Laxey Primary School

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



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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

Dates for your diary...

07.4.22 Girls' Football Tournament

08.4.22 Final day of Spring Term

25.4.22 Summer Term begins

28.4.22 IOM Cross Country Championship

03.5.22 Y6 Venture Centre - webinar

09.5.22 "This Is Me" week

16.5.22 Y6 Crucial Crew event

23.5.22 Y6 Venture Centre Trip

This is not an exhaustive list!

We are really looking forward to the Year 6 Venture Centre Trip which will go ahead w/c 23rd May 2022. There will be a parents meeting in the first week of May where we'll go through all the expectations, the kit list, and talk through all the fine details. The meeting will be held live and online via Zoom at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd May. The link will be shared well in advance so make a note of the time and date, and watch this space!

Message from Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

As April begins, the Spring Term is drawing to a close – this time next week we'll be getting started on a two week break for Easter! I think the children are ready for some time away from school... it has been an incredibly busy term. Some very recent highlights include the daffodil competition last week, our involvement with the Big Splash Project, Red Nose Day, MSPCA Day, and World Book Day. Teachers, too, have been very busy behind the scenes and have benefitted from training in phonics, allergy management, handwriting schemes, and ITT. All this whilst maintaining great teaching and learning in classrooms and helping pupils progress! On that theme, I hope you all found this week's Parents' Evenings useful touch-points with the school to find out about how your children are doing in school. We are so proud of them! The term isn't quite over - next week sees our girls' football team competing in the IOM Championships, our final swimming sessions of the academic year and a visit from the Open The Book team. I think we'll all be ready for a chocolate egg (or two!) after all that! With best wishes. Max Kelly

Welcome Miss Bridson

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Shannon Bridson as a new member of our team at Laxey School. Miss Bridson is an outstanding teacher with an excellent reputation. She will be starting with us after Easter as our new teacher in Year Three, and we have been lucky to be able to recruit a teacher of such calibre. I'm sure everyone will make Miss Bridson feel most welcome. My thanks must go to Mrs McGeehan for acting on an interim basis as class teacher whilst we underwent the recruitment process.

Y6 Cycling proficiency lessons were postponed due to C19... we are still rescheduling a date with the training providers, and as soon as we have that confirmed we will let you know!

Edge Hill University Placement

You may have noticed a new face in Key Stage One! Miss Emily Bull is currently training to be a teacher with Edge Hill University and we have agreed to let her complete her teaching placement with us at Laxey School. Miss Bull is not Manx nor does she have any connection to the Island, so it is a brave step for her to have travelled over to work with us. Miss Bull will be working under the continual care and guidance of Mrs Gale, and will be with us until June.

"THIS IS ME" WEEK w/c 9th May 2022

Covid... lockdowns... pandemics... its all

taken a toll on children over the last couple of years. In response we have planned a special week to highlight and support children's mental health, well-being, emotional resilience; and to recognise and celebrate our differences, diversity and special unique qualities. We have a fantastic array of events and activities lined up all week including the much anticipated return of Rock Kidz, a special parent workshop with comedic poet lan Bland, a virtual visit from Grandad Wheels and a plethora of special assemblies led by mental health charity Isle Listen. Lots more details to follow on all this so keep an eye out for further information.

Good luck to our girls' football team who are competing in the Isle of Man Tournament at The Bowl on Thursday next week! Many thanks to Mr Clague for coaching them in preparation!



Meet Rosetta Rainbow (Rose)

WOW!! Doesn't our dolphin look AMAZING!! Huge thanks to all the children, adults and staff who have helped make this possible. Laxey and Phoon Federation are PROUP supporters of the Hospice Big Splash Project and have loved taking part. We will announce some fundraising events in due course so watch this space!

Travel and road safety experiences in Laxey, Lonan and Maughold





The Garff Road Safety Working Group seek views on your travel experiences within the Sheading, including how you make your journeys and your motives for these choices, as well as perceptions of road safety and challenges encountered within the survey area. Follow the link or scan the QR to take part!

https://consult.gov.im/infrastructure/travel-and-road-safetyin-laxey-lonan-maughold/? fbclid=IwAR2q8a1ANrW1OYGNS2LuIdK3e-BCxia-p7iWiNDAvDzlbzQSmRbVc2ygxs

We will be entering a team into the Isle of Man Cross-Country Championships after Easter. We'll be reaching out to those children involved next week. A kit and number will be provided.







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