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# Arbory School News

## Dates

### 27th February

Wear gloves for Leprosy

### 28th February

Y4 visit to Government House  
Y6 First Aid Training

### 4th/5th March

Parents Evenings

### 7th March

Year 1 Parents Evening

### 7th March

Junior Cross Country  
Nobles Park

### 12th March

Girls Football Competition  
The Bowl

### 15th March

Foodbank Food Swap

### 18th March

Rotary Public Speaking  
(Arbory is hosting the all-island junior final)

### 18th March

Manx Folk Awards Week

### 19th March

Reception and Y2 visit to  
Knockaloe beg Farm

### 22nd March

Y1 Trip to Knockaloe beg  
Farm

## 26th February 2024

### Dear Parents

Welcome back. Hopefully, the half term holiday enabled you all to have a good break. This half term is only a short one but we have a packed schedule ahead so please take some time to make a note of this month's information.

### STEM

This half term, classes will be focusing on different aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The focus this year will be on construction and engineering.

### World Thinking Day - 26th February

We are pleased to support the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their World Thinking Day. Children have come to school in their uniforms this Monday.

### Leprosy Assembly

We welcome Michael Hardie from the Leprosy Mission on Tuesday 27th February. The school has had a long association with the charity and we have learnt a lot about the condition during the annual assembly talks that they have given us.

This year, the children are invited to bring gloves (named!) to wear for part of a lesson to understand how the disease affects a person's sense of touch. These sessions are always positive as we see how easy it is to cure the disease and there are lots of happy endings to share. If you would like to support this work, please send in a donation with your child on Tuesday.

### Mothers Day Shop

This week we are asking for donations of something that could go into our Mothers Day Shop (toiletries, chocolates etc) On Wednesday 6th March, children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the shop for £2 to be wrapped and brought home in time for Mothers Day.

### World Book Day

Once again because of KS2 swimming on Thursday, we will be holding World Book Day a day late on Friday 8th March. Children may choose to either dress as their favourite book character or to wear comfy clothes for cosy reading. There will be some events and activities organised by Mrs Collister and the school council. Children will receive a World Book Day token and do not need to bring any money.

### Bus Fares

As you may have heard on the radio, children's Go Card fares are increasing from this week. The cost of one trip is now 50p. Children travelling without a bus card will continue to be charged the half adult fare to their destination.

### Dinners - Spring Term

£12 weekly Second Half Term - £57.60

Please note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners. Please pay for meals in advance.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings - Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March for all year groups except Year 1 who will have their meetings on Thursday 7th.

**Bookings can be made on Arbor via the Parental Portal but please note that the booking system closes on Friday 1st March.**

### Food Bank Pasta, Soup and Bean swap.

We are holding another Swap Shop event in aid of the local Food Bank on Friday 15th March. Children can bring food item to swap for beans, soup or pasta and parents can join in at 3.30pm (No fresh produce please)

### Douglas Rotary - Junior Public Speaking

As last year's winners, Arbory are once again hosting the Junior Public Speaking competition. The event will take place at 6pm on Monday 18th March and everyone is welcome to attend to support the team. Any help with cakes and refreshments will be gratefully received so please contact the school office if you are able to help.

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## Notices

### Zebra Crossing

Please watch out at drop off and pick up times as we have had a few near misses. Do not block the crossing.

Many thanks

### Lost Property

Please check lost property for jumpers and coats.

### Manx Folk Awards. - Aundyryn Kiaull-Theay

We are entering the children in a number of classes during the week. Please see their website for details. More information for individual classes will be available soon. Parents are welcome to attend but please be aware that the timetable is not rigidly stuck to and seating is very limited in some venues.

<https://culturevannin.im/resources/manx-folk-awards-716357/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144744468973354/>

### Snacks and Packed Lunches

Children are allowed to bring a fruit snack or crackers and cheese for morning break and should only bring water to drink.

Packed lunches and snacks should not include sweets.

Please do not include any food items that contain nuts or peanuts as we have some children in school who will have a severe reaction if they come into contact with them. Many thanks

### Friends of the School

Mrs Hickey is organising another get together with parents who are interested in supporting school events. She will send out more information soon.

A huge thank you to the parents and staff who helped to make the Valentines Disco such a fun evening. We raised over £200.00 for school funds and the children had a great time.

### Laa Columb Killey

The next meeting for Laa Columb Killey will be Wednesday 13th March at Halley McClraig (near Ballabeg Corner) at 7pm. The committee are always looking for volunteers and this need not be a big commitment if the tasks can be shared out with more people. New ideas are always welcome so please come along if you can spare an hour.

Yours sincerely

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