schemes running in Hertfordshire, so this cannot be used as an excuse.

To report anti-social use of an e-scooter, you can report incidents online or by calling our non-emergency number, 101. You can let us know where the incidents are happening and if you are seeing the same individuals riding an e-scooter. Whether anti-social or not, there are powers available to the Police to seize these scooters and take appropriate action against the perpetrators, however we rely on information from the public to action this.



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Drop-in Support Group

for parents and carers of
neuro-diverse children
in Harpenden



We are here for you whether you want to talk through your difficulties, meet other parents or have a chance to stop for an hour! A group for all patients registered with a Harpenden GP, supported by the PCN and Harpenden Trust and run by experienced volunteers.

Join us in the
Charles Hill Lounge in
Harpenden Trust Halls
above the Coop in
Southdown from 1.30-
3pm every 2nd Tuesday
of the month

**Harpenden Health
PCN**

- ◆ Davenport House Surgery
- ◆ The Elms Medical Practice
- ◆ The Village Surgery

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