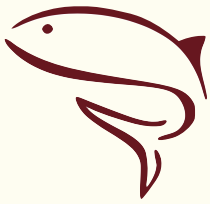


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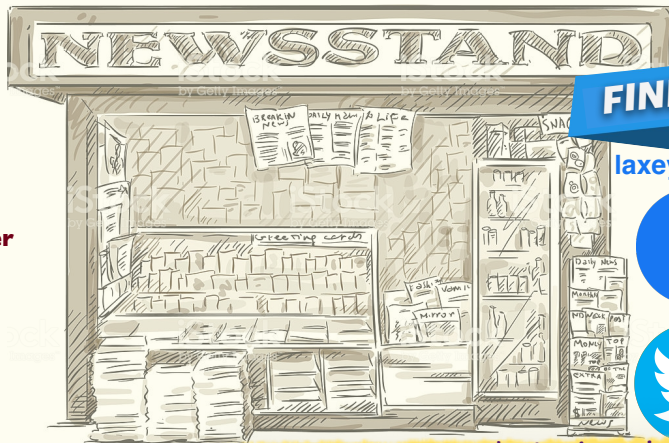
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## Dates for Your Diary

- 08.03.23 Lempen Puppet Theatre Visit
- 09.03.23 Tree Planting Day
- 10.03.23 Daffodil Judging in School
- 15.03.23 Y6 Speed Questioning Event at RGS
- 17.03.23 Red Nose Day 2023
- 22.03.23 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
- 24.03.23 Girls Football Tournament
- w/c 27.03.23 Parents' Appointments Week
- 05.03.23 Cross Country Championships
- 06.04.23 Close for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm

**This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website shows an up to date a live calendar of events - check it out**

## Message from Mr Kelly

I trust that everyone enjoyed their half-term break. We finished last half-term on a high with a flurry of activities in the last week including IT lessons with Mr Townsend, a visit from education expert Mark Burns and the MSPCA fundraiser "Dress As An Animal Day." The new half-term has kick-started in ferocious fashion, and just this week we have started new topics; been visited by speakers in assemblies; celebrated World Book Day; and held a cake bake sale organised by the School Council to raise funds for the Earthquake Appeal in Turkey and Syria. The Laxey Way is nothing if not action packed! There is plenty more planned for throughout March and I hope this newsletter gives a flavour of everything to come.

Towards the end of last half-term Laxey School received the outcome from our recent external assessment through the Inclusion Quality Mark scheme. I am delighted to be able to share with you that the report makes for very positive reading and confirms Laxey's status as a national "Centre of Excellence" - a status only shared by around 5% of schools in the UK and the only Centre of Excellence in the Isle of Man. Needless to say I am incredibly proud and humbled to work in such a good school alongside dedicated and committed staff, exceptional children and supportive parents, all of whom make Laxey School the special community that it is. I'd like to place on record my thanks to Miss Bridson who has co-ordinated our work and preparation for the assessment. The full report is published and available to read on the school website: [Homepage > Our School > Additional School Information > IQM Centre of Excellence report 2023](#)

With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

We'd like to remind parents that the bus which some pupils use at the start and end of the school day is a public service bus: it is not a dedicated school service bus. Therefore, members of the public have every right to travel on board alongside the children, and many do. Whilst this may be an appropriate way to develop independence in older children, we have noticed some children making use of this service are very young and we would respectfully advise parents of children, particularly those in Reception and KS1 who travel alone without older siblings, to consider alternative travel arrangements. Ultimately it is a choice for you as parents, but we want you to make that choice with all the facts and information upfront.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Parents' Appointments

Parent's Evening appointments will take place w/c 27/3/23. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to find an available slot with your child's teacher.

We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use these an opportunity for a face-to-face appointment; as useful as technology is, we don't want to lose the human connection which is so important in the educational partnership between school and home. This feels like a good opportunity to touch base without screens and to that end we are only planning to offer physical appointments on this occasion. Do speak to Craig or Max if this poses a real challenge to your circumstances and we will try to accommodate an alternative option as best we can.

**Your Parent Governor is Libby Pinnington. Libby's term of service has expired - she is happy to commit to a further two year term as is allowed under the articles of governance, however if any other parents would like the opportunity to serve, please inform Mr Kelly by Friday 10th March so that an election can be arranged.**

WORLD  
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Laxey School celebrated World Book Day yesterday. We believe the emphasis of the day should be on reading and celebrating quality literature rather than dressing up. The children had a fantastic day and you can see all the photographs on our Facebook page. To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil has received a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island. The voucher is coming home with this newsletter so keep an eye out for it!

Many thanks to everyone who signed up and paid for the Christmas Production video! The link has now been sent out to everyone on our list! Enjoy!

## Fantastic Experiences For Our Pupils

One way in which we enhance the curriculum for our pupils at Laxey School is by planning additional learning experiences for them. During March all pupils will have the opportunity to benefit from visits from the Lempen Puppet Theatre and book illustrator Simon Murray.

On 8th March all pupils will be invited to watch a performance by the Lempen Theatre who will set up a production in the school hall. The Lempen Theatre Company tour their own unique brand of original stories told with puppets. Imaginative, spellbinding, surprising and sometimes bonkers, Lempen focus on puppetry, storytelling, light, music and a journey that takes audiences there and back again.

Children's author and illustrator Simon Murray will be visiting Laxey School on 22nd March 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!

