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# Arbory School News

## May Dates

**Thursday 5th May**

*World Maths Day*

**Friday 6th May**

*Foodbank Beans Swap*

*2.40pm*

**Friday 13th May**

*Andy Warn Sounds*

*Roadshow visit*

*(sponsored by the Friends of Arbory)*

**Monday 16th May**

*Y6 at Crucial Crew*

*Fairtrade Conference*

*Y5 Team*

**Mon 16th - Fri 20th**

**May**

*Scholastic Book Fair*

**Friday 20th May**

*Southern Schools'*

*Football Competition*



**4th May 2022**

### Dear Parents

I can't believe that we are already in May and into a very short half term. Please be aware that there is no Bank Holiday on Monday 30th May as there are two at the end of the same week.

### Cross Country

Well done to this year's team who took part in the primary schools' competition at Nobles Park. The team came fifth overall out of the 22 teams taking part.

### Manx Music Festival (The Guild)

Arbory children took part this year in the choral speaking and choir classes as well as individuals who had been entered privately.

Well done to everyone, especially Year 3 who won their class with 88 points.

### Authors' Visits

As part of our focused work on reading and writing, we have been pleased to welcome two authors into school recently. Simon Murray worked with the children on story structure, characterisation and illustrations while Suzy Senior presented workshops adapted to each age group on story planning and writing.

Suzy's books for KS1 are available at a reduced price so if you would like to take advantage of this offer, please send the money in a named envelope to the school office.

**Octopants will be £5.99 (RRP £6.99)**

**Anyone but Bear will be £7.99 (RRP £8.99)**

If you would like your child to buy one of these books, please send the money in a clearly marked envelope to the school office.

### Dinners - Summer Term

£11.75 weekly

**Second Half Term - £65.80**

Please pay using ParentPay or by cheque/cash at the office.

### Rainbow Project

We are pleased to have been accepted as part of Manx Radio's Rainbow gardening project sponsored by KPMG which involves receiving a new raised bed and getting more children involved in gardening.

### Farm Visits

In partnership with David Cooil, who is also our parent governor, classes will be visiting Ballagawne Farm during the week of 9th May. We are really pleased to have this opportunity and I am sure that the children will learn a lot about farming and food from their time at the farm.

Y1 and Y2 had a fantastic time at Knockaloe Beg Farm during the lambing season and the Y1 class were really lucky to see some lambs being born. Our thanks goes to John and Fiona Anderson for a well organised visit and to the staff and parents who accompanied the children.

### Foodbank Beans Swap

Please support the Isle of Man Foodbank by sending in an item of food to swap on Friday. The Foodbank has too many tins of beans and would like us to swap a tin for another item of food (preferably not pasta) so that they can continue to support local families.

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### **Fairtrade Conference**

Now that the conference is up and running again, we are taking part with a team of four children from Year 5 who will present a two minute speech and take part in different debates during the day.

### **Lunchtime Ancillaries**

The two posts have been re-advertised on the government's Jobtrain so if you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming an ancillary, please get in touch with the school office.

### **Year 1 teacher**

There will be a new teacher in Year 1 from September and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Moss who will be covering Mrs Hickey's maternity. Mrs Moss will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays while Mrs Molnar will be in school from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Carr will move up with Y1 to be their Y2 teacher for the year.

### **Advance Notice**

Monday 30th May - Jubilee Picnic in School - more details to follow

Tuesday 31st May - 1pm School Sports

**Wednesday 1st June - School Closed for TT Holiday**

**Monday 13th June - School Opens**

Friday 24th June - Laa Columb Killey

Saturday 25th June - Millennium Football

Friday 8th July - School Fair 1.30pm-3pm (Reserve date 15th July)

### **Public consultation on developing a National Autism Strategy.**

There is currently a government consultation on a National Autism Strategy and drop-in sessions have been arranged.

Tuesday 3 May, 10am - 12pm Autism Initiatives, Nunnery Howe, Old Castletown Road, Douglas

Monday 9 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm Autism Initiatives, The Oaks, May Hill, Ramsey

Thursday 12 May, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Autism Initiatives, Nunnery Howe, Old Castletown Road Douglas

Tuesday 17 May, 4pm - 6pm UCM, Homefield Road, Douglas

Thursday 19 May, 1pm - 3pm Autism in Mann, Centre 21, Greenfield Road, Douglas

Friday 20 May, 10am - 12pm UCM, Homefield Rd, Douglas

Friday 27 May, 12pm - 2pm Crossroads, Units B5 & B6, Eden Business Park, Cooil Road, Braddan

Yours sincerely

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