



Arbory News



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Dear Parents

Laa Columb Killey – Friday 24th June 2022

Please note that school closes at 12:00. All children must be collected from school on time.

There are a few changes this year so please read the information below.

On Friday morning 24th June 2022, the children should come into school as usual but wearing their fancy dress costume.

Fancy Dress Competition - Kings, Queens, Royalty

9am Pre-school children may come into school for the judging

9.30am Fancy Dress Competition - Children only

At the end of the morning the school will close at 12:00 and may I ask that you make arrangements to collect your children promptly at this time. There will be one bus service running to Ronague and Colby Glen Road for the children and this bus will depart at 11.50am. Children who need to travel in the Castletown direction should catch the 11.40am service bus. A member of staff will wait with them at the bus stop.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO CATCH THE CASTLETOWN BUS PLEASE LET US KNOW (call or e-mail) BEFORE WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE.

Please note that the school building will be closed on this afternoon but as it is still a school day, the children must be present for the following events:

2.15pm Assemble at the Parish Hall. All the children will then march in costume behind the banner from the hall to the field opposite school.

2.30pm Procession to the fair field

2.45pm Opening Ceremony (including the school Manx dancing groups)

Events after the school day include;

4pm Children's Sports

This year the children's open sport events will be run for all age groups and will start at 4pm.

Tea - This will be available all afternoon until 5.30pm

The children all have a free tea ticket for the tea tent. Adult tickets can be purchased at school or on the day. **PLEASE PAY IN CASH**

A joint
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ceili will be
held in the
big tent on
Friday 24th
June.
6.30pm -
8.30pm
Please get
your tickets
from the
school
office.
Adults £4
Children £2

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Also LCK
Tea Tickets
£5.00
Please pay
in cash.

There is no
entry fee
this year
but
please
give a
donation
at the
gate.

5.30pm Tea tent finishes and hot dog stall opens.

6.30pm Ceili starts in the tea tent.

7pm Auction of produce starts.

8.30pm Ceili Finishes

HELP NEEDED!

If you can help put up the tents on Monday 20th June please come to the field opposite school at 6pm or as soon as possible after.

6.30pm-8.30pm

Tuck Shop



TARROO MARROO CEILI BAND

The Festival of Laa Columb Killey is a unique part of traditional life in the Parish of Arbory and our school plays an important role in helping to maintain and promote this tradition. Please encourage friends and family to come along.

The origin of the festival

“Laa Columb Killey” means the Day of the Church of Columba, the Patron Saint of Arbory Parish Church. The festival is held as near as possible to the anniversary of the day in which Saint Columba died. It was the custom that on this anniversary day, the service in church should be followed by public games and an opportunity for people to meet with one another and show off home grown produce and crafts and hold exhibitions.

Involvement of Arbory School

Our children are involved in Laa Columb Killey in several ways including the preparation and presentation of handwriting at school in the weeks leading up to the big day and also for all the children in the production of art or craft work. This work is judged before the day and then presented in one of the display tents for the children and adults to see immediately following the opening ceremony. This is usually a very exciting moment for the children and they look forward in eager anticipation to see if there is a winning ticket attached to their work. The children from school also take part in the sports events from 4pm.

Our Manx Dancers will perform after the opening ceremony and the Year 6 children will march with the banner and lead the procession from Ballabeg Parish Hall, leaving at 2.30pm. Please could Year 6 pupils wear their school uniform. Other children usually wear fancy dress to join the procession. Y6 children involved in Manx dancing can wear their costumes instead of school uniform. If children are taking part in the sports, they will need to be able to run in their clothes or have something more suitable to change into.

Involvement of the community in Arbory

There are many competitions for members of the public from all ages to take part in, including growing of produce, art, photography, handicraft, confectionary and floral arrangements.

Helpers Appeal

Helpers are needed on the children’s sideshow stalls. If anyone could give up an hour to man one of the sideshows, designed to keep the children entertained, could they please contact the school office. 823369 or arboryenquiries@sch.im

The opening Ceremony

The procession starts at Ballabeg Hall at 2.30pm and is led by Castletown Metropolitan Band and the Laa Columb Killey banner carried by Year 6 pupils. The children will make up the procession to the field. On arriving at the field, there are prayers, speeches and the traditional hymn. The Manx dancers also perform before the platform party goes to the tea tent.

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