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# Arbory School News

## May Dates

**Monday 30th May**

*Jubilee Activities and Picnic*

**Tuesday 31st May**

*Sports Day  
1pm-3.30pm*

**Wed 1st June**

*School Closed*

**Monday 13th June**

*School Opens*

**Friday 24th June**

*Laa Columb Killey*

**Saturday 25th June**

*Millennium Football*

**Monday 27th June**

*Venture Centre  
Meeting Y5  
4pm*

**23rd May 2022**

### Dear Parents

As there are so many events going on at the moment, please take time to note down the dates and times.

### Farm Visits

A big thank you to David Cooil and family for organising farm visits to Ballagawne Farm for different classes. The children and the volunteer helpers really enjoyed the visits and the staff involved were really impressed.

### Choir

Thank you to Mrs Carr and the school choir who took part in the Alzheimers' Awareness event in Castletown Square and the post Guild concert at Colby Methodist Church.

### Manx Radio Rainbow Garden.

We were pleased to be chosen by Manx Radio to be part of their Rainbow Garden project sponsored by KPMG. A group of Year 4 children have planted seedlings and sowed vegetable seeds in a new raised bed donated as part of the project. Over the next couple of months, they will be looking after the plants and sending regular updates to Manx Radio.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks goes to Mrs Longshaw and Miss Morris who organised the book fair last week. Thanks to everyone who supported the fair by buying books.

### Foodbank Beans Swap

The Foodbank team would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who brought food to swap for a tin of beans. They left with a large selection of tins, jars and packets which will be used for families accessing the southern food bank.

Please note that non-food items such as wet wipes, shampoo and other toiletries can also be donated in the basket in the school foyer.

### Staffing

In the past couple of weeks some other members of staff have announced that they will be taking early retirement. Mrs Teare who has worked at the school for around 15 years has decided to leave us in the summer. She has worked tirelessly to support many of our children over the years both in the classroom and in small focus groups. We wish her all the best for the future and I would like to thank her for all her efforts over the years.

Mrs Bell has also decided to finish with us at the end of term after working at Arbory for over 20 years. You will know that over that time she has helped many of you and has kept everyone organised, including me! Fortunately for us, we have had a year where she has been able to support Mrs Harrison to ensure a smooth handover for a job that has grown and grown over the years due to the many online systems that are now in use. Once again, it is hard to find words to express how much Mrs Bell has contributed to the school over her time here and she will be greatly missed. We wish her and Andrew all the best as they start the next chapter in their lives together.



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### **Fairtrade Conference**

The Fairtrade team did a great job of representing the school at the recent conference held in the Tynwald chambers. They presented their speeches in the Tynwald Chamber and at one point, were visited by a delegation from Pakistan who had come to see how the Manx parliament operated. A debate about Fairtrade bananas followed and then the children were able to do a chocolate tasting session, learn about Fairtrade farmers in Africa and also join in a philosophy for children discussion about the inequalities surrounding wealth in our world today. Hopefully, they will now plan some awareness-raising activities in school so that we can become a Fairtrade Aware school in the near future. Well done!

### **Jubilee Events**

Monday 30th May - Jubilee Picnic in School  
Tuesday 31st May - 1pm School Sports

Please see the posters attached regarding the school events and also those organised by the commissioners.

### **Laa Columb Killey**

**Children must be collected from school at 12pm and brought back to school for the Laa Columb Killey opening ceremony. There will be no school dinners on this day.** The children's fancy dress competition will be judged in the morning at school and has the theme of "Royalty" this year. Please see the classes leaflet for LCK attached to this newsletter. Helpers are needed on the day and also on the field before and after the event. Please let Julie Young know if you can help or let us know at school.

### **Dates**

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

**Monday 13th June - School Opens**

Friday 24th June - Laa Columb Killey

Saturday 25th June - Millennium Football Competition

Monday 27th June - Venture Centre Meeting for Y5 parents/guardians- 4pm

Friday 15th July - School Fair 1.30pm-3pm

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy, and safe TT holiday. It will be great to see the island come alive again and hopefully the weather will improve too.

Yours sincerely

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