



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Please be aware that **Monday 6th May is a bank holiday** – school will be closed to pupils on this day.

International Day of Dance



The children had a fantastic time learning a variety of dances, including Indian dancing, Irish dancing and even learned how to dance around a maypole!



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.

Year 1 Phonics Information Session and Inspire Bag Making Workshop – Friday 17th May

On Friday 17th May, there will be an information session about the Year 1 phonics screening check. The session will begin at 8:30am in the hall before family assembly and will be led by Mrs Free. Once family assembly has finished, the children in Year 1 will be sewing their bag designs and we would love for you to join your child for this. The session will run until 10:30am. We appreciate that not all parents will be able to join us due to work commitments, however we have tried to group together assembly, phonics information and the workshop in the hope that this may make attending easier. Rest assured that your child will not be on their own if you are unable to attend.

Many thanks for your support with this.



Attendance

School attendance this year: **95.97%**

School attendance this term: **93.59%**

Dragonflies (this week): **87.91%**

Heron (this week): **98.82%**

Kestrels (this week): **92.01%**

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

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

Kestrel's Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Molly and Ben

Reader of the Week: Evan

Outstanding Citizen: Edison and Edith



Rainbow Reads: Eva, Hollie, Darcie, Evelyn, Edith, Ronnie, Luna, Ellie-Mae, Esme

Numbots: Harry, Tilly and Ronnie



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

Dragonflies have had a busy week. We started off the week with Irish and Indian dancing which the children really enjoyed. They learnt some geographical and historical facts about Ireland and India then learnt a dance routine. Our focus story this week is Rosie's walk, the children loved this story especially when the fox fell into traps. The new vocabulary that they have learnt is creeping, clatter and scarper along with three new actions. We have also talked about mills and watched a video about how they used to make flour in a mill. In maths we have been learning about doubling numbers and writing a number sentence.



What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have thoroughly enjoyed all of the dance workshops that they participated in this week – Irish dancing, Indian dancing and Maypole dancing! Each child has shown determination and perseverance in each style of dance, and we are very proud of them! In Maths this week, we have been learning about mass. The children have been able to use balancing scales, compare different masses and use the correct terminology. In English, we have started to look at non-chronological report and have really pulled apart the model text to gain a deeper understanding before having to write our own non-chronological report. In our wider curriculum, we have made 3D birds out of paper, edited our own writing on a word document and identified a variety of wildflowers too. The children have definitely earned another 4-day week in celebration of all their ongoing hard work! **Happy 6th Birthday to Emily and Noah F!** We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

This week in Kestrels, we have been looking at diary entries and have written a diary entry from the Snorgh's perspective. We identified the features first before planning and writing our finished piece. In maths we have continued our work on fractions and have looked at recognising and identifying a third. As part of our art unit, the children worked to create a 3D piece inspired by the theme 'Roots and Shoots' using natural resources from the outside environment. It was International Dance Day on Monday, so we participated in an Irish and Indian dance workshop, and we have ended the week with a Maypole workshop. On Wednesday afternoon we played Dodgeball ready for a small team of children from Herons and Kestrels to attend our first sporting competitive competition next week at Rawlett High School.



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Dates for your Diary

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)

Monday 15th July – Sports Day – Exact time to be confirmed (subject to weather)

Wednesday 17th July – Transition Day

Thursday 18th July – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 19th July – End of Term

Summer Term Assemblies

Friday 10th May – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 24th May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 14th June – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 17th May – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 7th June – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 21st June – Kestrels 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.



Governor Vacancies

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

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

Upcoming Trip Payment Reminders

Please be aware that there are payments on Parent Pay for upcoming trips. Dragonflies trip to the Sea Life Centre is taking place Thursday 6th June, with a payment due date of **Monday 27th May**. There is also a payment for Herons visit to Twycross Zoo taking place Friday 5th June, with a payment due date of **Monday 27th May**. Finally, there is a payment for Kestrels trip to the Midland Air Museum, taking place Monday 1st July, with a due date of **Friday 21st June**. Please ensure payments have been made by their due dates to secure places.

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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