



# Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**\*\*Please be aware all after school clubs have now finished, excluding OPOJ.\*\***

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

Many thanks to those who have expressed an interest in running their own or helping staff to run a stall at our first summer fayre. The event starts at 11am, we therefore ask that anyone setting up or supporting arrives from 10:00am, so that we can be ready for when the gates open. We kindly ask that you do not bring children with you until after 11:00am. If you are able to support, please can you let Miss Elliott know by emailing [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org). The weather is forecast to be dry, so we hope to see lots of our community come together to have fun and raise funds for the school.

## Scotability™ Level 2

The children in all three classes have had a fabulous time this week achieving their Level 2 Scotability award. They have learnt even more tricks, but most importantly how to carry out an emergency stop and avoid obstacles.

Well done to all of the children for being Level 2 proficient – we are super proud of you all!



### Attendance

School attendance this year: 95.64%

School attendance this term: 94.13%

Dragonflies (this week): 96.33%

Herons (this week): 95.52%

Kestrels (this week): 98.33%

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

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

### Herons Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the Week: Bradley and Amelie

Reader of the Week: Elsie

Outstanding Citizen: Matilda



Rainbow Reads: Terae, Theo T, Taliyah, Millie, Elsie, Evie and Matilda

Numbots: Millie and Winnie



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## What we have learned this week in Dragonflies...

Dragonflies have really enjoyed our focus story *Snail and the Whale* this week, which is the book we used for Drawing Club. The children have learnt the words *soot*, *hitch*, *recovery* and *excursion*, along with the actions. When writing, the children are beginning to spell words correctly because they have remembered how they are spelled from the whole class sessions. In maths this week, we have been revisiting addition; the children are fantastic at adding two single digit numbers. Some of the children have been working on word problems which has got them thinking.



## What we have learned this week in Herons...

Herons have had a positive and busy week of learning! In Maths, we have been completing our next unit of work based on place value within 100. The children have been learning how to partition a 2-digit number, find 1 more and 1 less than a given number and how to locate numbers on a number line. This is a great unit to prepare the children ready for Year 2! The children have also been completing learning for Science this week. Herons have been able to identify and classify animals into the animal groups, identify herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and even have learnt that humans are animals. In our wider curriculum the children have been identifying features of a Mosque, practicing for Sports Day and have thoroughly enjoyed Scootability Level 2! We are all really looking forward to our Fieste Festival next week!



## What we have learned this week in Kestrels...

The children in Kestrels have been on their last adventure in Year 2! This week, we went to the Midland Air Museum to link with our history learning about the first aeroplane flight. The children were able to sit inside an old passenger plane, had the opportunity to sit inside the cockpit of a fighter plane and a helicopter. They explored the exhibition and spotted information about the Wright Brothers and were amazed by the models of the first planes, which were made of wood and canvas! They then found out about Sir Frank Whittle, who invented the jet engine. We hope you enjoyed seeing their photos on Tapestry and Facebook.



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## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Fierte Festival Week!** We invite children into school on **Monday** dressed as a magical word.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day – 9:00-11:00 (subject to weather)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports go home to parents

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Day and Open Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Dragonflies Graduation 2:30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Year Assembly and Family Picnic Lunch (11:15am – 1:00pm)

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – School opens (Dragonflies half day and parent lunches)

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Dragonflies full time from today

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3 (Kingfishers) Bikeability (More information to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parent Pay)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Dragonflies Balance Bikeability Course (More information to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival led by Year 2 (No Family Assembly on this day) 9:00am

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Kestrels trip to London (Final details to follow)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evenings (Further details to follow)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Kingfisher's Trip to Tatton Park (Further details to follow)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Pumpkin Festival (4:00pm – 5:30pm) (Further details to follow)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Assembly (10:45am) Parents Welcome to attend

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Christingle Assembly (2:45pm) led by Kestrels (Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception and Year 1 Nativity (6:00pm & 9:00am)

## Summer Term Assemblies

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Kestrels Family Assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term assembly

## Sports Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 9:00-11:00am (approx.)

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit and house team coloured t-shirt. Spectators are welcome to bring blankets and camping chairs as it will take place on the field. Please note that this event is subject to weather and in the event of cancellation, you will be notified via Facebook and email.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Assembly and Family Picnic

We are pleased to be able to confirm the timings for our End of Term assembly and Family Picnic on the last day of term. We have tried this year to be mindful of working parents, as we are conscious that it is a very busy week. Therefore, our assembly will be at 11:15am, followed by our family picnic on the field at 12:00pm, with a finish time of approximately 1:00pm. Children will have a packed lunch from the kitchen and parents are welcome to bring their own packed lunches (please ensure that these do not contain any nuts).

If the weather is forecast to be unfavourable, we will inform parents at the earliest possible opportunity of any changes to the day.

Siblings are warmly welcome to attend the Family Picnic.

## Safeguarding – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

**Mrs Natalie Horlor** (Head of School) [nhorlor@ankervalley.org](mailto:nhorlor@ankervalley.org)

**Mrs Maria Hamblin** (Executive Head teacher and CEO) [CEO@fierte.org](mailto:CEO@fierte.org)

**Mrs Julia Jones** (Safeguarding Lead Governor) [office@ankervalley.org](mailto:office@ankervalley.org)

*The school Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website.*



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## Saturday 6th July - 11:00-13:00 Anker Valley Primary Academy Summer Fair

### Activities...

Hook a Duck,  
Penalty Shoot Out,  
Skittles Competition,  
Guess How Many Sweets in a Jar,  
Guess the Name of the Teddy,  
Archery Competition

All games  
**50p**  
per go!

### and much much more!

Face Painting Stall,  
Bouncy Castle  
Raffle,  
Chocolate and  
Bottle Tombola,  
The Peapod Family  
Books Stall

### Lots of prizes to be won, including:

Footballs

Bowling Set

Cuddly  
Toys

Sweets

Archery Set

### Food!

Hotdogs and  
Chips,  
Strawberries and  
Cream,  
Lulabella's Cakes  
Stall



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