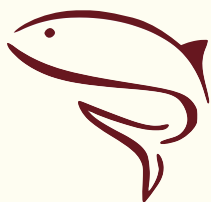


# Laxey Primary School

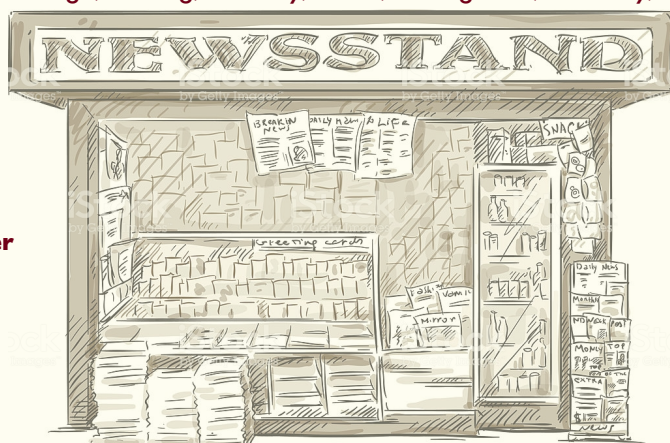
'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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**NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2020**

## Dates for your diary...

- 9.10.20** Flu Vaccination for children
- 21.10.20** Formal parents evening
- 22.10.20** Formal parents evening
- 23.10.20** Hop Tu Naa Day  
Details below
- 23.10.20** Close for half-term at 3.30pm
- 24.10.20** School Mhelliiah  
Details below
- 2.11.20** School re-opens following half-term
- 13.11.20** Remembrance Service in School  
Details below
- 7.12.20** Laxey School Christmas Fair  
Details to follow

**Not an exhaustive list!**

## Message from Mr Kelly

September and the start of October have given us all a great start to the school year. The new children who have joined us over the summer are now, by and large, settled into our routines, and I hope that the new faces amongst the parents feel as I do, that they are now an established part of our school. As I explain to prospective parents on tour, I do like to think of our school as being a huge extended family. Like all families there will be times when things don't go smoothly, but what we will do, is try to sort things out. We cannot, however, solve problems that we know nothing about so please don't wait until parents' evening to come in and talk to us. We are always ready to listen and want parents to be fully involved in the education of their children. Your first point of call should always be your child's teacher if you wish to share or know something. As ever, if you would like to get in touch or raise a query with me, please feel free to come over when I'm out on the playground, or telephone to make an appointment if you require a more formal meeting.

Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

## Laxey School Mhelliiah

Following on from the success of last year's event, we are staging another Mhelliiah and are aiming to bring as many Laxey families together as we can for an evening of community spirit and lots of fun. The Mhelliiah will take place on Saturday 24th October at the Salmon Centre. If you haven't been to a Mhelliiah before you won't know what you're missing! And if you are a new family to the school, this is an ideal way to get to know everyone and be part of the Laxey Family. Tickets are available from Mr Astin for £5 per person... but why not make it extra special and buy a meal ticket for just £15! The food is amazing. We hope you can make it and help us raise lots of money for the children in the school.



## School Car Park

A timely reminder for everyone, and an important message for parents and families new to our school, concerns car parking. I will have to ask that parents /carers / relatives do not make use of the staff car park. There are very real safety reasons for this: reducing traffic congestion in this area is part of how the school manages the risk of on site traffic.

## Remembrance Service

We are pleased to inform you that Laxey School, together with Royal British Legion, will be leading a special "Remembrance Service" in the sports hall on Friday 13th November, starting at 10.00am. All of our KS2 pupils will be attending – and we'd like to extend the invite to parents, grandparents, friends and families too. Year 6 take a lead role in the service, so parents of Year 6 children are especially encouraged to attend, though the invite applies to everyone. We'll have seats out in the hall and if you'd like to come along, the doors by the sports hall will be open from around 9.40am. The assembly will last around 30 minutes. We'll even have coffee and cake afterwards! There's no need to let school know whether or not you'll be joining us.





## **Formal Parents Evening and Interim Written Reports**

As promised in a communication towards the end of last term, I have asked the teachers to prepare an interim written report which will be shared at a formal parents evening in the first term. These arrangements have been made in recognition of the disruption caused due to the COVID19 pandemic last academic year.

The dates for these formal parents evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 21st October (4pm – 7pm).
- Thursday 22nd October (4pm – 5.30pm).

### Wednesday 21st October (4pm – 7pm)

As I'm sure you can appreciate, after all afternoon in the classroom, the teachers will require a short break and an opportunity to prepare for the Parents' Evening; as such, once the children have been dismissed at the end of the school day, the doors for the school will be closed, re-opening for the Parents' Evening at 4pm. Doors will be locked again from 6.50pm onwards.

### Thursday 22nd October (4pm - 5.30pm)

There will be a shorter parents evening on Thursday 22nd October to meet with any parents who were unable to attend on the Wednesday. Again, once the children have been dismissed at the end of the school day, the doors for the school will be closed, re-opening for the Parents' Evening at 4pm. Doors will be locked again from 5.20pm onwards.

Appointment sheets will remain available in the entrance porch until Friday 16th October. Parents will be able to sign up to an appointment with the appropriate teachers. Please can school request that the appointment sheet is filled in by parents and not their children. Any parents who have not made an appointment by Friday 16th October will be contacted by telephone and offered free slots. Obviously if you do not sign up for an appointment for a time of your choosing, the slots offered to you by telephone may not be as convenient to you. Our expectation is that every child will be represented by a parent at one of the two evenings, and we encourage you to sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

## **Christmas Concerts 2020**

Laxey School thought that parents and families would like to have early notification of the proposed dates for this year's Christmas Concerts. All the details are still to be worked out and will be communicated in due course, but the timetable we are working to is as follows:

Reception class	-	Wednesday 9th December at 2pm
Y1/Y2	-	Thursday 10th December at 2pm
Y3/Y4	-	Friday 11th December at 2pm
Y5/Y6	-	Tuesday 15th December at 2pm

## **Social Media**

Laxey School can be found on social media – we have a Facebook Page and Twitter feed. Please remember to “like” us on Facebook and “follow” us on Twitter to ensure that you are kept up to date with photographs, snippets of information, reminders and useful dates. (We only use photographs of children if we have parental consent.)

## **BookTrust Free Gift**

Children in Reception class will be bringing home a special gift. The BookTrust provide a free book to all new starters in school to encourage parents and children to read together as often as possible. We hope you enjoy the story!

## **“Hop Tu Naa” Day**

Friday 23rd October is the last day of this half-term. As part of our exploration of Manx Hop Tu Naa traditions, children may come to school dressed up in Hop Tu Naa costumes such as witches, ghosts and cats (i.e nothing too over-the-top or too scary!). Ours is intended as a Manx Hop Tu Naa celebration, not a Halloween or an American style Trick or Treat occasion. We have sent home some additional information about the Manx Hop Tu Naa which may be of interest and help in this regard. If children don't have costumes / outfits or don't wish to dress up, then they can opt for non-uniform clothes instead. This is entirely for fun and we are not asking for donations.

