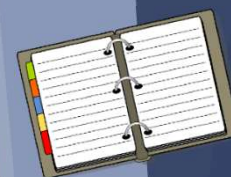




Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

Empowering children to lead fulfilling lives



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school with various parent workshops and 'meet the teacher sessions.' We hope you found these sessions useful. Slides from these sessions are on the school website, so please look there if you were not able to attend in person.

Democracy and British values have been key themes in school over the last two weeks with both Pupil Parliament and House Captain elections taking place. Record numbers of pupils stood as candidates in these elections and pupils had some very tricky decisions to make when voting, such as the quality of the candidates. I am incredibly proud of everyone who stood for election – we clearly have some future leaders in our midst!

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 st October	Reception Phonics Workshop 9.00am
Monday 7 th October	Year 5 Bikeability Week begins
Thursday 10 th October	'Year 2-Year 6 'Reading Workshop with Miss Noonan 9.00am
Friday 18 th October	Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly 9.00am



Manland Values



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Manland Values Award – 20th September 2024

Ella from Year 5 has truly demonstrated outstanding effort already in the short time that they have been in my class. Always arriving at school ready to learn, she approaches each day with a brilliant attitude that sets a positive tone in the classroom. What's more, she consistently shows enthusiasm for learning, which not only enhances their own experience but also encourages their peers.

Ella is always ready to lend a hand around the classroom, supporting both her classmates and teachers with a smile. Ella's work ethic is genuinely **inspiring**.

Well done Ella!

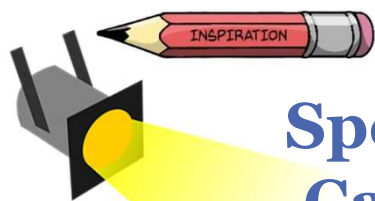


Manland Values Award – 27th September 2024

George from Year 4 is a hardworking student who displays all of the Manland values all day, every day.

George started my class with enthusiasm, pushing himself in every lesson and trying his best even when things get tough. This shows not only high **aspirations**, but **responsibility** to do the best he possibly can at all times.

George has clearly been **inspired** by our history lessons and the topic of Anglo-Saxons. He used his own free time to research Anglo-Saxon life and the findings at the archaeological site of Sutton-Hoo! You have made a great start to Year 4 George. Keep up the hard work!



Spotlight on House Captain Elections



Democracy was in action this week! After listening to speeches from all prospective candidates, children took part in a private ballot to vote for their House Captains! The votes have now been counted and verified and we are delighted to present to you our new House Captains for 2024-25.

Well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who took part. It takes a great deal of courage to put yourself forward for a role, and we are incredibly proud of each and everyone one of you!

Jem and William



Josh and Charlie



Edie and Scarlett



Gene and Thomas





Spotlight on Pupil Parliament Elections

Democracy was also in action last week when the whole school voted to elect the members of Pupil Parliament for this academic year!

Children were elected by their class after giving a short speech in which they outlined their leadership skills and explained why they were standing for election. Each year group elected two Members of Parliament to take on a 'ministerial role,' apart from Year 6, who elected four, two of whom were appointed as Prime Minister and Deputy Prime minister.

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and good luck to all our Ministers!



Year 1

Phoebe and Lottie

Year 2

Teddy and Otto

Year 3

Daniel and Sophia

Year 4

Augustus and Harrison

Year 5

Virginia and Mattie

Year 6

Atticus, Caitlin, Sophie and Eliza





Spotlight on Celebration Assembly

On 13th September we held a celebration assembly to thank all the parents and carers who took part in the Great Manland Makeover. We could only invite a small group of parents but we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out!



"Mr Nicoll and Mr Goldswain did lots of painting! They worked carefully to paint around all the tricky areas – they must have mixed a lot of paint because our ceilings are very tall!"

"Mr and Mrs Wollaston worked hard to make sure the quad looks lovely for us – pulling out all the weeds, trimming the trees and bushes, and making sure the paths are clear for us to walk safely along."

"Mrs Hughes made sure the staffroom was equally lovely so that our teachers have a nice place too!"

"Mr Kirsop did all the measuring for the blinds and carpets so that they fit really well and also helped with all the deliveries"



"Mr Bedingfield helped to make sure that the teams knew which classroom they were helping in, and which days they needed to be here. "



"None of this would have been possible without Mrs Sargeant because it was her idea in the first place! Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Wicks thought very carefully about how we could make our school even better! We are so pleased with your decisions!"





Spotlight on Attendance

All **parents want** the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good **education is important** to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get **one chance** at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.
- Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life.

What can you do to help?

- If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school you should contact the school as soon as possible so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.
- Be on alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work and discuss these with the school.
- If your child is ill or absent for any other reasons, contact the school office, on each day of absence, by 9.30am.
- Follow the schools' procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time.



At Manland, we expect children to achieve attendance of 96%. Please see our website for more information about attendance

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = **4 weeks missed per year**

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than **half a term missed per year.**

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more **than a quarter of the school year missed.**

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a **whole 2 years from school.**

Being late for school reduces learning time:

If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss **3 days of learning** each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss **2 weeks of learning** each year.



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.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 97.7%. This is fantastic – keep it up everyone!

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**



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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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:

- Cleaner – 3 hours a day, term time only: [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Cleaner \(teachinherts.com\)](https://www.teachinherts.com)
- Lunchtime supervisor – 1 hour a day, term time only – [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Midday Supervisory Assistant \(teachinherts.com\)](https://www.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.



Time Out are recruiting!

Time Out Afterschool club are also currently recruiting!

Time Out Club is an independently run charity that provides wrap-around care at Manland Primary School. We are looking for a Playworker to join our team, helping to provide childcare to 4-11 year olds before and after school.

The role of the Playworker is to create a safe, fun and welcoming environment for all children and to deliver the highest standards of welfare and support to all the children in Time Out's care.

The Club is open Mon-Fri, term time only, from 7.30-8.40am and 3.20-6.20pm (5.20pm on Fridays). Days and times for the role can be negotiated.

If your child attends Manland, they can come to Time Out with you and play with their friends while you are working.

For full details, please visit Teach in Herts: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,playworker_97348.htm or contact the Time Out on manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com



Girls Football

The Year 5&6 girls football team attended The Grove School for their first football matches two weeks ago.

They played St Helens, The Grove and Sauncey Wood . Although they didn't come away with a win, they all played so well and worked incredibly hard. Having only had one short practice before playing the girls should all be very proud of themselves and their performance.

A special mention to Anna in Year 5 who played in goal and made so many fantastic saves!

Sporting News

The school games mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to competition and school games.

For the academic year 23/24 Manland has been awarded the bronze award in recognition of its efforts to provide opportunity for all and engage children in school sport and competition! Well done everyone!



Pupil News

Well done to Rocky from Year 6!

Earlier in September, Rocky and his dad completed a 10km charity walk for MS society and raised more than £1,400!

What a fantastic achievement Rocky!



Girls Football

The Year 5&6 girls played their second round of games this week. The girls have grown in confidence with each game. Their hard work paid off with them gaining their first win over Redbourn school. They also went on to draw with Markyate.

Well done girls. Keep up the hard work!





Thank you Hughes Family!

A big thank you to the Hughes family for the huge donation of Brio for our Reception class! Reception class were over the moon to receive this. It will be well loved for many years to come – thank you!



Donations wanted!

Reception class are always on the look out for second hand resources. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any resources you no longer need, we would love donations of:

- more small world bits (e.g. mini trees, figures of animals, people, knights etc.)
- natural loose parts (e.g. conkers, pine cones, wooden discs etc.)
- sand toys (buckets, spades etc.)
- Wicker baskets, hampers, nice storage
- Wellies and dressing up clothes
- mag tiles
- numicon resources
- bee bots or equivalent



Sporting Resources!

A big thank you to the Cockeram family for their donation of footballs and sports vests to school.

We really appreciate all your support!



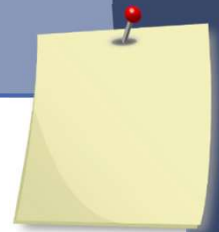
Thank you Friend of Manland!

A big thank you to Friends of Manland for the new placement rug for Year 1 – it looks beautiful and fits the new colour scheme perfectly!



Fridge/freezer wanted!

Reception class are in need of a small fridge/freezer for ice packs and milk cartons. Unfortunately our current one has broken. If you have a fridge/freezer spare, we'd be really grateful if you could let us know on admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk. An image would be most helpful so we can see if we have enough space!



Parents Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our Parents' Evening on: Tuesday 22nd October from 15:30 to 19:30, or Thursday 24th October 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.

Appointments can be made from Friday 4th October 2024 at 6pm. Should you wish to make changes to your appointment, you are able to log back into the system and make the appropriate changes.

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



Friendship Boxes for Children in Ukraine

Once again Manland is supporting Rotary in Harpenden for their annual Friendship Box appeal for 2024, supporting families in Ukraine.

We will have a box for children to leave their donations in front of the office hatch window from Monday 30th September.

If you can, please drop off donations of:

- coloured pencils, crayons, colouring books, puzzles and reading books
- small toys used or new, teddy bears etc
- Other items that will interest and stimulate children's minds
- **BUT PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE** food, liquids, powders, batteries, sharp objects or religious artefacts

Collection of boxes will be made at the beginning of November.



**SAFETY
FIRST**

Road Safety – Pupils who walk to school

Unfortunately, we have received reports of Manland pupils not being safe whilst walking to and from school, and on the pathway in to school.

In particular, older children, walking by themselves, have been seen running across the school driveway without stopping to look for cars.

We would like to remind all parents that it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure their child gets to and from school safely. As a school, we regularly promote road safety and respect to other pedestrians. If your child walks to school by themselves, we would appreciate it if you could talk with your children about road safety and being considerate to others.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>