

# **Arbory School News**

# Dates

Friday 26th April

Year 5/6 Cake Sale

# Dear Parents

19th April 2024

Although the weather was cold, wet and windy over the Easter holidays, I hope that you all managed to have some enjoyable days with your family. As we start another busy term, please take some time to make a note of this month's information.

#### **Rotary Public Speaking Competition**

Well done to the team for coming third in this year's competition and thanks goes to everyone who supported the event. Charlie, George and Eva were fantastic and Isla and Carter were wonderful hosts. This event could not happen without the support of the staff team who take on coaching roles before the competition, organise refreshments and help out on the night and parents who helped with the catering. We look forward to taking part in next year's competition which will be hosted by the winners, St Johns School.

#### Manx Folk Awards

I think that we must have had a record number of participants in this year's event. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the staff who worked with the children. Classes that we entered this year were Manx Folk Dance; teams, solos and couples, Songs in English and Manx, Music Making (Folkestra) Reading in Manx and Manx Language duologue. Once again we received quite a few first and second place awards. Not all classes were filmed but you can see a good selection on the Culture Vannin website www.culturevannin.im

## Southern Food Bank - Food Swap

The Southern Food Bank are very grateful to everyone who took part in the food swap. The event really helped to provide the food bank with a larger variety of items. The closing of the large supermarket in Port Erin for refurbishment will greatly reduce the amount of donations to the food bank. If you are able to give some extra donations during the closure, they would be very pleased. Items can be dropped off in the school foyer as usual. Many thanks!

#### Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale in aid of school funds on Friday 26th April run by year 5 and 6. Donations of cakes, home made or shop bought would be very gratefully received but please do not send in products containing nuts. Most small cakes will be priced at 50p. Parents and other family members are welcome to come and buy cakes at the end of the school day.

#### Dinners - Summer Term

£12.00 weekly First Half Term £76.80 Second Half Term - £64.80 (Y5 £62.40 Y6 £60.00) Full Term £141.60 (Year 5 £139.20 Year 6 £136.80)

Please inform the school office of any changes to dinners and note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners.

## School website

For more information and updates please visit our school website https://arbory.sch.im

Yours sincerely

Mr JH Ayres Headteacher

Saturday 27th April Manx Dancers at the Guild 9.30am

# **Thursday 2nd May**

Y3 Choral Speaking at the Guild

Friday 3rd May Choir singing at the Guild

Thursday 30th May School Sports 1pm

Thursday 30th May School closes for TT

Monday 10th June School Opens