



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Please be aware that there will be NO CLUBS from Friday 15th March.

Easter Bonnet Parade and End of Term Assembly

All children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring them into school on Thursday 21st March. Bonnets will be judged and three winners for each class will be picked. We then invite parents to join us for our end of term assembly on Friday 22nd March at 9:00am, where the children will wear and parade their bonnets and winners will be announced. Can we please ask that no more than two adults attend the assembly and that all pushchairs/prams are left outside the hall. Can we also please ask that you step outside with younger siblings if necessary, so that other children are not distracted by siblings running around or that are upset.

Parents will also be notified if their child is receiving an attendance award or star of the term award during this assembly.

World Book Day

We were amazed by all the fantastic World Book Day costumes we saw on Thursday, a big thank you to parents for providing such lovely costumes.



Dragonflies Stars of the Week

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

Stars of the Week: Oliver and Eva

Outstanding Citizen: Georgia

Reader of the Week: Jamie



Congratulations Rainbow Readers: **Jess, Indie, Noah, Archie W, Oscar, Ethan, Rocco, Oliver S, Rory, Eva, Louisa, Charlie, Blake, Chance, Elsie-Mai, Nevaeh, Lottie, Ollie W, Myla, Felicity, Sophie, Matilda, Georgia and Lilly M.**

Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.41%

School attendance this term: 96.58%

School attendance this week: 96.00%

Dragonflies (this week): 96.68%

Hérons (this week): 95.88%

Kestrels (this week): 95.40%

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

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

Non-Uniform Day Donations

Thank you to all those parents who made donations of chocolate for our chocolate Bingo event. We will be able to put together lots of bundles of prizes together for what promises to be a fun evening.



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week in Dragonflies the children have enjoyed exploring the story of Cinderella. The children have had a lovely time making Cinderella a new palace and designing her a new dress. The children really enjoyed World Book Day; they enjoyed talking about their favourite books with their friends. **Happy 5th Birthday to Grayson!** We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Another busy week in Herons! Full of learning, smiles and progress! This week in Maths, we have been practicing our fluency of recalling number bonds to 10, finding doubles and started to learn about near doubles. The children have had plenty of opportunities to complete more levels on their NumBots too! In English, we have started to read the story Beegu and have created a story map to recall the events of the story. We are looking forward to learning new skills and innovating the text next week. In our afternoon lessons, we explored different techniques whilst using watercolours, described objects for sorting and shared picture of our family. Next week, we will look forward to our Minibus Mystery Tour with Mr Bill!



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

Kestrels have been busy this week learning about height and length in maths, finding out about the symbols of belonging for the Islamic faith in RE, cooking a Nigerian Pound Cake as part of our Design and Technology work, learning about the human life cycle in science and working together as a team in this week's Forest School session with Miss Garrett. We were also lucky to be invited to Tamworth Castle for a Saxon Storytelling event, which the children thoroughly enjoyed particularly as it fell on World Book Day too! Well done to Kestrels for their fabulous World Book Day costumes, you all looked amazing! **Happy 7th Birthday to Sophie and Hope!** We hope you have a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th March – Year 1 Minibus Mystery Tour

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.

Monday 18th March – Rokit Music Steel Pan Band Performance (Year 2 only) – Parents welcome 2:45-3:15pm

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

Friday 22nd March – Easter Bonnet Parade following End of Term Assembly at approximately 9:45am – Parents invited to watch our Easter Bonnet Parade

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

Wednesday 17th April – Year 2 Trip to Llandudno (arrive at school for 7:30am)

Monday 29th April – Indian and Irish Dancing Workshops (all classes) International Day of Dance

Thursday 2nd May – Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)

Friday 3rd May – Maypole Dancing Workshop (all classes)

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Walk to School Week

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Whitsun Half Term

Wednesday 5th June – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 6th June – Reception Trip to the Sealife Centre

Spring / Summer Term Assemblies

Friday 15th March – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 12th April – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 19th April – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 26th April – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 3rd May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 10th May – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 17th May – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 24th May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Chocolate Bingo

Chocolate Bingo will be taking place Saturday 16th March (5pm until 7pm.)

Tickets for adults are £5 each and children's tickets are £3.50 each. You are now able to make payment for this event on Parent Pay.

Easter Disco

Our Easter Disco will take place Thursday 21st March. Tickets are £3 per child which includes crisps, a biscuit and juice. You are now able to make payment for this event on Parent Pay. Extra details will be shared closer to the date.

Sunday 17th March – King Offa Procession

Just a reminder to those who have confirmed they are attending this event, we will be meeting at Lady Bridge at 10:45am and children will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather and will be provided with a hi vis vest. Mrs Horlor and Mr Hand will be walking alongside the children and parents until we reach St. Editha's Church at 12:00. Thank you for your support.

Year 1 Trips in and Around Tamworth

You may be aware from the dates that year 1 as part of unit 4 will be going on two trips over the next two weeks. The first trip is on **Monday 11th March**, where Mr Bill will take them in two groups on a tour of Tamworth in the minibus. They will visit Hopwas, the hospital, the industrial estate and look at old and new houses. The children will not need anything additional on this day.

On **Wednesday 20th March**, the children will have a full day exploring Tamworth town centre. They will walk there and back and have a packed lunch provided which you will have received a link to complete. As part of the visit, they will explore the castle grounds, church, shopping centre, and river Anker. As this is an outdoor trip, please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat and small rucksack to carry their packed lunch in.

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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