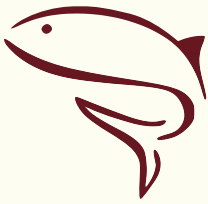


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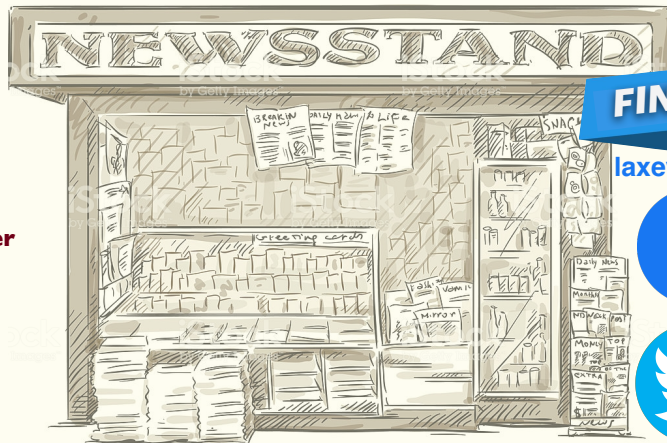
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Mr Maxim Kelly

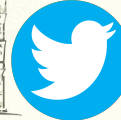
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Dates for your diary...

- 25.01.23 IQM Assessment (info below)
 - 06.02.23 Children's Mental Health Wk
 - 07.02.23 Y2/Y3 Tag Rugby Tournament
 - 17.02.23 Dress As An Animal Day (initial details below)
 - 17.02.23 Close for Half-Term 1 at 3.25
 - 27.02.23 Open for Half-Term 2
 - 08.03.23 Lempen Puppet Theatre visit
 - 17.03.23 Red Nose Day 2023
- This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website shows a live calendar of events - check it out

Message from Mr Kelly

Can you believe it is now 2023?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks. Keep your eye out for our "Learning at Laxey" parent information sheets which will detail the topic / theme being studied in each class. It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas Productions. I thought the children were magnificent and it was a real privilege to watch all of the various performances. School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community - and I really must extend a genuine and sincere thank you to the fabulous parents who helped to stage our wonderful Christmas fair towards the end of last term. The fair, together with our raffle, raised over £1000 which we intend to put towards resources and activities for the children. *With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.*

Assistant Head of School

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Walker has been promoted to the role of Assistant Head of School. Mrs Walker will be supporting Mr Kelly and Mr Astin with the day-to-day running of the school and her appointment ensures that Laxey School has a strong management structure now that Mr Kelly will be adding Willaston School to his responsibilities. Mrs Walker will continue as the Year 6 teacher too. We wish Mrs Walker all the very best in this new role!

Children's Mental Health Week

In early February Laxey School will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. This year classes will be producing handprint art work which will contribute to a an island wide "tree of connection" which is being coordinated by charity group Isle Listen.

MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day

Laxey School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 17th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!

More information to follow on this - we thought it would be useful to give you an early "heads-up!"

REMINDER

Calling Reception children for September 2023! If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Laxey School next September, please would you ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to register their place with us. Thank you.

Please check out www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, search for Laxey School and register as a "giver". If you do any online shopping through this gateway the school receives a commission! It's a great way to support Laxey School!

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am. Last term we were noticing that an increasing number of children were arriving closer to 9am, and several children each day arriving between five past and ten past. Please ensure that your children arrive on time for school.

On Wednesday 25th January Laxey School will be visited by an external assessor from the UK to validate our status as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion. The assessor will ask to speak with a group of parents to check their experiences of the school - if any parent would like to volunteer to be part of this group please drop an email to laxeyenquiries@sch.im and register your interest.

Y4 / Y5 will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they bring a kit & towel.

Animal Day

Friday 17th
February
2023



Dress up as an animal day is returning on Friday the 17th of February 2023. It is an all Island dress down day for preschools, schools and workplaces!

Adults and children will be given the option to dress up as an animal for a day and donate £1 per person. Schools and workplaces will be encouraged to carry out their own further fundraising activities on the day. Examples could be cake sales, raffle and face painting to raise extra funds.

Staff from the ManxSPCA will be visiting participating schools on the day. Photos of visits will be uploaded to the ManxSPCA Facebook page with permission from the school.

To register your school or workplace, please email krish@manxspca.com



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