



Friday 15th October 2021

Anker Valley Newsletter

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Anker Valley is Officially Open!

We were delighted this morning to welcome so many guests to join us for our official school opening. Cllr Jonathon Price, along with Christopher Pincher MP, cut the ribbon to declare Anker Valley open and revealed the new plaque outside the front of the school. We were also delighted to receive two beautiful plaques from Mr and Mrs Shimeld on behalf of the company who made the bricks for the school. The children were each presented with a commemorative medal, before singing our school song 'Try Everything'. Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone that has been part of the journey so far.

Best wishes for the weekend. Mrs Horlor.



Congratulations!

Stars of the Week:

Sophie & Michael (Dragonflies)
Winnie (Butterflies)



Reader of the Week:

Hope (Dragonflies)



Outstanding Citizen:

Jayden (Dragonflies)



What we have been learning about this week in Butterflies

This week, the children have enjoyed conker painting, looking at different patterns and exploring colours. They have been developing independence and self-help by learning to butter their own toast.

The children have enjoyed selecting their own books from the book trolley, promoting their own choice.

After half term, we are introducing book share, where the children can choose a book from the library and take it home for a week.



Attendance

Dragonflies (This week): 90.06%

Dragonflies (This term): 92.6%

Our weekly and termly attendance has really dipped again this week, as there continues to be lots of colds lingering.

Can we please encourage you to send your child to school every day (unless displaying Covid symptoms), we will always let you know if they are unwell in school.



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This week in Dragonflies, we have read the story of Zog by Julia Donaldson and talked about what we would like to be when we grow up. In our creative area, we have had a go at making our own dragons, choosing the resources we would like to use independently.

In our outside area, we have loved putting on shows on our new stage, using the musical instruments and ribbons. We have also enjoyed playing in our new sandpit.

In PE this week with Mrs Horlor, we had our first go at using the fabulous PE equipment in our school hall. We all enjoyed climbing the ropes and exploring how we could travel up and down the climbing frame safely and are very excited to be using this again next week!

In our phonics sessions, we have been introduced to the sounds h, b, f and l. Mrs Free and Miss Garrett have been very impressed with our letter formation in our handwriting sessions.

Dragonflies have been very busy practising a song called 'Try Everything' for our opening ceremony too, this song links closely to our school ethos and the importance of grasping new opportunities and building resilience.





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Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October – Half Term

2nd and 4th November – Parents Consultations

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, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party

20th December – **Christmas Holidays Start**

4th January – **Inset Day (School closed to pupils)**

5th January – Spring Term Starts

21st February – 25th February – Half Term

October Half Term Holiday Club - OPOJ,

Held at Dosthill Primary Academy.

For further information and registration packs, please contact

LWhetton@opoj.fierte.org



**Happy 5th birthday
to Ben and Jayden in Dragonflies!**



We hope you had a lovely day filled with celebrations.
Best wishes, your Anker Valley Family.

Reception Starters for September 2022

If your child's fifth birthday is between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, you will be no doubt be starting to think about applying for a Reception place for September 2022.

At Anker Valley, we pride ourselves on offering an education where we aspire for excellence for all, by offering a bespoke curriculum that takes influence from our local area and the natural environment. We would love you to come to see this for yourself and to take a tour of our newly built school.

For further information about applications or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact our main office on 01827 949310 or via email on office@ankervalley.org. We look forward to meeting you.



Just a reminder, that the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates **should not be parked on at any time**; please help us to keep our children safe. We have also spotted some vehicles blocking neighbour's driveways opposite the school; could we please ask that if you do need to drive that you please park respectfully.



Save the Date!

On **Friday 17th December** we will be inviting parents to join the children for Christmas Dinner. There will be a small charge for this and further information about booking will be sent out closer to the time.

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

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

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