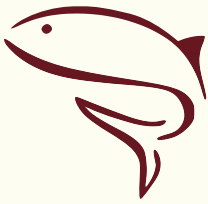


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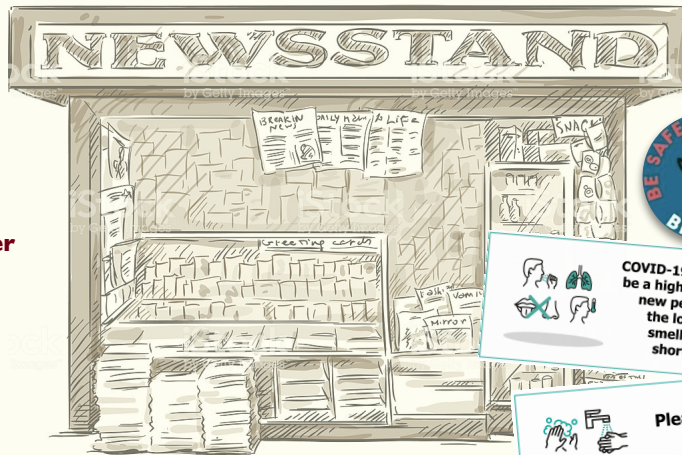
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Dates for Your Diary

- 5.7.2021 Tynwald day (school closed)
- 7.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 8.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 7.7.2021 New Starters sessions
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- 7.7.2021 Moving Up Experiences
- 8.7.2021 Moving Up Experiences
- 9.7.2021 End of Year Reports sent home
- 12.7.2021 Sports Day (KS2 AM, Infants PM)
- 14.7.2021 Reserve Sports Day
- 15.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day for SNHS
- 16.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day for SNHS
- 16.7.2021 "Thank You" event - cinema
- 20.7.2021 Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 22.7.2021 Uniform Exchange (details TBC)
- 23.7.2021 Last day of 2020/21 school year

Message from Mr Kelly

We are rapidly approaching the end of another academic year at Laxey School. Last year we survived a lockdown. This year, we've survived two lockdowns. It has clearly been a challenging couple of years, but I am humbled by, and proud of, so much of what I've seen in Laxey School during this period - resilient children, incredible parents, adaptive and caring staff. You are what makes our school so special. Some of our good work was recently recognised in a nomination for Primary School of the Year. Whilst ultimately we didn't win, it was lovely to have some recognition for what we have achieved in the Isle of Man with our remote learning package and community focus. We still have plenty to squeeze in between now and the end of term, including our Sports Day, Moving Up Days and end-of-year reports. *All the details are in this newsletter for you.*

Cinema Experience

The Cinema Experience that we have planned as a thank you to pupils and parents for surviving a tumultuous year and given unwavering support to the school has been planned for Friday 16th July. We'd originally envisaged that this would be primarily after school hours, but having taken feedback from some families that this would clash with a ballet performance in the Gaiety and a park-run event at Mooragh Park (both events involving our pupils) we've reworked our plans to avoid those clashes. We'll now be taking the pupils, via coaches, to the cinema. The coaches will pick our pupils up from school after lunch and we'll get to the Palace Cinema for a 2pm matinee showing. The film we'll be watching is Peter Rabbit 2. There will be no cost to the children, but you may wish to pack a cinema snack that the children can enjoy whilst watching the film. You will need to make arrangements to pick your child up from the Palace in Douglas at 4pm, so parents will still get a bit of extra time that day. We're working on the assumption that all pupils will be joining us, but please let us know in advance of any issues or queries.

We are keeping a close weather-eye on the latest C19 cases that have started reappearing on Island and in local schools... this means we are keeping this event under constant review, and we should all be prepared for it to be cancelled if the situation dictates.

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school - in their colour group - for practices and Sports Day!

End of Year Reports

We will be publishing our end of year reports for every pupil in the school on Friday 9th July. These will be sent home with the children at the end of the school day in sealed envelopes. If your child is absent from school on Friday 9th July their report will be posted to you that evening and should arrive at your home with the next postal delivery thereafter.

Y6 Leavers Assembly is taking place on Tuesday 20th July at 2pm - please see attached letter!



Y6 Taster Days at SNHS & RGS

Those Y6s going to SNHS will be spending 15th and 16th July at Bemahague, and those going to Ramsey Grammar School will be spending the 7th and 8th July at RGS. There is no requirement for Y6 pupils to come to Laxey School on the taster days for their school - pupils should use the days as an opportunity to practice how they will get to and from secondary school, using the bus service if intended. We send good wishes to Y6 for these taster days and hope that they prove interesting and enjoyable. *(Please note - SNHS and RGS have their taster days on different days this year, so make sure you know the right dates for your school!)*



Classes from September 2021

Reception	Reception will be taught by Miss Evans in the current Reception classroom, supported by Miss Smith
Year 1	Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Knight in the current Y2 classroom
Year 2	Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Kerr in the current Y1 classroom
Y1 / Y2 Support	In the mornings, we will divide all KS1 children into three groupings (each group will have a mix of Y1 and Y2 children.) This means that we have smaller groups, and better pupil:teacher ratios for the teaching of core skills such as reading, phonics, handwriting and maths. The groups will be taught by Mrs Knight, Mrs Kerr and Mrs Gale. This is the same model we have used this year and we have found it to be very successful.
Year 3	Year 3 will be taught by Miss Sumner in the current Y5 classroom. There will be additional adult support in the mornings, and Mrs Gale will join Y3 every afternoon and work alongside Miss Sumner so that the class can be split into smaller groups.
Year 4	Year 4 will be taught by Miss Liggins in the current Y4 classroom.
Year 5	Year 5 will be taught by Mr Clague in the current Y3 classroom.
Year 6	Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Walker in the current Y6 classroom.

Children will have the opportunity to work in their new rooms, and for some, with their new class and teacher, during Wed 7th and Thurs 8th July.

The weather is starting to get warmer and sunnier so please remember to apply sun-cream in the morning and provide your child with sun hats and water bottles.

Check out our virtual tour video on our Facebook page now!

Sports Day
This takes place on Monday 12th July and will follow the usual format arranged on the football pitch. Turn up from 9.00am onwards for a 9.30am start for juniors; and arrive from 1.30pm for a 2pm start for infants.

