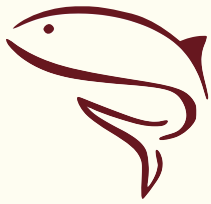


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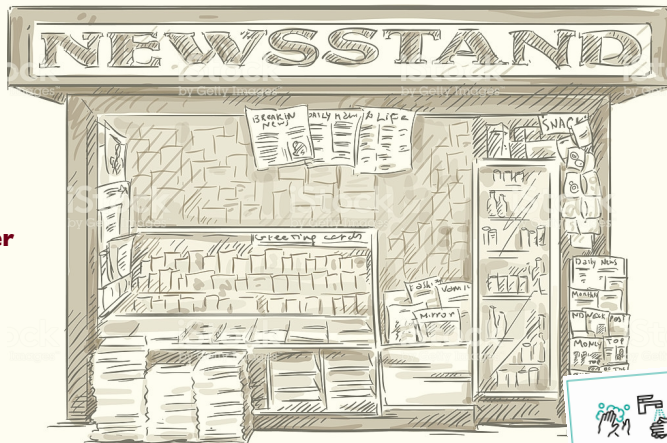
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Dates for Your Diary

- 10.5.2021 Webinar for Y6 Parents re Venture Centre Trip
- 11.5.2021 RGS Transition Event for Y6 (details to follow)
- 17.5.2021 Y6 Venture Centre Trip all week
- 31.5.2021 Bank Holiday
- 4.6.2021 INSET Day for staff (no children in school)
- 7.6.2021 TT Week (school closed)

This is not an exhaustive list!



Please continue to practise good hygiene

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been fantastic to see our lovely school community gradually return to normal since our return from lockdown. Last month I wrote to you all to inform you of the C19 mitigation measures that we had put in place to help manage the ongoing risk. Some of these were temporary to see us through the initial period immediately post-lockdown, and with a stable position becoming apparent across the Isle of Man we are ready to relax some of these safeguards. Whilst we will remain cautious in school about mixing children frequently and unnecessarily in indoor situations, we feel that with our movement trackers and hygiene measures we can return to running our extra-curricular clubs and assemblies. Our increased ventilation policy remains in place as does our hand washing / sanitizing programme which see children cleanse their hands regularly, and as a minimum, on entrance to the school building in the morning and afternoon, and before lunch. I am aware that some children (and adults) are experiencing dry and broken skin from the increased hand hygiene and I have taken steps to acquire a new hand sanitizer which is medical grade but crucially non-alcohol based and with a built in moisturiser. This product is now used in the NHS in the UK and hopefully will be kinder to our children's hands. Although the picture is looking so much more positive we must not be complacent. I am also aware that many in our community have been touched and affected by C19, and sadly some of our Laxey School families have experienced extremely difficult and sad consequences from this devastating disease. Our hearts go out to you and we hold you in our thoughts.

Max Kelly

CLASSES FROM SEPTEMBER

As a parent myself, I completely understand the anxieties and worries we all experience at this time of year, when schools can appear reluctant to share plans about class structures for the next academic year. Decisions about teacher allocations are made by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture and are done so in a fair and equitable way which takes into account many factors, including pupil numbers. This is a huge, island-wide exercise, and as I'm sure you can appreciate, there is still a lot to be sorted out between now and next term. It would not be appropriate for me to enter into a running commentary of how things are progressing or to start speculating with parents about possible scenarios and situations – and neither myself nor my staff will be doing so. Similarly, I would like to make a polite request that parents refrain from making speculative conversation themselves as this can fuel rumours which often turn out to be misinformed and incorrect.

Please rest assured that this matter is being progressed in the appropriate ways, and do take my assurances that parents will be informed of classes / teachers for September towards the end of the Summer Term, which is entirely in keeping with our usual timescale for organising for the next academic year.

MAX KELLY, EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Uniform and PE Kit

Please can parents ensure that PE kits are in school every day. It is really helpful for all items to be named.

Please do try to ensure that children wear black school-style shoes as part of their uniform.

Please could those children wearing head bands and alic bands ensure that they are suitable for school. We are seeing lots of unicorns, cats and other such accessories which are not part of our uniform code.

Learning at Laxey Sheets

Parents will be receiving their "Learning at Laxey" sheets today. These are designed to give a flavour of what areas of learning will be covered in your child's class during the term.

Ongoing improvements

We are continuing to make improvements to our school building and grounds for the benefit of all. We have recently refurbished the old resource room as a flexible meeting and learning space which we will be referring to as "The Hub." We are currently returning the changing rooms to their original purpose and these will be suitable spaces for our older children to use when changing for PE. Our caretaker Jemma has also been hard at work painting the pillar by the main entrance. So everywhere just looks a little smarter. Finally, you may remember that during the last Summer Holidays and the beginning of September, we had a new roof installed across the top section of the school building. I am pleased to confirm that the remaining roof which extends across the middle and back of the building will be replaced during the summer months - more on that when the work starts, but it is likely to continue on into September before being completed.

Website / Social Media

Don't forget that this newsletter can be accessed on our website, where there is a wealth of information and links - including the archives of our remote learning packages. You can also find up to date info and policies including our C19 risk assessments and procedures. Please also keep an eye out for our social media presence too – "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter! We're just a "Google" away.

LAXEY SCHOOL and DHOON SCHOOL Y6 VENTURE CENTRE TRIP BRIEFING

Monday 10th May 2021
6.00pm via Zoom Webinar
With Mr Max Kelly
Executive Headteacher

