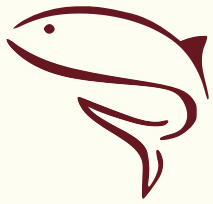


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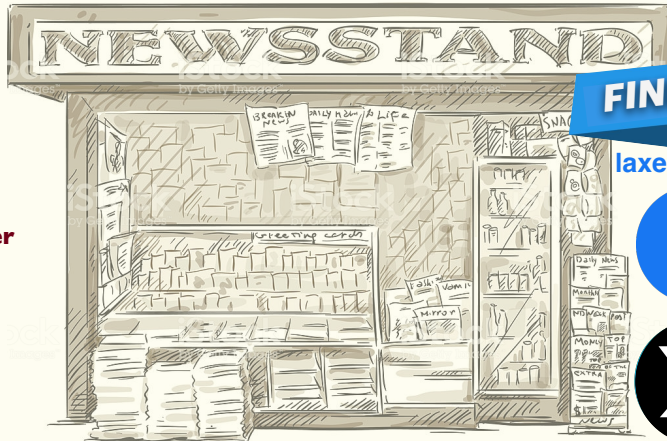
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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 11.10.23 STEMFest for Y6 (details to follow)
- 13.10.23 School nurses to see Reception
- 14.10.23 Laxey School Mhelliah @ 7pm
- 18.10.23 Parents Evening 1 (4pm - 7pm)
- 19.10.23 Parents Evening 2 (4pm - 6pm)
- 20.10.23 Autumn Walk Fundraiser
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term at 3.30pm
- 30.10.23 Hop Tu Naa Day
- 30.10.23 Y6 residential deposit due date
- 01.11.23 Flu Vaccinations via ManxCare
- 10.11.23 Laxey School Remembrance Service (details to follow)

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website has a live calendar of events - check it out!

Message from Mr Kelly

The initial month of the school year at Laxey has been nothing short of fantastic! I am immensely pleased with the smooth transition our new children have made into their respective classes and routines. Their engagement and joy are palpable as I walk through the classrooms – their smiles tell their own beautiful stories. The upcoming weeks, leading towards the festive season, are among the most bustling and exhilarating in our school calendar. While we have listed some key dates here, I would encourage you to frequently check our updated diary on the school website's homepage for all the latest information. Our website is a treasure trove of vital information including school policies, correspondence, and past newsletters. Also, do follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for real-time updates!

This week, Rock Kids paid us a visit and the experience was adored by our children. The excitement continues as we anticipate our annual off-island trip for our Y6s to our regular venue in Shropshire in May 2024. Detailed information, inclusive of a payment plan, has been shared via a separate letter sent home today.

The world famous Laxey School Mhelliah is right around the corner, next Saturday night at the Institute! It's shaping up to be a fabulous night and tickets are running out fast – ensure you grab yours soon! The evening will feature a variety of enjoyable activities including the Headteacher For A Day Auction, Heads and Tails, and much more. It's a BYO event, so come prepared for a memorable night of laughter and camaraderie, all in the spirit of supporting Laxey School. *With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher*

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, we wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

Autumn Walk Fundraiser

We are thrilled to announce our Autumn Walk event on Friday, 20th October. Children are encouraged to come in non-uniform attire, but please ensure they have a sturdy pair of wellies and a reliable coat to brave the Manx Autumn weather. The objective of this walk is to raise funds for classroom resources, and the beauty of this initiative is that the money raised by each class will be retained by that class. This means the funds you help raise will directly impact your own child's learning experience. We encourage the children to reach out to family and friends to collect donations for their walk, which can be brought in on the day.

Rest assured, every child is welcome to participate in the walk regardless of whether they have collected donations or not.

The routes for our Autumn Walk have been thoughtfully planned around Laxey Village and the glen, with age and class-appropriate lengths to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will look to reschedule the walk and will keep you posted on any changes. So, let's get enthusiastic about raising funds, and may the best class win!

DON'T FORGET

Parents' Evening

Parent's Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 18th October (4pm - 7pm) and Thursday, 19th October (4pm - 5.30pm). Bookings can be made via our online service on Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>). Please be reminded that bookings are on a first come-first served basis. While we are encouraging face-to-face meetings, if this arrangement doesn't suit you, feel free to reach out and we'll accommodate your needs. *(Online booking opens on Monday morning!)*



Hop Tu Naa Day

We are embracing the Manx tradition of Hop Tu Naa on the first Monday of the next half-term, 30th October. *(We've opted for the Monday so that it doesn't clash with swimming on the Tuesday!)* Children are invited to come to school dressed in themed costumes, though we advise against overly scary or gory outfits. Witches, black cats, and skeletons are much more apt for this occasion. This fun day will be enriched with Hop Tu Naa activities, at no extra charge.



Laxey School Mhelliah

Don't miss out on our Mhelliah on Saturday, 14th October from 7pm at the Institute. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from Mr. Astin. It's a BYO event, promising a night filled with joy, camaraderie, and support for Laxey School.

Our Year 6 students are thrilled for their excursion to STEMFest at the Villa Marina on Wednesday, 11th October. Parents should have already received additional information regarding this trip.

Scheduled for 1st November, flu vaccinations will be administered to those children for whom Manx Care has received consent. Please note that no child will be vaccinated without parental approval.

