



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2024

Twycross Zoo

Heron's very much enjoyed their visit to Twycross Zoo, which linked in with their learning about animals. The children took part in a 'Habitat Chat' workshop, where they learned about different environments in which animals around the world live. They were able to see all kinds of animals, from meerkats, owls and tortoises, to tigers, giraffes and rhinos!



Sealife Centre

Dragonflies had an incredible time visiting Birmingham Sea Life Centre, which linked in with their topic 'Under the Sea'. They were able to see all kinds of marine life, including jelly fish, sea horses and a giant turtle. They had great fun interacting with the penguins and even caught a glimpse of the sea otters! They enjoyed their experience at the train station and were fabulously behaved on the train.



House T-Shirts

Please can we ask that your child is provided with a t-shirt that is the same colour as their house team, and that this is brought into school on Sports Day (Monday 15th July).

Scootability

All children took part in the Level 1 Scootability Course today, where they learned new skills and tricks on their scooters. The children were taught about road safety – how to stay safe while riding their scooters near busy roads and what to do to ensure the safety of themselves and others. Level 2 Scootability is taking place Wednesday 3rd July; we hope the children are looking forward to furthering their scooter skills.



Signing In and Out

Please be aware that we now have a new signing in/signing out system for those children who arrive late or leave early during school hours. If your child arrives at school after 8:55am or leaves before 3:30pm, we will ask you to sign them in/out on the iPad in the main entrance. It is important that you ensure this is done, so that we can keep an up-to-date record of children in the event of a school evacuation. Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.75%

School attendance this term: 93.92%

Dragonflies (this week): 95.45%

Heron's (this week): 94.95%

Kestrels (this week): 94.67%

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.

Dragonflies Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Indie and Archie

Reader of the Week: Rocco

Outstanding Citizen: Felicity



Rainbow Reads: Nevaeh, Myla, Lottie, Indie, Ollie, Jamie, Albie, Archie, Ethan, Matei, Rory, Louisa, Eva

Numbots: Noah, Ethan, Charlie



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What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

This week the Dragonflies focus book has been Tiddler, which the children have really enjoyed. They liked joining in the repeated refrain "oh no he didn't, oh yes he did!". They have learnt 4 key words this week: curious, deceiving, delayed and remorseful. In Maths this week, we have revisited sharing into groups and talked about it being equal and fair. The children had a great time at the Sea Life Centre, they all followed adult instructions and even the police in Birmingham commented on how well behaved they were. Well done, Dragonflies!



What we have learned this week in Herons...

What a fabulous first week back for Herons! On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their trip to Twycross Zoo. All children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly engaged in all aspects of the trip. The children saw plenty of animals and learnt the terminology herbivores, carnivores and omnivores to describe the diet of the different animals. The children also enjoyed their workshop on Habitats and were great at identifying what animal belongs to each of the given habitats. On Friday, the children took part in Scootability, which was received with plenty of smiles and perseverance. During the week, the children have planned a new adventure for 'Gorilla', learnt about fractions in Maths and sketched from observations of different images and videos of wildlife. We are phonics prepared and ready to wow everyone next week in our Phonics Screening Check!



What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

It's hard to believe that we are in the last half term of this academic year already and Kestrels are nearly at the end of their Key Stage 1 journey! This week, we have edited and redrafted a chosen piece of written work based on the text, The Snorgh and the Sailor and have started our new writing unit based on a short film clip called Soar. In history, we have looked at how flight has changed overtime. During RE with Mrs Horlor the children have reflected and identified what makes a person 'good'. In art, the children sketched to the rhythm of a metronome. Maths has focused on telling the time to five-minute intervals and we have lots of children who have moved up levels this week on Numbots too!



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Dates for your Diary

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)

Friday 5th July – Y1 Information Meeting about London Trip 8:30am ****New Event**

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

Monday 15th July – Reports go home to parents

Wednesday 17th July – Transition Day and Open Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 18th July – Dragonflies Graduation 2:30pm ****New Event**

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

Friday 19th July – End of Year Assembly and Family Picnic Lunch

Friday 19th July – End of Term

Tuesday 3rd September – School opens (Dragonflies half day and parent lunches) ****New Event**

Tuesday 3rd September – Open afternoon / Meet your child's new teacher 3:30pm – 4:30pm ****New Event**

Thursday 5th September – Dragonflies full time from today ****New Event**

Thursday 19th September – Year 3 (Kingfishers) Bikeability (More information to follow) ****New Event**

Friday 20th September – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parentpay) ****New Event**

Monday 23rd September – Dragonflies Balance Bikeability Course (More information to follow) ****New Event**

Summer Term Assemblies

Friday 14th June – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 28th June – Dragonflies Family Assembly

Friday 12th July – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 21st June – Kestrels Family Assembly

Friday 5th July – Herons Family Assembly

Friday 19th July – End of term assembly

Polling Day – Thursday 4th July

Please be aware that **Thursday 4th July** is a polling day. To minimise disruption to parents, school will be open as normal, however the children will be having a picnic lunch and will be asked for their preferences in class.

Please note that Breakfast Club and Aftercare Club will be closed on this day.

Sickness In School

We are experiencing a high number of sickness bugs in school – can we please remind all parents that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they are unable to return to school until 48 hours from the last episode of sickness/vomiting has passed. Further information on the NHS guidance for when to return to school following diarrhoea and vomiting can be found using the following link: [Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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

There is a payment for Kestrel's 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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