



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024



Diary Dates

Dear Parents and Carers

We are edging ever closer to a Christmas mood at Manland after what has been a very busy term so far. Preparations are well underway for the HSA's Christmas fete tomorrow and there is much excitement in school!

The Christmas fete involves many members of our school community, whether it be arranging logistics, donating prizes or running stalls. It is always an amazing experience for our pupils and we want to thank everyone who has played a part this year. We hope to see many of you there tomorrow. Full details can be found on Classlist.

Mrs Wicks has been in school recently as she continues to make a very speedy recovery and we will be seeing more of her over the next few weeks. I will update you more on her planned return before we break up!

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher

Date	Event
Weds 4 th Dec 2024	Rotary Carol Concert (evening) at High Street Methodist Church
Thurs 5 th Dec 2024	Year 3 last swim of the term
Fri 6 th Dec 2024	Prospective Parent Morning 10.00am
Mon 9 th Dec 2024	Last week for school clubs this term
Wed 11 th Dec 2024	Last date to order Christmas Lunch – see Parents / School Meals on school website
Thurs 12 th Dec 2024	Nativity for parents and younger siblings 1.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th Dec 2024	Nativity for parents 9.30am

Manland Values



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Manland Values Award

Madeleine is an exemplary pupil. She always pays attention in class, answers questions when called on and works enthusiastically during independent tasks. She has shown **inspirational** effort during phonics lessons and always **aspires** to achieve her best.

She acts **responsibly**, taking ownership and helps others tidy up. She should be proud of the start she has made to her journey at Manland, and I look forward to seeing where she goes next! Well done Maddy!

Manland Values Award

Verity shows all of the Manland values every day. She ensures that she is focused and engaged in every lesson, listening to her peers and responding to questioning. She is a **responsible** friend, supporting her peers to develop exciting games and inviting others to join.

Her attitude to school and learning is to be commended, her positivity is infectious and she brings a smile. I look forward to see how she flourishes as she moves up the school. Well done Verity!



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Spotlight on Play Leaders



Lifeskills

Thank you Harpenden Lions!

We received some wonderful news this month and want to say a huge thank you to the Harpenden Lions! We recently applied for a life skills grant from the Harpenden Lions towards our Play Leader scheme and we are pleased to announce that our application was successful!

At Manland, pupils in Year 6 can volunteer to be a Play Leader. The job of a Play Leader is many and varied. With training from the Head of KS2 and PE teacher, Play Leaders create and deliver positive play experiences for children in our school; whether it be developing a game which teaches children to take turns, a game which helps less confident children find their voice or a game that helps children find a new skill they excel in. Play Leaders use the interests of the children when developing these games. They set the games up, oversee the game, and support children to learn new skills and develop new friendships. The scheme breaks down barriers between year groups.

Our Play Leaders develop their leadership and mentoring skills via this scheme and they are encouraged to be great role models and think of others. Learning these types of skills is an important step in their transition to secondary school and we regularly receive reports from adults around school, complimenting our Play Leaders on their ability to assist with play and reassure younger children.

This important grant will be used to purchase additional resources to support our Play Leader scheme, including skipping ropes, space hoppers, footballs, dance wands and catching and throwing toys.

A huge thank you to all our Play Leaders and also to the Harpenden Lions. The school has been fortunate to receive a number of grants from the Harpenden Lions over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.

Want to find out more about the Harpenden Lions?

Harpenden Lions are a group of men and women who serve Harpenden in a variety of ways, while also raising money for many local, national and international charities. They are responsible for some of the highlights of the Harpenden calendar, including the Highland Festival and Santa's Sleigh! If you think you might like to get involved, why not go along to one of their meetings or social events – they would love to meet you! <https://www.harpenden-lions.co.uk/>

Rae & Lucy "I really like organising games with children in KS1 and being a role model to them."



Hugo & Charlie "We are going to enjoy having new play equipment to make games more fun."



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Spotlight on Reminders



Year R, 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 12 & 13th December

Years R, 1 & 2 are busy working hard on their Nativity!

- Performances will be taking place on:
- **12th December** at 1.30pm – parents and younger siblings welcome
 - **13th December** – adults only

Rotary Carol Concert (evening)

Wednesday 4th December

High Street Methodist Church for the Year 6 choir. Tickets will be given to choir members – 1 per child.



Christmas Lunch Thursday 19th December

The two options are a meat roast lunch or a vegetarian roast lunch.

There are no other options on this day, and hot lunches need to be pre-ordered by Wednesday 11/12/24. The link is on the school website, under the Parents tab - School Meals.

If a hot lunch is not ordered by Wednesday 11/12/24, children will have to bring packed lunch from home.



Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty Tuesday 17th December

Please provide a packed lunch for your child on this day. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals a packed lunch can be provided by school (please let the office know by Friday 13th December if you want to order).

A bag of ready salted crisps and a juice box is given to each child at the performance. **If your child is not able to have this it is really important that you inform us,** and send them in with their own snack to take with them.



Christingle Wednesday 18th December

Our Christingle Service will be taking place on **18th December at 9.15am** in the school Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend the service. so please come straight to the Hall after morning drop off. The whole school will be in the Hall so space may be a little tight.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the Christingle Service, please let us know by emailing the school office on admin@manland.herts.sch.uk.



Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December

Pupils are welcome to come to school with a festive jumper on.

Please note that all other school uniform should be worn.



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Year 3 Assembly



Thank you Year 3 for your amazing Assembly this week! We can see you have worked so hard this term – we are very proud of all of you for getting up and telling us all about what you have learnt so far. Well done Year 3!



Pupil News



Bethany in Year 3 was on the back cover of The Beano this week! She has waited nearly 2 years to see if she would ever make it onto the back cover. She was very surprised and excited to see her picture and name on the comic when it arrived in the post!

Well done Bethany!



Girls Netball

The year 5&6 girls had their first netball matches against Roundwood and The Grove.

The A team visited Roundwood last week and after a very close game, where some excellent netball was played, the final score was 3-3 with Roundwood scoring in the last minute of the game.

This week, both the A and B teams played against the Grove. The girls all worked hard in freezing temperatures! The A team finished with a 2-2 draw and the B team finished with a 1-1 draw.

Well done to all girls involved. An extra well done to Eliza in year 6 and Scarlett in year 6 who were both voted player of the match for their teams!





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Harpenden District Cross Country Championships

Last week a group of boys and girls from years 5&6 competed in the Harpenden Schools cross country competition.

They all ran brilliantly with 4 of our children finishing in the top 10 places for their age group. An amazing achievement!

Due to the hard work of everyone involved Manland finished in **1st place** in the small school's competition. This is the 3rd year in a row we have come away with the small school's trophy, such a fantastic achievement!

Well done! **Saga, Audrey, Cora, Elouise, Eliza, William H, George P, George G, Charlie, Marcus, Samuel, Henry S, William S, Virginia, Camille, Charlotte C and Ava**



Boys Football

The year 5&6 boys had their first football match against The Grove this week.

The B team put on amazing display showing great teamwork and some great football. Their hard work paid off resulting in a 6-1 win!

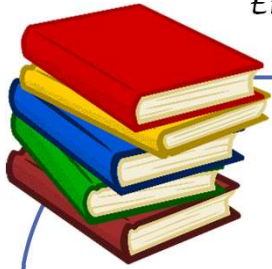
The A team were up against a very strong Grove team. They all worked really hard and displayed some great football. Despite finishing the first half at a 0-0 draw they conceded 3 goals in the second half resulting in a win for the Grove. A really great effort for their first game together though!

Well done boys!!





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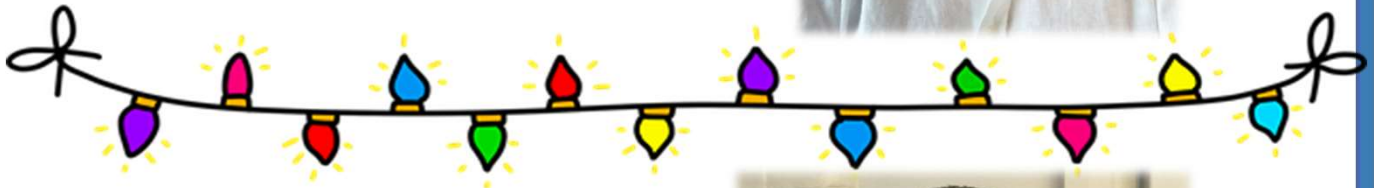


Welcome to our new staff!

We are pleased to announce two new members of staff will be joining the Manland team. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school!

Miss Morris

Miss Morris will be starting with us as soon as all her safer recruitment checks are in place. Miss Morris has a long background in education and is going to be a real asset to our early years team. Miss Morris will be working as a teaching assistant in our Reception team and has already been on site, meeting staff and pupils and learning all about our school – welcome Miss Morris!



Miss N Sweeney

Not to be confused with Miss S Sweeney, Miss N Sweeney has also joined us as a teaching assistant in Reception class. Miss Sweeney has already started getting to know all the children and has been shadowing members of staff – she had already learnt an impressive number of names by the end of her first day! Welcome Miss Sweeney, we are so pleased you have joined our team!



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Dragon Pinball!

Jude and Lara (with a little help from Dad!), have made this amazing pin ball machine at home.

They hope– in the not too distant future – to organise a fund raising event using their amazing creation. Watch this space!



Donations!

A huge thank you to the **Rees family** and the **O'Grady family** for their recent donations of mag tiles and Christmas decorations for school. We really appreciate donations of resources – they will be well loved by Manland pupils for many years to come! Thank you!



A big thank you to the following parents from the HSA who came in on the 16th and 17th November and tidied up the whole Quad area – it looks amazing and will make a real difference!

Mr Wollaston **Mr Casby** **Mr Peters**
Mrs Stano **Ms Filippidou**

If you have some time to volunteer to help the HSA, no matter how big or small, please get in contact with your HSA class rep or via the school office. Thank you!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **96.9%** Well done everyone!

A special mention to Year 6, who achieved 98% attendance!

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