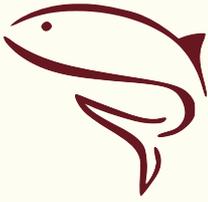


# Laxey Primary School

'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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COVID-19 symptoms can be a high temperature, a new persistent cough, the loss or change in smell and taste, or a shortness of breath

Please continue to practise good hygiene

## NEWSLETTER FEB 2022

### Dates for Your Diary

- 04.02.2022 Big Splash Designs - opens
  - 08.02.2022 Tag Rugby Tournament
  - 16.02.2022 Young Engineers (TBC)
  - 18.02.2022 MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day - details below!
  - 18.02.2022 Big Splash Designs - closes
  - 18.02.2022 Close for half term 3.30pm
  - 19.02.2022 Quarry Road closed
  - 28.02.2022 School reopens for new half term
  - 04.03.2022 AP3 Forms to be returned
  - 05.03.2022 Quarry Rd due to be re-opened
  - 18.03.2022 Red Nose Day
  - 21.03.2022 Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week
  - 30.03.2022 Parents' Evening #1
  - 31.03.2022 Parents' Evening #2
  - 07.04.2022 Girls Football Tournament
- This is not an exhaustive list**

### Message from Mr Kelly

2022 has got off to a flying start - nobody can quite believe it is already February! There has been so much going on around the school and in classrooms! Already we have seen homework get underway, new topics introduced, new clubs start up and lots of fantastic opportunities open up for our pupils including breakfast clubs, KFC, fitness challenges and celebrating Chinese New Year! The school has also signed up to take part in The Big Splash Hospice fundraiser - we have our very own dolphin to decorate and display! Watch this space!! As always, the best places to keep abreast of everything Laxey School is our website (with its up-to-date calendar), Facebook and Twitter. Best wishes, Max Kelly

If you have a child due to start with us at Laxey School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around Laxey with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us they can register a place too!

### Works Update

It is hard not to have noticed or been affected by the works on and around Minorca Hill which is also impacting on our school playground. Thank you to everyone for your support and forbearance. You will have hopefully seen the barriers which we have erected down the length of the car park to manage the safety aspects involved for pedestrians crossing between the two playgrounds through the car park. We'd also like to put on record our thanks to those of you who have observed our request not to make use of the staff car park; we have observed greatly reduced traffic in our car park. The snicket between Minorca Hill and the school is currently closed, and will remain closed for some time whilst the work involving our playground continues. We have been advised that Quarry Road will close on Saturday 19th February, and is estimated to be reopened by Saturday 5th March - this is positive news in the sense that one of those weeks of closure is half-term which will hopefully reduce direct impact on the school. Obviously it is a fluid situation, but we will do our best to keep you informed of any changes as we learn of them.

**Y6 Open Evening SNHS**  
4.15pm  
(including info meeting at 4.30pm prompt.)

**Animal Day**  
ManxSPCA  
Friday 18th February 2022

Dress up as an animal day is returning on Friday the 18th of February 2022. 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. £1 donation per person. Schools and workplaces will be encouraged to carry out their own further fundraising activities on the day. Examples could be cake sales, raffles 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 [liam.rice@manxspca.com](mailto:liam.rice@manxspca.com)

We are giving early notice of parents' evening dates: **30th and 31st March 2022.** More details in due course - we just wanted to give a "heads-up" of the dates.

### Miss Sumner

Miss Sumner has accepted a teaching position at Willaston School and will be leaving us on Tuesday next week. Miss Sumner joined our federation in 2019 and was promoted to the leadership team in 2021. She has played a big part in moving our school forwards, particularly with the Pupil Council which she has developed and strengthened. It isn't easy leaving a school part way through a year, but we have secured the services of one of our regular team of supply teachers, Mrs McGeehan, to work with Y3 on an interim basis for the remainder of this term. Mrs McGeehan is a familiar face to the children, and has agreed to cover alongside regular support from Mr Astin. The recruitment process to source a suitable long-term replacement is already underway. A further such announcement will follow in due course - and this will be very soon. In the meantime, I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Sumner all the very best.

### Dress Up As An Animal Day

Laxey School will take part in the MSPCA fundraiser "Dress Up As An Animal" day which is taking place on Friday 18th February 2022. We hope to see all children dressed as an animal. Be as elaborate or simple as you wish: full outfits or just some black face-paint for a cats nose and whiskers... its just a bit of fun and raises some money for a good cause too! (£1 donations encouraged... bring it in on the day!)

If you have a child in Y5 or Y6 please return your AP3 Forms by Friday 4th March. (Y5 forms are to provide an indicator of secondary school choice - Y6 provide final decision.)

### Sports Report

We hope the children enjoyed taking part in the IOM Fitness day last week! It was a fabulous occasion and we'd like to say a big "thank you" to teacher Mrs Bowden for organising!

The Laxey School Tag Rugby Team are taking part in the Tag Rugby Tournament on Tuesday morning - we wish them the very best of luck. Big thanks to Mr Astin, and Joe Measures, for coaching the players!

The #GreatManxRun is a running event taking place on Saturday 9th April 2022 and is open to runners of all abilities wishing to take part. You can run a choice of 1 mile fun run, a marathon distance relay (with a team of 4 each running just over 6 miles), a half-marathon or a full marathon. Sign-up now and choose Laxey School as your nominated cause and we will receive 50% of your registration fee: [www.greatmanxrun.im](http://www.greatmanxrun.im)

We're a registered cause for The Great Manx Run!

You should have received a "Learning at Laxey" sheet detailing curriculum information for this term. Ask your child's teacher if you think you've been missed!