



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Parent Consultation Bookings

We can see that a large number of parents are still yet to book parent consultation time slot preferences.

Please ensure that you have submitted the booking form by clicking the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pqzdXE4CEV>

Thank you.

Our Pride Our Joy Vacancies

Our Pride Our Joy, a subsidiary company of the Fierte Multi Academy Trust are hiring! Positions are available across our Tamworth and Burton Nurseries and Care Clubs. For further information please visit the website or WMJobs, or alternatively email info@opoj.fierte.org



New events for the Spring term!

Number Day – Friday 2nd February – we invite children to dress up as their favourite number or shape.

Pancake Race – Friday 9th February at 3:00pm – we invite parents to come to school to watch the pancake races before taking children home at 3:30pm.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March – children to come dressed as their favourite story book characters.

Ladies tea and cake – Friday 8th March – mothers or grandmothers are invited to join us from 2:30pm – 3:30pm for tea and cake to celebrate Mother's Day. Admission is £3.50 per adult which is now available to pay on Parent Pay.

Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 22nd March – parents invited to watch our Easter Bonnet Parade outside, (weather permitted), or in the school hall after our end of term assembly. Children to decorate their Easter bonnets at home ready for the parade.

Holi Festival of Colour – Monday 25th March – children to come dressed in brightly coloured clothes to celebrate the Hindu festival.

Heron's Stars of the Week

Congratulations to all our stars in Herons this week, we are very proud of you!

Stars of the Week: Alfie and Hallie

Outstanding Citizen: Terae

Reader of the Week: Lily H



Congratulations Rainbow Readers:

Jayden, Alfie, Isobel, Elsie, Evelyn, Evie, Henry, Jax, Theo H, Taliyah, Noah, Monika, Theo T, Violet, Terae and Matilda

Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.57%
School attendance this term: 98.77%
School attendance this week: 98.58%

Dragonflies (this week): 97.79%

Herons (this week): 98.76%

Kestrels (this week): 99.23%

Congratulations to our children in for winning our weekly attendance award!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child to achieve 100% attendance this week.

	Attendance is good to excellent. No/few lessons are being missed. Impact upon learning is minimal.	Class Teacher to celebrate attendance
	Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern. Risk/high risk of underachievement. Child will struggle to reach their full potential.	Class Teacher to contact parent to discuss absences

	Attendance levels are causing significant concern. High/severe risk of underachievement.	Senior Leader to contact faculty to offer an improvement plan Consider legal action (risk of fine being issued)
	Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level – despite intervention and support. Extreme risk of underachievement.	Senior Leader/Trust Wellbeing Lead/EWO Legal action (if/et)



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week, Dragonflies have been exploring the adventures of Popeye during Drawing Club. We have enjoyed looking at the character of Popeye and Bluto.

In maths, we have been subitising with numbers 1-5.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Hérons have settled back beautifully and have shown great resilience as continuous provision has been removed! They are showing us how much progress they are continuing to make!

In Maths, the children have finished their learning on addition and subtraction within 10 and have started their new learning on 2D and 3D shapes. In English, we have looked at our model text of a diary entry and we have started to learn all about past tense.

In the wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed their first lesson exploring Beebots, understanding the term responsible in PSHE and learning more about our significant historical figure 'Florence Nightingale'.



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

Kestrels have continued to find out about the country of Africa, and particularly Kenya. They have used the atlases to revisit their knowledge of continents from Year 1 and labelled continents, the oceans, and the UK on a map of the world and within a map of Africa they have located and labelled Kenya. Next week, we are going to start comparing physical and human features of Kenya and England and we will be looking at some African artefacts too. In English, the children have been writing a recount of the key events in Nelson Mandela's life after reading 'The Long Walk to Freedom', which is his autobiography. We have also been looking at spelling patterns for words with a silent 'g' and 'k' at the start such as knock and gnaw. In maths, we have looked at money and comparing amounts, calculating totals, giving change and solving problems.



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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st February – Y2 African Dance and Drumming Workshop (Parents invited to attend at 3:00pm)

Friday 2nd February – Thursday 8th February – Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February – Parent Consultation Evenings (Tuesday 5:00-7:00pm, Thursday 4:00-6:00pm, Scholastic Book Fair will be open on these evenings) ***No clubs this week***

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half term

Friday 23rd February – Chinese Dragon Workshop (All year groups) Parents invited to attend at 3:00pm (No Family Assembly today)

Friday 8th March – Non School Uniform Day – donations of chocolate for chocolate bingo.

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March – SEND Target Review Week

Saturday 16th March – Chocolate Bingo – 5:00-7:00pm Adults £5 per ticket, Children £3.50 per ticket. Includes drinks and snacks.

Thursday 21st March – Easter Disco (Reception – Year 2) 4:30pm – 5:30pm (£3.00 per child)

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April – Summer term starts.

Spring Term Assemblies

Friday 26th January – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 2nd February – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 9th February – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 1st March – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 8th March – Dragonflies Family Assembly

African Dance and Drumming Workshop (Year 2) – Thursday 1st February

As part of Kestrel's third topic this year about Kenya, the children will be having a dance and drumming workshop on Thursday 1st February. The dance workshop will take place in the morning and all children will need their PE kits for this. In the afternoon Mr Baugh from Rock-it Music will be leading a drumming workshop. Parents are warmly invited to join us at **3:00pm** where Kestrel's will showcase their drumming skills.

Scholastic Book Fair – Friday 2nd – Thursday 8th February

The scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Friday 2nd – Thursday 8th January. Books will be available to purchase after school from the library, and during parent consultations. We are so thankful for all the books we have been able to secure for our library through the Scholastic Book Fair so far and hope to break our sales record once again! A big thank you for your continued support.

Chinese New Year – Friday 23rd February (All Year Groups)

On Friday 23rd February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year at school. There will be a special Chinese menu and the children will take part in a dragon dancing workshop. They will need their PE kit in school on this day and parents are invited to join us for a dragon dance showcase at 3:00pm. **As this is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, space in the hall will be limited, therefore we ask that only one parent per family attends and that pushchairs and prams are left outside.**

Safeguarding – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Natalie Horlor (Head of School) nhorlor@ankervalley.org

Mrs Maria Hamblin (Executive Head teacher and CEO) CEO@fierte.org

Mrs Julia Jones (Safeguarding Lead Governor) office@ankervalley.org

The school Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website.



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