



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Chyla!

Mrs Chyla has been with us since the school opened in 2021. She has gone above and beyond her role, getting to know the children individually, having conversations with parents, hosting our many events, and most importantly preparing first class meals for our children. Unfortunately, she has made the difficult decision to move on to pastures new. We will miss her tremendously but would like to wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

A message from Julia Jones, our Chair of Governors

I am sure by now you have all read our first Ofsted report. We have been open barely three years and to have achieved 'good' overall and 'outstanding' in two key areas is remarkable, particularly when you consider your children started Anker Valley having suffered so much as a result of Covid.

Reading the report instantly made me feel the inspectors had really captured what it feels like to be part of the Anker Valley family - particularly our values. But of course, we could not have reached these heights without your support, your children's hard work and good attendance, and undoubtedly, the dedication of the wonderful staff we have at Anker Valley. The support of Fierte MAT has also been fundamental to our success.

I want to thank everyone of you for supporting and contributing so positively to everything we do at the Anker Valley family.

I feel very fortunate to be Chair of Governors of such a thriving school community.

Enjoy a well-earned half term break.

Mrs. Jones

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.**

Heron's Stars of the Week

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

Stars of the Week: Monika and Matilda

Outstanding Citizen: Winnie

Reader of the Week: Alfie



Congratulations Rainbow Readers: **Emily, Leo, Theo, Evelyn, Oliver, Winnie, Alfie, Lily H, Taliyah, Millie, Isobel, Monika and Jayden**

Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to have raised £193.13 worth of books during the Scholastic Book Fair, meaning that we can now choose lots of new titles for each class! We thank you all for your support with this and hope the children enjoy reading their new books.

Attendance

School attendance this year: **96.58%**

School attendance this term: **97.42%**

School attendance this week: **94.34%**

Dragonflies (this week): **97.08%**

Herons (this week): **92.52%**

Kestrels (this week): **93.19%**

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.

96 – 100%
Attendance is good to excellent.
No/few lessons are being missed.
Impact upon learning is minimal.

0 – 8.5 days off during the academic year

Class Teacher to celebrate attendance

93 – 95%
Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern.
Risk/high risk of underachievement.
Child will struggle to reach their full potential.

9 – 14 days off during the academic year

Class Teacher to contact parent to discuss absences

90 – 92%
Attendance levels are causing significant concern.
High/severe risk of underachievement.

14.5 to 19.5 days off during the academic year

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

Under 89%
Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level – despite intervention and support.
Extreme risk of underachievement.

20+ days off during the academic year

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



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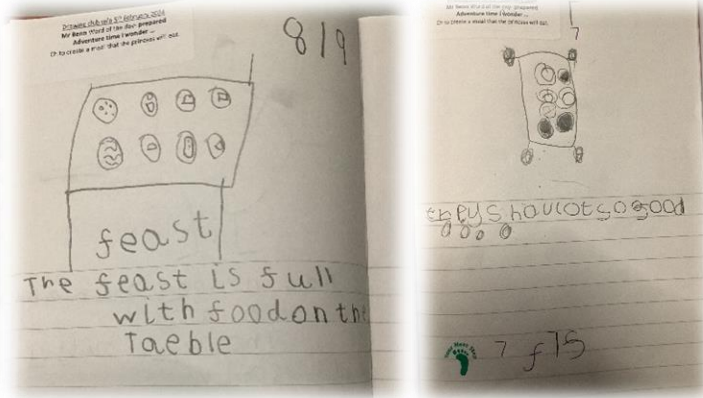


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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week in Dragonflies, the children have been exploring the text Mr Wolf's Pancakes. They have enjoyed designing their own pancakes. They have also enjoyed exploring the animation Mr Benn during their Drawing Club sessions. We hope that you have a lovely week off.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have had a fantastic week, and we cannot believe we are halfway through this academic year! In Maths, we have completed our unit about 'Place Value within 20' and have shown how much progress they have made in this unit of work. In English, we have been working together to innovate the model text and write a newspaper article about the alien spaceship that has landed in our field. In our wider curriculum, we have been exploring different materials through a variety of investigations, we have enjoyed our last Forest School for this half term and debugging programmes using the BeeBots.



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

We cannot believe that we are halfway through the academic year already! Kestrels are working hard and making fabulous progress. This week, they have had a special visit from Mrs Jones, who shared her Kenyan safari photos with us and talked about her adventures. Then on Wednesday, the Mental Health Team visited and introduced the 'Mood Bears'. The children have finished building their 3D house models in Art and have also led an assembly as part of their RE learning, which linked to Children's Mental Health Week.



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Dates for your Diary

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.

Monday 18th March – Rockit 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

Spring Term Assemblies

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

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.**

Easter Disco

Our Easter Disco will take place Thursday 21st March. Tickets are £3 per child which includes crips, 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.

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.

SPITAL WARD
#COMMUNITYFEST
Community Connector Event
for you to find out what is going on in your local community

Wednesday
20th March 2024
11am-2pm

at Tam O Shanter Pub,
Cedar Drive, Tamworth, B79 8PL
 Public transport connections: On the Number 2 Bus Route

including Foodbank, local police and fire, Everyone Health, Beat the Cold, Citizens Advice, Heart of Tamworth etc.

Table-top games, Easter crafts, FREE soup and a roll, Refreshments.

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Safeguarding – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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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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