



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

Please be aware that **Thursday 2nd May is an INSET day**, and **Monday 6th May is a bank holiday** – school will be closed to pupils on both days.

Monday 29th April – International Dance Day

We have been able to secure two dance workshops on Monday 29th April to celebrate International Dance Day - an Indian dance workshop and an Irish dance workshop.

All classes will be taking part. Children have been sent home with their PE kits today to be washed and we ask that they arrive at school on Monday wearing their PE kits, ready for an exciting day of dance!

Gentleman's Lunches – Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June

Gentleman's lunches will take place on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June**. On these days, fathers or grandfathers are invited into school to enjoy lunch with the children – please click the following link to access a form to let us know your preferred date to attend. You will then receive notification of your slot by Friday 10th May and will be assigned a payment on Parent Pay where you will be able to confirm your meal choice. Please be aware that due to limited space in the hall the event will be limited to 45 bookings per day and allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you are not allocated a ticket on the day that you picked, you will be contacted to offer the alternative day. Please note that you only need to book lunch for one of the days.

Thursday's Menu

>Homemade Garlic Bread Margherita Pizza

(G)(D)

>Vegan Sausage (G)

>Freshly Baked Jacket Potato

Served with Criss cut potatoes, carrots & peas.

Strawberry Jelly & Cream (D)(SO)

Friday's Menu

>Crispy Battered Fish Fillet (Gluten Free)

Allergens (F)(G)

>Pizza Pinwheels (G)(D)

>Freshly Baked Jacket Potato

Served with Crispy Oven Chips, ketchup, garden peas & corn on the cob

Homemade Dairy Free Rainbow Shortbread (G)

Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.07%

School attendance this term: 93.93%

Dragonflies (this week): 90.00%

Heron's (this week): 91.07%

Kestrels (this week): 92.01%

Congratulations to our children in **Dragonflies** for winning our weekly attendance award!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child to achieve 100% attendance this week.

Heron's Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Noah F and Jax

Reader of the Week: Henry

Outstanding Citizen: Lily L, Mille and Violet



Rainbow Reads: Monika, Matilda, Leo, Taliyah, Evelyn, Harry, Jax, Isobel, Lily L, Noah B, Oliver, Elsie, Terae, Theo H
Numbots: Winnie, Leo and Theo T



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week the Dragonflies focus book has been *Chicken Licken*, they have really enjoyed this book. Their comprehension skills have really improved over the last few weeks. The new vocabulary that they have learnt this week are as follows, devoured, trickery, crafty, parading and royal. The children have been trying to use the new vocabulary in their learning. In Maths this week we have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties, the children are good at naming shapes and manipulating shapes to make their own patterns and pictures. **Happy 5th Birthday to Indie! We hope you have a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.**



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have had a lovely week and have definitely earned a four-day week next week! In English, the children have planned and written a description for their own house! The children have used a range of language features such as prepositions and adjectives to make their description sound exciting for the reader and give a detailed description of what their house looks like. In Maths, we have completed a new topic of measurement for Height and Length. The children have done well at using the correct terminology and using standard and non-standard units of measure. In the wider curriculum, the children have been learning to type a sentence on Microsoft Word, started to identify a range of emotions in PSHE and in PE they have started to learn about athletics. Herons are very excited for their Indian and Irish dance workshop! **Happy 6th Birthday to Evelyn! We hope you have a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.**



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

Kestrels have been busy this week learning about fractions of amounts and shapes. In English, they have continued with the book, *The Snorh and the Sailor* and have written a setting description thinking carefully about their choice of adjectives, nouns and have even tried to include a simile. In art, the children used resources to create a 3D piece of work entitled 'roots and shoots'. I will be popping photos of their final pieces on Tapestry for you to see. The children will all be bringing home a souvenir today from their trip to the seaside last week!



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Dates for your Diary

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

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

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

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 7th May – Tempest vista class photos.

Friday 17th May – Phonics Information Session and Inspire Bag Making Workshop (Years ____)

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

Friday 7th June – Level 1 Scootability (all classes)

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June – Gentleman's Lunch

Monday 10th – Friday 14th June – Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

Monday 17th June – Skipping Workshop (all classes)

Monday 1st July – Year 2 Trip to the Midland Air Museum

Wednesday 3rd July – Level 2 Scootability (all classes)

Spring / Summer Term Assemblies

Friday 26th April – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 3rd May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 10th May – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 17th May – Herons Family Assembly

Saturday 6th July - Summer Fete – 12:00-3:00pm



We are excited to let you know that we have started making plans to hold our first Summer Fete at Anker Valley on Saturday 6th July 2024. We are hoping that we will be able to offer a range of food, fun and games suitable for all the family. We would also like to be able to open this event up to the local community. Our initial thoughts are that we would like to be able to offer a bouncy castle, face painting, raffle, tombola, hook a duck, hole-in-one, guessing games, penalty shoot-out, ice cream van, burger van and drinks stand to name but a few, all of which would raise vital funds for the school. We would therefore like to reach out to parents and beyond to see whether you would be able to offer a few hours to run a stand for the school. Alternatively, we think this also provides a great opportunity to promote local businesses. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would be interested in hiring a space for a small fee of £15.

Tempest Class Photos – Tuesday 7th May

Please be aware that Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 7th May to take vista style class photos. Please ensure that children are in school wearing the correct uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Governor Vacancies

Please be aware that we currently have Governor vacancies at Anker Valley Primary.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like to know more, please email office@ankervalley.org.

Maypole Dance Workshop

On Friday 3rd May, we have been able to secure a Maypole dance workshop to celebrate May Day! Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day.

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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