



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

Dodgeball Tournament

We are very proud of the children in Herons and Kestrels who attended the dodgeball tournament at Rawlett on Thursday. It was amazing to see everyone taking part and showing great teamwork.



School Office During Lunchtime

Please be aware that between 12:30-1:00pm, the office will be closed, as staff are on lunch time duties.

If you are collecting or dropping children off during these times for appointments, etc, please make Miss Elliott aware in the morning and then come to the hall door by the main entrance, where someone will be able to assist you.

SH Active After School – Expression of Interest

We are currently exploring the option of using SH Active to provide after school clubs from September 2024. We currently use SH Active to provide after school clubs on a Wednesday and Friday and also our lunchtime clubs.

They can offer clubs (Monday - Friday) for Reception - Year 3, which would run from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and then provide 30 minutes additional wrap around until 5:00pm. The clubs may include dance, gymnastics, cricket, nerf wars, zorbing, archery, fencing, etc and would be a mixture of both indoor and outdoor dependent on the weather. It is unlikely that we would be able to provide food as is currently provided by OPOJ. The approximate / estimated cost of this from 3:30pm - 5:00pm would be £6 per child and there would be a limit of 25 children per evening.

If this is a service that you think you may be interested in, could you please complete the form using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HVsj49dhVn>
As stated above, this is purely to explore whether this would be something parents are interested in.

Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.91%

School attendance this term: 93.61%

Dragonflies (this week): 92.39%

Herons (this week): 97.56%

Kestrels (this week): 87.50%

Congratulations to our children in Herons for winning our weekly attendance award!

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

Dragonflies' Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Felicity and Oscar

Reader of the Week: Oliver S

Outstanding Citizen: Chance



Rainbow Reads: Rocco, Rory, Matei, Ethan, Noah, Felicity, Jacob, Jess, Myla, Lilly, Lottie, Chance, Eva, Louisa, Georgia and Albie



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

Dragonflies have enjoyed the beautiful weather we have had this week. They have enjoyed accessing learning in our outdoor classroom. They have particularly taken pleasure in the new construction area that we have set up. It has been lovely to see them use their imagination to create different things with the resources. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar, the children can recall the different stages and can use some scientific vocabulary such as cocoon and chrysalis. In Drawing Club we have learnt new vocabulary related to the Very Hungry Caterpillar story. We have learnt detach, famished, habitat and modify. *Happy 5th Birthday to Rocco! We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.*



What we have learned this week in Herons...

It may have only been a four-day week this week, but we have been so busy with our learning! In Maths, we have been learning about volume and capacity. The children have enjoyed learning with practical resources and gaining a deeper understanding of the terms volume and capacity. In English, the children have started to write a non-chronological report about Tamworth. The children have been planning their non-chronological report and have learnt about the suffixes s and es for pluralised nouns. In the wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed planting their runner beans, taking part in 1-minute activities and learning about what we can do when we are feeling the emotion of sadness. Next week, we are looking forward to our Family Workshop of creating our Florence Nightingale bags! *Happy 6th Birthday to Lily H! We hope you had a wonderful day. From your Anker Valley Family.*



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

It has been a short but busy week in Kestrels, and it has been lovely to see the sun! The children have been identifying the names and locations of different seaside resorts in the UK and have labelled a map to show them. They have also been identifying the physical and human features of a seaside resort thinking carefully about the things they saw when they visited Llandudno. In science the children identified different uses for materials and explored the school environment considering the multiple uses of some materials. In maths, Kestrels have continued to focus on fractions, they have found out about unit and non-unit fractions have started to recognise equivalent fractions, such as $\frac{1}{2}$ being the same as two quarters. On Wednesday afternoon they enjoyed time outside playing different team games with Miss Garrett.



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Dates for your Diary

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

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 17th May – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 7th June – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 21st June – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 24th May – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 14th June – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 28th June – Dragonflies Family Assembly

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.

Phonics



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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