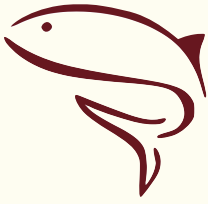


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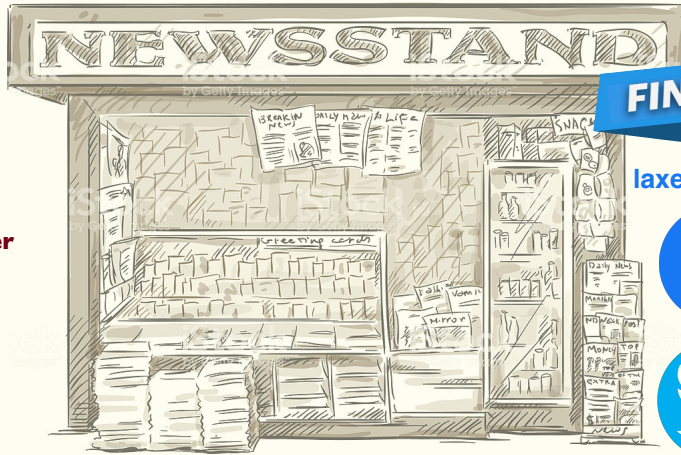
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Dates for Your Diary

- 07.10.22 Bernie Hollywood Visit to School
- 12.10.22 Parents' Evening (1)
- 13.10.22 Parents' Evening (2)
- 15.10.22 Laxey School Mhelliiah
- 19.10.22 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
- 20.10.22 School Photographs Day
- 31.10.22 Hop Tu Naa Day (spooky outfits!)
- 10.11.22 Laxey School Remembrance Service
- 13.11.22 Lonan Church Remembrance Service
- 18.11.22 Children In Need Day
- 01.12.22 Laxey School Christmas Fair
- 06.12.22 Reception Christmas Performance 2pm
- 07.12.22 Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 08.12.22 Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 13.12.22 Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance 2pm

This is not an exhaustive list

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been a fantastic first month of the school year at Laxey! I'm really pleased with how well all of our new children settled into their classes and routines. Whenever I have walked around the classrooms to see what is going on, I have been struck at how engaged and happy the children are - their smiles tell their own stories. The remaining weeks of this half-term, and those that follow in the run-up to Christmas are some of the busiest (and most exciting!) in the school calendar. Some key dates are published in the list opposite, but do keep an eye on the updated diary which is always available on the homepage of our school website. In fact, regardless of checking out the calendar, I'd encourage you to head over to our website for a look: you will find loads of information including policies, correspondence and copies of our newsletters. Of course, we still have an active presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so remember to give our socials a follow too! *With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.*



Author / Illustrator

Visit

Children's author and illustrator Simon Murray will be visiting Laxey School on 19th October to work with each class to inspire their writing, reading and art skills. Simon will be sharing his latest story featuring the character "Icky Doo Dah" with the children during the day and will have copies of his book available to buy for anyone interested... details to follow!

Parents' Evening

As previously mentioned, and based on feedback from our parent survey, we are continuing to offer you a choice as to whether to attend an online session or a face-to-face meeting, though we have extended the number of physical appointments available which seems to have been the consensus view amongst those parents that responded. The face-to-face meetings are on Wednesday 12th October and the online meetings are on Thursday 13th October. If you haven't already done so please log-in to Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to book an appointment using our online booking service, but please be aware that it is all *first come-first served* in terms of your preferences. As always, feedback is always welcome, and we look forward to receiving any comments you have on the booking system or format of the parents evening to help us provide a really good service to you. The dates / times for the parents evening are:

- Wednesday 12th October (4pm - 7pm) - face-to-face meetings in the school building.
- Thursday 13th October (4pm - 5.30pm) - online meetings (the link will be shared on our website)

Laxey School has been asked if we could remind parents about our stock of pre-loved uniform. We keep this in school and parents can request items such as cardigans, jumpers, trousers - we even have some coats! There are also occasions when we'll be able to let parents pop down and see what we have - just ask Miss Webb on the desk. This is in addition to the uniform exchanges we have run on the playground and the regular uniform items that staff just give away if they spot a child without something. (PS - thank you to those of you who donate pre-loved uniform to us to help maintain our stock!)



If you've given Manx Care consent your child will receive a nasal flu vaccine on Friday 21st October. Manx Care will not vaccinate any child without parental consent.

Hop Tu Naa Day

On the first Monday of next half-term (31st October) the children can come to school dressed up for Hop Tu Naa. We recognise the Manx tradition, not Halloween, and as such we don't encourage really scary or gory costumes. Witches, black cats & skeletons are much more suitable for school. There is no charge, it's just for fun, and we'll organise some Hop Tu Naa activities for the children too.

CONGRATULATIONS

Laxey School is delighted to be able to share some lovely news with everyone! Miss Evans is expecting a baby! I'm sure the whole school community will join us in sending congratulations and best wishes to Miss Evans! Miss Evans is planning to remain in work until the beginning of the Christmas holidays, before commencing maternity leave. The school has started the recruitment process for a replacement teacher to cover Miss Evans' maternity absence and we will have someone in place ready for the start of January 2023.



Rock Kidz

Thank you to everyone who came to our Rock Kidz Concerts! I'm sure you'll agree they were fantastic shows that enabled loads of our pupils to develop confidence and self-esteem through music and performance. The feedback we've had from pupils and parents has been phenomenal and we already can't wait for Rock Kidz next visit to continue their work with our school.



Don't forget our Mhelliiah on Sat 15th October from 7pm at the Institute. It's always a great night... tickets are £10 available from Mr Astin! And its BYO!

