



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Please be aware that there will be NO CLUBS from Friday 15th March.

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another busy week; time is really flying by (especially with all the wonderful enrichment opportunities we have taking place over the coming terms). Please do remember to keep an eye on the newsletter for important updates about clubs, trips, visits, etc, as we are trying to reduce the number of emails sent out during the day to ensure parents do not feel too overwhelmed.

We have been very fortunate this academic year, to receive Sports Premium Funding, which has meant that we have been able to purchase some fabulous resources to support our PE teaching all the way up to year 6. It also means that we have been able to book lots of sports enrichment activities e.g. dance workshops, to enhance the PE curriculum even more so. In the summer term, all children will also have the opportunity to take part in a skipping workshop and Scootability sessions (both level 1 and level 2) to ensure that they can keep themselves as safe as possible when riding to and from school. We are also in the process of confirming some exciting new after school sports clubs for the summer term!

Year 2 Trip to Tamworth Castle – Saxon Storytelling Workshop – Thursday 7th March

The children in Kestrels have been invited to attend a Saxon storytelling workshop 'Tales from the Hoard' with Q20 Theatre Company. This will take place at Tamworth Castle on the afternoon of **Thursday 7th March** (World Book Day). This event has no charge, and we are very much looking forward to visiting the Castle again. We will be leaving school just after lunchtime and returning for the end of the school day. As this is World Book Day and the children are invited to dress up on this day as their favourite book characters, please could we kindly ask that costumes are suitable for the walk to and from the Castle and for sitting down for the workshop too.

Non-Uniform Day Friday 8th March

On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform. We ask for donations of chocolate, which will go towards our Chocolate Bingo evening taking place Saturday 16th March. All proceeds will go towards new resources for the children and animals at Anker Valley. Thank you for your continued support.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite story book characters! We look forward to seeing your creative costumes. The children will be taking part in lots of themed activities in class and will read and share some of their favourite stories.

Kestrels Stars of the Week

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

Stars of the Week: Evan and Darcie-Loren
Outstanding Citizen: Nicole
Reader of the Week: Esme



Congratulations Rainbow Readers: **Eva-Mae, Darcie-Loren, Edith, Daniel, Hollie, Ollie, Harper, Grayson, Michael, Isla-Rae, Freddie, Esme, Edison, Ronnie, Luna, Evelyn-Rose, Jayden, Sophie and Eva**

Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.41%

School attendance this term: 96.63%

School attendance this week: 93.23%

Dragonflies (this week): 88.11%

Hérons (this week): 93.58%

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.

Fierté Parental Survey – Feedback on Communication

We want to learn more about how we can help our schools to improve parental engagement, so your time and honesty are much appreciated! This survey will ask questions about the communication between carers and school, confidence in the school's strategy and other aspects. It should take around 15 minutes to complete, and you must do the survey in one sitting. Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis.

Please click the following link to begin this survey:

edurio.com/poll/uLRsyD

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey.



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week we have had a lovely week in Dragonflies. Our focus has been on The Gruffalo, the children have enjoyed exploring the story and creating their own creatures, who are scarier than the Gruffalo. In maths, we have been focusing on one more and one less. We have also had a lovely week looking after the animals; yesterday we had the pleasure of cleaning out the animals, which was very smelly! Well done Dragonflies, have a lovely weekend.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have shown great determination and perseverance this week! In Maths and English, we have completed some assessments with the children, in a relaxed setting, where we have worked in small groups or on a 1:1 basis. These assessments are used to inform us, as a school, the next steps for your children in the summer term, alongside our everyday assessments too. All children gave 110% and we have celebrated all the progress they have made so far in Year 1! In our wider curriculum, we have experimented with different techniques with watercolours, thought about what is good and bad for our bodies and had a look at who is part of our family. We are all so proud of every child in Herons and cannot wait to see the continued progress they will make from now and into the summer term!



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

This week has been assessment week, and Kestrels have completed assessments in both reading and maths. We are really proud of them for showing us what they have learned so far, this academic year and they are making pleasing progress. Well done Kestrels! In RE this week, we have looked at Christianity and considered symbols, which show belonging for Christians. During our science lesson, we explored life cycles and considered similarities and differences between the life cycles of amphibians and mammals. Our indoor PE lessons this half term, are focused on the importance of exercising for our health, so this week the children measured their heart rate before, during and after exercising for a sustained period of time. They were really surprised at the changes they noticed during the different stages and were able to explain the benefits of exercising on both their physical and mental well-being. In computing, Kestrels have started to learn how to present data in a pictogram using the Chromebooks.



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th March – Year 1 Walk into Tamworth Town Centre

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – Children to come dressed as their favourite story book characters./ Year 2 Saxon Story Telling at Tamworth Castle.

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 March – Year 1 Minibus Mystery Tour

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

Wednesday 17th April – Year 2 Trip to Llandudno (arrive at school for 7:30am)

Monday 29th April – Indian and Irish Dancing Workshops (all classes) International Day of Dance

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

Friday 3rd May – Maypole Dancing Workshop (all classes)

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Walk to School Week

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Whitsun Half Term

Wednesday 5th June – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 6th June – Reception Trip to the Sealife Centre

Spring / Summer Term Assemblies

Friday 8th March – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 22nd March – End of Term Assembly

Friday 19th April – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 3rd May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 17th May – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 15th March – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 12th April – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 26th April – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 10th May – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 24th May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Chocolate Bingo

Chocolate Bingo will be taking place Saturday 16th March (5pm until 7pm.)

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.

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.

Ladies Tea & Cake

To celebrate Mother's Day, we invite mothers or grandmothers into school on Friday 8th March, from 2:30-3:30pm. 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.**

Deadline for booking is today.

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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FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COURSE



AT RAWLETT SPORTS CENTRE

COMBERFORD ROAD, B79 9AA

STARTS WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

Group 1 - School Reception and Year 1 - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Group 2 - School Years 2 & 3 Children - 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Group 3 - School Years 4, 5 & 6 Children - 6.30pm - 8pm

Dear Parents, we are pleased to announce our Weekly Football Development Courses Held on Wednesdays at Rawlett Sports Centre.

- *The Course is taught by our Team of F.A and UEFA Qualified Professional Coaches who are all DBS Certified and First Aid Trained.*
- *Children are Fully supervised in small coaching groups.*
- *Each Session is based on a core element of Football, i.e. Close Ball Control, Passing, Dribbling, Shooting, etc.*
- *Sessions are held in the SportsHall therefore children must wear Trainers.*
- *Regular Weekly Sessions to build Confidence and Core Skills in a safe, controlled and **Fun Environment with Monthly Competitions where Medals and Awards can be Won***
- *We pride ourselves on small, concentrated coaching groups to ensure all children are engaged at all times therefore spaces are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.*

Price - We Run a minimum of 36 Sessions per Year and Payment is Collected Monthly
Trial Sessions Available on Request

For Children in Reception and Year 1 - £26.50 per Calendar Month

Children in Years 2 to Year 6 - £37.50 per Calendar Month

To Book Your Child's Place Text/Whatsapp:

'RAW + Your Child's Name + Group + Your Email Address'

To 07398442907 or Call 0121 221 2261



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