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# Arbory School News



## Dates

### 20th October

Little Starters photo

### 21st October

Trafalgar Service  
Yr4 Parents welcome.  
Arbory Parish Church  
10am

### 21st October

Harvest /Mhelliach  
KS1 Parents welcome.  
Please bring in items  
for the Mhelliach from  
19th October

Half Term Holiday

### 31st October

School Opens  
Y6 Cycling Week  
(Bikes can be left in the  
hall overnight)

### 4th November

Hop-tu-Naa Disco  
5.45pm-7.15pm

### 11th November

Remembrance Service  
Y5 parents welcome  
Arbory Parish Church  
10.40am

17th October 2022

#### Dear Parents,

As we near the end of a busy half term, please have a look at some of the events that have been happening and make a note of future dates that may involve your children.

#### STEMFest

Y5 had the opportunity to visit the fantastic STEMFest event at the Villa Marina. It was a fantastic day filled with hands-on experiences to spark the children's interest in the different areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and jobs that were linked to these areas. Thanks also goes to all our volunteers who came in to talk to children about their jobs and how science plays a large part in them. Many other activities were organised during our science week and the children enjoyed focusing on aspects of science in their lessons.

#### Peter and the Wolf

Y1 were recently invited to QEII High School to listen to 'Peter and the Wolf' performed by students of the Royal Northern College of Music. The event was organised by the IOM Arts Council and the children really enjoyed listening to the different instruments.

#### Southern Hockey Competition

Well done to the children from Y3 and Y4 who took part in the southern hockey competition at the NSC. The children all played well and were a credit to the school. Any children aged 7 or above wishing to join junior training in the south of the island are very welcome to attend Castletown Juniors who meet at the CRHS Astro Pitch 6pm to 7.30pm on Thursdays. Beginners are also welcome.

#### Sports Kits from Haven Homes

We would like to thank Haven Homes for sponsoring our new football/hockey kit which is a welcome addition to our current team kits.

#### Southern Football Festival

Children in Y5 and Y6 took part in the southern football festival at the Buchan School. Well done to everyone who took part and to Mr Parry for organising the teams.

#### Forest School

We have been fortunate again this year to secure a place on the Forest School programme run by Isle of Play. Children in Y2 have been able to travel to Silverdale Glen on a Wednesday afternoon for a period of twelve weeks. In the past we have been fortunate to receive funding for this from various benefactors and this year we are grateful to the Southern Authorities Healthcare Committee and to Juan Watterson SHK for helping us with our application.

#### Facebook - Friends of Arbory

The Friends of the school have a Facebook page and this term, help is needed to run a number of events up to Christmas.

22.10.22 - Mhelliach after KS1 Harvest Festival - 2pm (set up from 1pm)

04.11.22 - Hop tu Naa Disco 5.45pm to 7.15pm **Please note change of time.**

16.12.22 - Film and Hot Chocolate afternoon (set up from 1pm)

#### Dinner Money

**Weekly - £11.75**

Second Half Term **£91.65 - all years**

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## **Fencing**

Year 4 took part in a 4 week fencing course organised by Henry de Silva. They learnt the basic skills and took part in demonstration matches. Any children wishing to carry on with fencing are able to join the club at the Arbory Parish Hall which is run every Tuesday.

## **Christmas Concerts - Advanced Notice**

**Reception and Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 13th December 2pm  
Wednesday 14th December 10am**

**Years 5 and 6 Thursday 15th December 2pm  
Friday 16th December 10am**

**Year 3 Nativity Wednesday 21st December 2pm (room for Y3 parents only)**

## **Healthy Snack**

Please can I remind parents that children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack in for morning playtime. This should only be a fruit or vegetable snack or crackers. Children should not bring in sweets, chocolate, cereal bars, sweet biscuits or cakes. Please do not bring nuts into school. Please also make sure that grapes are cut in half.

## **Southern Food Bank**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank as this continues to be relied on in the current climate. Items can be placed in the container by the front entrance. Non-perishable items are needed and a full list is displayed by the collection point.

**Collection day is Tuesday.**

## **Scholastic Book Fair (14th November to 18th November)**

Mrs Longshaw will be running a Book Fair each morning from 8.30am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 4pm in the middle corridor by the back doors.

## **Brian Rae MBE**

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Brian Rae MBE. Brian had a long association with the school both as a parent and a governor and served on the governing body until a few years ago. He was very involved in community events and was a stalwart of the Laa Columb Killee Committee and the British Legion. We are very grateful for his help, support and friendship over the years and our thoughts go to Judy and the family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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