



Friday 17th September 2021

# Anker Valley Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our second full week, it is safe to say that the children in both Butterflies and Dragonflies are adapting well to the daily routines. It is lovely to see such happy children and parents arrive each morning.

At Anker Valley, we are always looking for ways to improve and we really value your feedback. We have sent out via email a questionnaire that we would appreciate you completing. We look forward to your receiving your comments.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Horlor.

## Congratulations!

### Stars of the Week:

Ollie

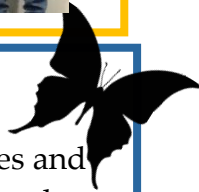
Benjamin

### Reader of the Week:

Eva-Mae



## What we have been learning about this week in Butterflies



This week the children in Butterflies have been investigating paint textures using cars, brushes and their hands to make marks. They have used whiteboards and pens to encourage writing of words to describe our movements such as forward, back, and round to develop our communication.

At snack time the children have selected their fruit from a choice of bananas, apples, tomatoes and oranges, counting the pieces they have.

We look forward to an exciting week to come.



### Use of Social Media

We take this opportunity to remind parents that as a school and Trust we work hard to provide an excellent pastoral and educational environment for the children in our care. There may be times where those standards are not met or not perceived to be met, and parents will have concerns that they quite rightly want to be addressed. We respectfully ask that if you do have a concern, then the correct way of raising that concern is with the class teacher or headteacher and, if necessary, through the formal complaints policy. Social media channels are never acceptable forums for discussing concerns about the school, as it can raise data protection and safeguarding issues, the full facts will not be known and it can lead to further unnecessary breakdown in parent/teacher relations. We will always listen to your concerns and attempt to achieve a resolution.

### Attendance

**Dragonflies (This week): 100% (0 lates)**

**Dragonflies (This term): 97.06%**

Well done Dragonflies...a super week!

Let's see if you can match this next week!

*Every Day Counts!*



Many thanks to those who donated to Jeans for Genes. We have raised £31 to send to the charity.



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## What we have been learning about this week in Dragonflies

This week in Dragonflies, we have been thinking about how we can care for each other and have shared some lovely stories from our reading corner together. We have continued to explore our new classroom and have enjoyed playing outside in our mud kitchen and with our new role play kitchen too. Using our imaginations, we have turned cardboard boxes into fabulous creations including robot costumes and cars. On our art table we have been painting using different equipment, such as plastic forks and cars. We have created some lovely lions like our Anker Valley Lion soft toys (look out for these on our outdoor display).

On Tuesday, Dragonflies had a special assembly about the author Roald Dahl, to celebrate the annual Roald Dahl Day. In the assembly we looked at some of the famous stories from his collection and Mrs Free read us a poem called; The Giraffe, Pelly and me.

We managed to have PE outdoors in the sunshine this week and practiced rolling, throwing and catching a ball. Mrs Free and Mrs Horlor could both tell that we had been practicing getting dressed and undressed ourselves at home.

We have also started our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics learning and have been introduced to the phonemes s, a, t and p.





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## Dates for your Diary

**24th September**—9:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning (Cake donations are welcome by 23<sup>rd</sup> September)

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – 9:00am Grandparents Family Assembly

**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



## 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.



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is National Grandparents Day, therefore on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** we would like to invite our wonderful Grandparents to join us in Family Assembly and then stay for tea, coffee and cake afterwards.



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 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

Many thanks.

## Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

**Mrs Natalie Horlor** (Head of School) [nhorlor@ankervalley.org](mailto:nhorlor@ankervalley.org)

**Mrs Maria Hamblin** (Executive Head teacher and CEO) [CEO@fierte.org](mailto:CEO@fierte.org)

**Mr Toby Swift** (Safeguarding Lead Governor) [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org)

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