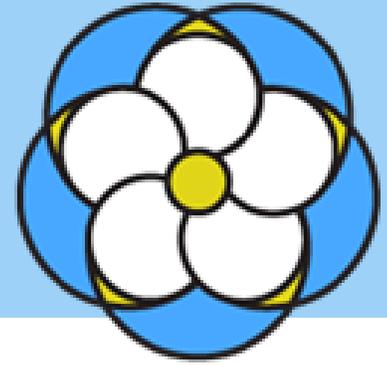


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Newsletter 3 – 29th September 2023



Manor Field



MANOR FIELD
INFANT AND NURSERY



Long Stratton
High School
Achievement For All

On Thursday this week I met with Mrs Haines and Mr Lewis. This is the third time we have met as headteachers of the infants, junior and high school with a focus on the children of Long Stratton and their educational journey. Last year we focused on aligning the phonics programme from Year 2 to Year 3 to help settle the children quicker between the infants and junior school. With the high school, we had a clear focus on transition of our Year 6 pupils in to Year 7. This year we are continuing to forge links and make sure that the children and their development remains our priority.

Mr Riley
Executive Headteacher

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 29th September

Robin – Tyler H

3 Skylark – Evie-Rose H

4 Woodpecker – Zak L

4 Kingfisher – Olivia M

5 Avocet – Ocean Z

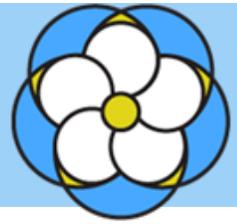
5 Curlew – Scarlett J-B

6 Falcon – Thomas B

6 Red Kite – Alfie L

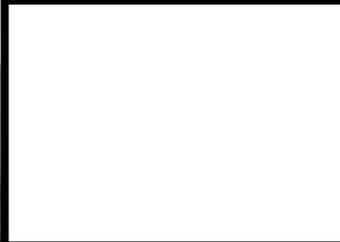
Dates for your Diary

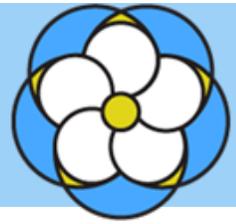
*31st Oct – Deadline for Yr6
Applications for Secondary School*



Class Learning Blog – Robin Class

In English we have been doing work inspired by the poems of Valerie Bloom. We read 'Late Again', which is about a boy whose alarm clock doesn't go off and he thinks he's late for school. When he gets to school there's nobody about because it's the summer holiday! We recreated pictures of the boy waking up and then wrote about what we thought he would think and say.



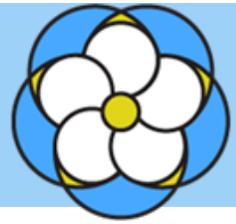


In our new science unit, we are looking at the topic 'Skeletons, muscles and nutrition'. In the first lesson we looked at the function of the human skeleton. We learned the names of some of the bones. We found out that an adult has 206 bones but a baby has 300! This is because their bones have not all fused together yet. We were lucky enough to have a life-sized model of a skeleton in the room.



Robin Class makes a new friend.

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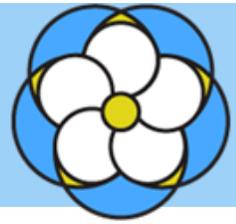


In this week's lesson we made our own moving skeletons using a cardboard template and split-pins. This helped illustrate how a skeleton would move at the joints.



William looking a little worried, but I'm sure he did an amazing job.

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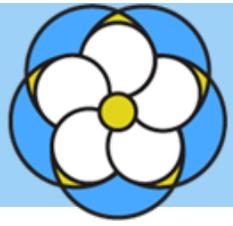
School Council

We would like to introduce our new school councillors. Last week, all of the children practiced what voting in a democratic society was like and this developed their understanding of British Values. Those children who ran for school councillor produced an excellent speech and articulated how they would like to improve the school.

After the votes were counted we are pleased to announce that **Isla, Lucas, Poppy, Theo, William, Eddie, Samuel, Autumn and Hannah** are our new St Mary's school council. We are very excited to see the changes they make to our school.



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Year 6 – Transfer to Secondary School

All Year 6 children will be bringing home with them an envelope today regarding information about transferring to secondary school in September 2024.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023** and it is important that parents make their application by that date, to ensure you get the place at the school that you want. Late applications will be given a lower priority than those received on time.

Medical Information

To ensure that our records are up-to-date, we would be grateful if parents could fill in a short Medical Information Form to confirm whether or not your child has any medical conditions. This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.



Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to complete the form. Thank You

<https://forms.gle/jX75KKyNKjFSV5Vk8>

This form should be completed by 30th September.

Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Harvest Appeal, which we will be passing these on to Waveney Foodbank.

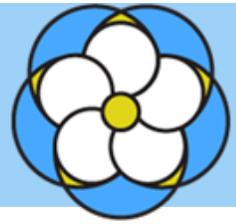
Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you also for your donations for the Jeans for Genes Day. We managed to raise £74 for the charity.

Manor Field Breakfast Club

Manor Field Infant & Nursery Breakfast Club - October registers are now open for bookings via the Magic Bookings app

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Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy in school for a Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in this position please see more information on the St Benet's website. Closing date 13th October 2023

<https://stbenets.org/vacancy/teaching-assistant-st-marys-church-of-england-junior-academy/>



SEND KEY INFORMATION 2023-24

Our SEND Profile (Sept 2023)

24.3% of our pupils are on the SEND Register. This is higher than the national average which is 17.3%.

19.9% of our pupils are at SEN Support stage. This is higher than the national average which is 13.0%.

4.4% of our pupils have an EHCP. This is slightly higher than the national average which is 4.3%.

Our highest incidence SEND are:

- Social Emotional Mental Health (30 %)
- Cognition and Learning (28 %)
- Communication and Interaction (22%)
- Sensory and Physical (20%)

Our Strengths

- We now have an Enhanced SEND Provision, accommodating children with higher level and more complex SEN needs.
- Expanding SEMH and Pastoral Support (3 full time pastoral staff).
- The SENDCo, Teachers and TAs work together to provide a holistic, child-centred approach.
- Staff engage in at least half-termly training with a SEND focus.
- Use of a growing range of external specialist services.

External Specialist Services

- Benjamin Foundation- Time for You.
- Respectrum Advisory Service.
- Communicate- Speech and Language.
- Willow Tree Learning- Educational Psychologist.
- EPSS- Educational and Psychology & Specialist Support.
- Dyslexia Outreach Service.
- Access Through Technology (ATT) Service.
- SEND and Inclusion Team.
- Virtual School of Sensory Support (VSSS).
- Open Arms Occupational Therapist.
- Pets as Therapy (PAT).

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Key Developments and Impact Since 2022-23

- Establishment of the Graduated Approach: Assess, Plan, Do, Review.
- EHCPs have begun to be successfully applied for and issued, allowing more effective recognition of higher level SEND needs.
- Introduction of EHCP Personalised Provision Plans, breaking down EHCP outcomes into smaller step and more meaningful targets for the children.
- Establishment of the Personalised Provision Room for children with complex and high-level SEN needs. This small classroom now benefits from being run by a qualified teacher and high ratio of TA support.
- Introduced Alternative Provision (AP) for identified pupils who require a more intense, therapeutic placement e.g. forest school.
- Recruited two full-time Pastoral Support Assistants, increasing our capacity to support social, emotional and mental health needs.
- Increased range of external SEN specialists, allowing pupils' needs to be more effectively identified and targeted support.
- Introduced daily lunchtime nurture provision, supporting those children who struggle to manage during unstructured times.
- Joined the Dyslexia Outreach Service, increasing our capacity to assess and support this high incidence learning barrier.

Our SEND Priorities for 2023-24

- Improve academic outcomes for pupils with SEND and close the gap on national data.
- Personalized attainment improves and is measurable through boarder 7 Cs approach.
- Ensure Young Carers are well supported.
- Provide rich learning experiences for all children which celebrate equity, diversity, belonging, inclusion and justice.
- Improving the understanding of adaptive teaching methods to support inclusive practice.

Training and Professional Development Plan

Each year we continue to develop our knowledge, skills and practice. This year we will be focusing on:

- Staff training including Trust Led 'Inclusive Practice' Inset CPD.
- Regular staff CPD: Teaching WALKTHRU, A step by step guide to instructional coaching.
- Increasing parent engagement and co-production of Individual Learning Plans.
- Introducing termly Teacher/ Parent/ Pupil SEND review meetings and so parents and pupils voices are actively listened to.
- Employing a wider range of SEND specialists to increase our expertise identifying underlying needs and targeting support.

What Are We Doing to Improve Accessibility?

Physical Environment	Increase provision for sensory needs. Development of Personalised Curriculum Space.
Curriculum	Develop use of ICT to support access to learning SLT to monitor the quality of SEND provision. Training for school staff on inclusive practice
Information	Development of Parent & Pupil friendly SEND information leaflets and resources. Development of SENCO surgeries for parents.

See our [Accessibility Plan](#) for more details.

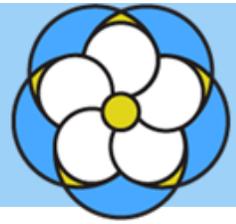
If you would like to know more, please contact our SENCo, Miss Samantha Laurie or see our [SEN Information Report](#)

Family Voice September 2023

To view the Family Voice Newsletter for parents of SEN children please use the link below.

<https://account.epromailer.com/t/r-44AB8D1EFFDDEAE32540EF23F30FEDED>

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Attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 18th – 22nd September 2023

5 Curlew	97.14%
5 Avocet	96.5%
6 Red Kite	95.81%

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we would like to take part in the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal. Link to Hope take shoeboxes directly to families and elderly people in the war-torn or poorest parts of Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. Please see their website for more information:



<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/#packingashoebox>

We are asking for donations of shoeboxes or if alternatively, 1 or 2 items from the list to put into the shoeboxes.

Family Shoebox Appeal

What's in a typical Christmas shoebox gift for a family?

The families who receive your Christmas shoeboxes often have to choose between buying food or fuel. Buying presents is a low priority, as their homes often lack running water or are cold, damp and dark because they have no electricity. Our online Shoebox Appeal list mixes eleven essential and luxury items. For example:

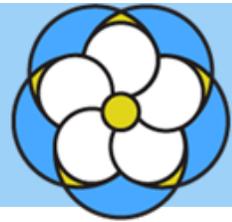
1. Knitted hat
2. Chocolate
3. Soap and flannel
4. Toothbrush and toothpaste
5. Candle and holder
6. Playing cards
7. Hairbrush
8. Tape measure
9. Soft toy
10. Calculator
11. Shampoo

Please note, we need a £3 donation with each Christmas shoebox to cover the cost of shipping it to the recipient.

Join in with the Shoebox Appeal and buy a family shoebox online

If you're unable to make up a shoebox, but would like to donate one, you can make an online donation of £20 per shoebox. We will fill one for you and add a greeting card on your behalf. If you would like us to send you a photo of it, please let us know.

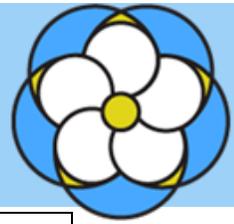
Please could all items be into school by Friday 13th October, to enable us to arrange pick up from the charity.



Dates for the year ahead:

02/10/23	Black History Month
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
13/10/23	Deadline for collection for Shoebox Appeal
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
31/10/23	Closing date for applications for transfer to Secondary School (Yr 6)
06/11/23	Yr 6 National Measurement Programme
13/11/23	Anti-bullying Week
15/11/23	Parents invited into school to learn about how we teach maths 8.45am – 9.30am
17/11/23	Children in Need Non-school Uniform (donations to be made on Parentmail)
23/11/23 – 29/11/23	Scholastic Book Fair – open after school to Parents (details to follow)
27/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
28/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
30/11/23	Flu Immunisations for all Year Groups
08/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Parents invited in to Open Classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
15/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited in to Open classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm
20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term

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03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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