



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

No clubs on from Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

Dear Parents / Carers, we were delighted to be able to share with you this week our published Ofsted report, confirming that we are graded overall as **'Good'** with behaviour and personal development graded as **'Outstanding'**. I am so proud of our beautiful Anker Valley family and the wider Fierte family, who enabled the inspectors to see a true reflection of the day-to-day experiences provided here. Thank you once again to all who contributed to this – it truly is appreciated. As always, there are development points which we will start work on over the coming weeks and terms, so that we can provide the best possible outcomes and experiences for all. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Kindest regards, Mrs Horlor.

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

The scholastic Book Fair arrived in school today and will be here until Thursday 8th February. Books are 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.

Y2 African Dance and Drumming Workshop

Year 2 had a fabulous time on Thursday enriching their learning about Kenya through African drumming and dance Workshops. Thank you to the parents that were able to celebrate the children's achievements with them in our special assembly.



Number Day

We loved seeing the children's amazing outfits for Number Day this year and we hope that you had fun creating them at home!



Dragonflies' Stars of the Week

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

Stars of the Week: Louisa and Matei

Outstanding Citizen: Albie

Reader of the Week: Lottie



Congratulations Rainbow Readers: **Lilly, Jamie, Oscar, Zalahry, Lottie, Jess, Matei, Noah, Chance, Felicity, Rory, Sophie, Rocco**

Attendance

School attendance this year: **96.70%**
School attendance this term: **98.19%**
School attendance this week: **97.53%**

Dragonflies (this week): **95.45%**

Hérons (this week): **99.07%**

Kestrels (this week): **98.28%**

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

0 – 8.5 days off during the academic year



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

9 – 14 days off during the academic year



Attendance levels are causing significant concern.

High/severe risk of underachievement.

Senior Leader to contact family to offer an improvement plan Consider legal action (risk of fine being issued)

14.5 to 19.5 days off during the academic year



Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level – despite intervention and support.

Extreme risk of underachievement.

Senior Leader/Trust Wellbeing Lead/EWO Legal action (fine)

20+ days off during the academic year



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

The children in Dragonflies have been working really hard this week. We have continued our work on mass in maths and the children have enjoyed comparing different objects.

In phonics we have completed all of our phase 3 sounds, and we are now applying them to longer words, this has been tricky but they have demonstrated great perseverance. We have all really enjoyed exploring the story of Little Red Riding Hood in Drawing Club. Well done, Dragonflies.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have been focussed and busy with their learning this week!

In Maths, the children are continuing to understand the composition of numbers to 20. They have been finding 1 more and 1 less than numbers within 20 and exploring these numbers on a number line. In English, we have been exploring the alien spaceship that has landed on our school field! We have been given the task to write a newspaper article about this event. In our wider curriculum lessons, the children have been creating medals, programming, and debugging Beebots and they have been playing a variety of musical instruments too!



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

It has been another busy week in Kestrels! To link with our geography learning about Kenya we have had a fabulous time learning traditional African dances and songs. We then had a workshop all about music where we learnt to play a Tongue drum and performed for the parents who were able to attend. In art we have been architects and designed and made a 3D model of a house. In maths we have continued to learn about multiplication and division. English this week has been all about African animals and we have been researching about giraffes so that we have enough information now to create a non-fiction book together as a class. Next week, we will also hopefully be having a visit from Mrs Jones who was lucky enough to go on safari in Africa and she will be sharing her photos and tales with us.



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Dates for your Diary

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)

Friday 9th February – Pancake Race – We invite parents to come to school at 2:45pm to watch the pancake races before taking children home at 3:30pm (in the event of rain, this will be cancelled).

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half-Term Holiday

Tuesday 20th February – Dragonflies trip to Parkridge Centre

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

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

Friday 8th March – Ladies Tea and Cake – 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

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)

Friday 22nd March – Easter Bonnet Parade – Parents invited to watch our Easter Bonnet Parade

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

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

Spring Term Assemblies

Friday 9th February – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 1st March – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 8th March – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 15th March – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 22nd March – End of Term Assembly

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.**

Ladies Tea & Cake

To celebrate Mother's Day, we invite mothers or grandmothers into school on Friday 8th March to join the children for tea and cake in the school hall. Admission is £3.50 per adult and is now available to purchase on Parent Pay. **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.**

Chocolate Bingo

Chocolate Bingo will be taking place Saturday 16th March. 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. Extra details will be shared closer to the date.

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.

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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