



Friday 10th September 2021

Anker Valley Newsletter

'Inspiring all to excellence'

Welcome to Anker Valley Primary Academy!



I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to finally be writing the first Anker Valley Newsletter. Butterflies and Dragonflies have settled into school life beautifully and have enjoyed spending this week getting to know their new surroundings, each other and all of the adults. We are so very proud of them all.

We have a number of events over the next few weeks which we would love to welcome our parents, carers and local community to, so please do keep an eye on our dates section and social media pages.

I would like to finish this week by saying a huge thank you to all of our parents for their support over the past week. Your wonderful comments and emails have been greatly received.

Best wishes for the weekend, Mrs. Horlor.

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week:

Isla-Rae – Dragonflies

Jenson - Dragonflies

Reader of the Week:

Grayson - Dragonflies



What we have been learning about this week in Butterflies

The nursery children have settled into school incredibly well – we are so proud of them. They have been keen to explore both the indoor and outdoor environment, showing their interests and curiosity. They have been busy exploring and using their creative skills through painting – look out for some of our beautiful artwork on the noticeboard outside.

At lunchtime, the children have enjoyed trying new foods in their school dinners and have been perfecting using knives, forks and spoons.

We are looking forward to having lots more fun next week!

Best wishes

The Butterflies Team

Our Character Virtue

This week the children have been learning about showing **care** and how to treat people and animals with kindness. In assembly, we heard the story of the Good Samaritan and talked about how we can show care to each other when we are upset or unwell. We would love it if parents could share photographs of our Dragonflies showing care at home e.g. with a pet, a sibling, etc.



Attendance

Dragonflies: 95.56%

Well done Dragonflies – let's see if we can beat this next week!

Every Day Counts!





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What we have been learning about this week in Dragonflies

We have been exploring our new classroom this week. We have played in the water tray with the boats to see if they would float or sink and have built castles in the sand tray. On our art table, we have made dragonfly pictures with paint and collage (look out for these on our outdoor display).

We have had indoor PE twice this week (unfortunately it rained just as we were about to go outside!). We have tried really hard to get ourselves changed – buttons can be very tricky – but we got there in the end. Mrs Free has asked if we can keep practicing getting dressed and undressed ourselves at home.

On Monday, we had our first music session with Rock It Music. We played the steel pans and learnt a new school song. Mrs Hamblin also taught us a song in singing practice called 'Try Everything'. It is all about perseverance (one of school virtues).



Dragonflies on their first day.

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Dates for your Diary

17th September—Jeans for Genes Day—Children to wear something denim

24th September—9:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning (Cake donations for this would be most welcome)

8th October—9:15am—Harvest Festival in the school Hall (Parents welcome)

8th October—Mental Health Day—Children to wear something yellow #helloyellow

11th October—Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

12th November—Children in Need Day—Children to wear something spotty.

3rd December—9:15am—Christingle Family Assembly

16th December—9:15am—Reception Nativity and Carols

10th December—3:30pm—5:00pm—Christmas Fayre

17th December—Christmas Jumper Day

20th December—Christmas Holidays Start

4th January—Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

5th January—Spring Term Starts



On Friday 17th September, we will be raising awareness of Jeans for Genes day by wearing jeans to school (normal school uniform on top please).

Voluntary donations of £1 will go towards supporting children born with genetic conditions.



We are excited to be holding our first Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall on Friday 24th September at 9:30am.

All parents, carers and neighbours are invited to join us for tea and cake.

We would be incredibly grateful if you are able to make donations of cakes for this event. They can be sent to the school office or to your child's classroom by Thursday 23rd September.

Many thanks.

Individual School Photographs

On Monday 4th October, Tempest will be in school to take individual photographs of all of the children. Further information will be sent out closer to the date with regards to arrangements and how to place orders.

Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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

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

Mr Toby Swift (Safeguarding Lead Governor) office@ankervalley.org

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