



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

#HelloYellow

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day encourages people to wear something yellow. The initiative aims to raise awareness about children's mental health and show support for mental health charity, YoungMinds. Yellow symbolizes happiness, hope, and optimism.

Thank you to those who took part and came to school wearing something yellow!



YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Autumn 2 Clubs

We are excited to announce the following clubs will be running after the half-term holiday:

- **Trampolining** (run by SH) – Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm - £18
- **Scooter Skills** (run by SH) – Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm - £18
- **Hockey** (run by SH) – Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm - £18
- **Animal Club** (run by Miss Herrick) – Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm - Free

These clubs will be made available to book through Arbor on **Monday 14th October at 6:00pm**, on a first come first serve basis. If your child was on the waiting list for Trampolining, they will have first priority. All clubs require payment upfront and without this your child will be unable to attend.

Please note that clubs will begin week commencing Monday 4th November until Friday 13th December.



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Attendance

School attendance this year: 96.3%

School attendance this term: 96.3%

Dragonflies (this week): 97.7%

Herons (this week): 97.1%

Kestrels (this week): 95.0%

Kingfishers (this week): 99.5%



Congratulations to our children in **Kingfishers** for winning our weekly attendance award! Thank you to all parents who have supported their child this academic year with their attendance. We really do appreciate it.

This week in Dragonflies...

Dragonflies have had an amazing week. We have been rolling out playdough to create pizzas in our pizza shop and did a great job of being careful and not treading it into the carpet. In Maths, we have been looking at continuing repeated patterns and making up our own. Some of us found this a little tricky, so we will keep working on this skill. In P.E, we had the best time exploring the big apparatus in the hall. We successfully managed our own risks and behaved so sensibly we could have been mistaken for Year One children! Well done to Dragonflies for another great week! **Happy Birthday to Islay-May**, we hope you have a wonderful day! From your Anker Valley Family.



This week in Herons...

Herons have had a brilliant week with lots of learning happening! In Maths, the children have been learning to compare two numbers within 10 and have started to use symbols to show this. In Drawing Club, we have been exploring the character and setting of our new story 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. In our wider curriculum, we have been creating a final art piece for our learning about spirals. In PSHE, we have been thinking about how to be a good friend and in History we have been sorting books into old and new. We look forward to creating our vehicles next week in Design & Technology.

Happy Birthday to Zachary, we hope you had a wonderful day! From your Anker Valley Family.

NB. On Friday 8th November at 8:30am there will be a parent's workshop in the hall about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.



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This week in Kestrels...

This week in Kestrels we have created wax resist paintings of leaves which we collected at home; we were amazed to see what happened when we painted over the wax crayon with watercolours! In maths, we have finished our unit on place value and practised counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. In English, we have created leaflets about Buckingham Palace based on our visit there last week. In RE this week, we have read an Islamic story and talked about the importance of looking after nature. Next week is our last week of learning on villages, towns and cities before we start our new unit of learning about Castles. **Happy Birthday to Keela and Archie**, we hope you had a wonderful day! From your Anker Valley Family.

NB. On Friday 18th October at 8:30am there will be a parent's workshop in the hall about supporting with reading in Year 2.



This week in Kingfishers...

This week, Kingfishers got messy in the tech room making their pizzas. They enjoyed seeing their designs become a reality and were very eager to eat them as well! In Maths this week, we have been focusing on adding 10s and 100s to a 3-digit number. We have worked together using concrete resources to determine which place value columns change, and to deepen our understanding of the value of each digit in a number. We have taken on the role of the Old Man in English and the children have written some really impressive Diary entries, showing off the skills they have learnt in this first unit. Yesterday, we became publishing editors for our table groups and picked out our favourite parts of each other's writing.

Happy Birthday to Edith, we hope you had a wonderful day! From your Anker Valley Family.



Kingfishers Stars of the week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, **Jenson and Darcie**, for positive attitude to learning and always giving 100%.

Well done to **Benjamin and Nicole**, our outstanding citizens, for being good friends and being respectful and courteous.

Isla-Rae and Harry are our reading stars this week, for always contributing in lessons and helping others.



Year 3 Laches Wood Residential

Payments for this trip can be made on Arbor and we would like to thank those parents that have already made payments and confirmed attendance. We kindly ask that **all payments are made by 19th November**, and a deposit of £20 will secure your child's place. (Please note that payments can be made in instalments). We cannot wait to share more information with you about this incredible trip!



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Anker Valley's Pumpkin Festival



Thursday 24th October - 4:00-5:30pm

£4 per child

Price includes:

All arts and crafts,
A pumpkin to carve,
Hot chocolate and a biscuit over the fire pit!

Children can come to school on this day wearing their spookiest Halloween costumes. We ask for donations of Halloween themed goods for the Tombola



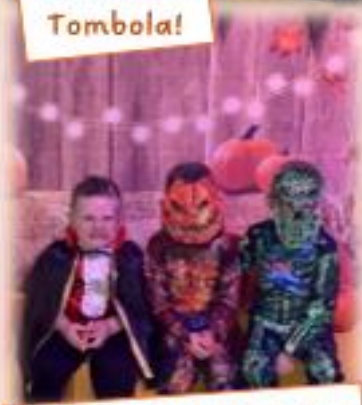
Decorate your own biscuit!



Halloween Tombola!



Lots of arts and crafts to do!



Have your photo taken at the photo booth!



Hot dog, chips and face painting stations available at an additional cost.



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CRAFT & CHAT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



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Tamworth
Family Hub at
Glascote,
Hawksworth
off Silverlink
road, B77 2HH

Drop in
anytime
between
10am-2pm

Thursday
31st
October



Register your interest
here:
Places may be limited. All
children to be
accompanied by an adult.



or
Email interest:
Subject- CWP event 31.10.24
MHSTTamworth@mpft.nhs.uk

Activities on the day; - Halloween themed creative activities to support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing. This may include soothing spiders or jolly jellyfish, pumpkin positive affirmations, grounding key chains, mystical glitter bottles and many more...

All craft items will be provided.



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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2024



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October – Parents Evenings

Friday 18th October – Kestrel's Reading Workshop (8:30-9:00am) and Family Assembly

Tuesday 22nd October – Kingfisher's Trip to Tatton Park (Further details to follow)

Thursday 24th October – Non-Uniform Day and Pumpkin Festival (4:00pm – 5:30pm)

Wear something spooky and donate Halloween themed goods!

Friday 25th October – Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly (10:45am) Parents Welcome to attend

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 27th November – Year 3 Residential to Laches Wood (more information to follow in September)

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

Monday 9th December – Year 3 Bikeability (rescheduled date)

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

Monday 16th December – Christmas Pantomime 4:00pm – 5:15pm (Reception – Year 3 - £3.50 Payments on Arbor)

Tuesday 17th December – Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert (9:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December – Santa Safari (Dragonflies – more information to follow)

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday

Autumn 1 & 2 Family Assemblies

Fri 18th Oct –
Kestrels

Fri 8th Nov –
Heron

Fri 15th Nov –
Dragonflies

Fri 22nd Nov –
Kingfishers

Fri 6th Dec –
Kestrels

Christmas Pantomime – Dick Whittington

We are excited to let you know that Outside the Box Productions will be attending Anker Valley to perform the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' on **Monday 16th December at 4:00pm**. We invite **children only** back to school on this day. Tickets will be available to purchase on Arbor over the next week, we will let you know once these are live.

Flu Vaccinations

Staffordshire Families & Wellbeing Service have asked us to share the following information for parents and children regarding flu vaccinations:

Student information: <https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDiI>

Parent information: <https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>

Safeguarding at Anker Valley

At the start of the academic year, we update all of our school policies including our Safeguarding Policy, which based upon the guidance provided by Staffordshire County Council. Copies of all of our policies for 2024-25 can be found on our school website via the following link: [Anker Valley Primary Academy - Trust Policies](#) You can also request paper copies of school policies from Miss Elliott in the school office.

The designated safeguarding lead for Anker Valley is Mrs Natalie Horlor and in her absence Mrs Andrea Free and Mrs Maria Hamblin are the deputy designated safeguarding leads. All schools are required to have a governor that leads on Safeguarding and at Anker Valley this role is undertaken by Mrs Julia Jones. This information can also be found at the bottom of our weekly newsletters and on the school website on the safeguarding page: [Anker Valley Primary Academy - Safeguarding and Child Protection](#)

Safeguarding—Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Natalie Horlor (Headteacher) nhorlor@ankervalley.org

Mrs Andrea Free (Class teacher) afree@ankervalley.org

Mrs Maria Hamblin (Executive Head teacher and CEO) CEO@fierte.org

Mrs Julia Jones (Safeguarding Lead Governor) jjones@ankervalley.org

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



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