



Arbory School News

Founded 1834

Summer Dates

Fri 14th June

Liverpool Trip Y5/6

17th - 21st June

Bridge Book Fair

24th - 27th June

Arbory 190

Fri 28th June

Laa Columb Killey

Sat 29th June

*Millennium Football
(details to follow)*

Tues 2nd July

Life Path Y5

Wed 3rd / Thurs 4th

Y6 at CRHS

Fri 5th July

Tynwald Day

Wed 10th July

Tynwald Disco

Fri 12th July

School Fair

Tues 16th July

*Leavers Treat - Onchan
Park*

Wed 17th July

*Leavers' Assembly
2pm*

13th June 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome back. The TT weather wasn't great but hopefully you all enjoyed some family time together. As we look forward to the last half-term of the year, please take time to make a note of requests and events that are detailed below.

Parent Governor

Mr Cooil has done an excellent job of being parent governor and is the current chairperson of the Arbory School governing body. My thanks goes to him for his ongoing work for the school and also for his support at a more strategic level. He has been instrumental in providing a space, working with staff and helping children to develop Forest School. David has been an asset to the governing body but the term of parent governor is for two years at a time and so, as returning officer, I am giving notice that there will be an election for the position of parent governor. Please see the information attached to this newsletter.

Farm Visits

David and Kim Cooil have kindly offered to organise visits for Arbory School families to Ballagawne Farm on Friday 12th July. As well as a guided visit around the farm, parents and children will be able to see the Arbory Forest School area. If you are interested, please contact Kim by text on 421748. Visits will take place from 5pm and if there is enough demand, an additional visit day will be offered on Thursday 11th July. Visits need to be booked by Thursday 4th July.

Book Fair

This summer the book fair will be organised by Bridge Bookshop and will take place at the usual times before and after school from Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June. More information available on the following link.

<https://www.bridge-bookshop.com/store/c54/Arbory-School-Book-Fair>

French Students

We are really pleased to be able to welcome children from Ombrosa School in Lyon again this year. Four children are coming to Arbory and will be in Year 5. They are all staying with local families and will be attending school between 17th and 28th June.

Arbory 190

As the school celebrates 190 years, there will be a photograph exhibition in the school hall from 3.30pm to 5pm from 24th to 27th June. This will also be on show in the exhibition tent on Friday 28th June.

Tynwald Disco

This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 10th July and the entrance fee is £1. Snacks, drinks and novelty items will also be on sale.
KS1 5.30pm-6.15pm and KS2 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Leavers Assembly

The year 6 leavers assembly will take place in the school hall at 2pm.

Mrs Longshaw - Leaving Event

Wednesday 17th July 4pm-5.30pm.

To mark Mrs Longshaw leaving Arbory School after 33 years, we would like to welcome everyone to join us for an informal celebration in the hall. Please come if you can.

Ballabeg Isle of Man IM9 4LH

Scoill Chairbre Balley Beg Mannin IM9 4LH

Laa Columb Killey

Please see the information 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 Shirley Strathdee, 834692, or Mrs Harrison know if you can help.

Tickets (cash only please)

Tickets for the Ceili are on sale from Monday 17th June from the school office, online on the LCK website or on the door to the Big Tent. The Ceili is a great event for all ages and we hope to see many of you there, 7pm start.
Adults £5 Children £2.50

Tickets for the tea tent can also be bought in advance from school, on the LCK website or at the event on the day priced at £8 each (Arbory School children receive a free ticket)

Raffle

We are looking for items for the children's and adults' raffle. If you have any, please can these brought into school. Many thanks.

Cups / Shields

Please return last years cups and shields to the school office as soon as possible. Please make sure that they are cleaned before they are dropped off. Any engraving of trophies will need to be done by the recipients.

Classes

A list of classes is available on the Laa Columb Killey website or in paper copy from the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr JH Ayres
Headteacher

Ballabeg Isle of Man IM9 4LH

Scoil Chairbre Balley Beg Mannin IM9 4LH

T(01624) 823369 **E** arboryenquiries@sch.im **W** <https://www2.sch.im/groups/arboryschool/>

Laa Columb Killey – Friday 28th June 2024

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

On Friday morning 28 June 2024, the children should come into school as usual at 8:45. 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 Ballakilpheric which will depart at **11.50am**. Children who need to travel in the Castletown direction should catch the **12.08** 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 advise Mrs Harrison by email by Thursday 27th June.

Fancy Dress - This year's theme is 'Victorians' - judging will take place in the morning at school. Children taking part should wear their costume to school rather than their uniform. Any pre-school children taking part will be judged at 9am.

The afternoon starts at the **Parish Hall at 2.15pm** where we gather for the parade. The Year 6 children will march with the banner leading the school procession from Ballabeg Parish Hall, leaving at 2.30pm. All the children will take part in the procession which is led by Castletown Metropolitan Band followed by the princess and attendants. Please could Year 6 pupils wear their school uniform. Year 6 children involved in the fancy dress competition can wear this instead of school uniform if they would like to. Our Manx dancers will perform after the opening ceremony so these children should come dressed in their Manx dancing costumes.

Please note that the school is officially closed on the afternoon of the 28th but we would appreciate your child being available for the **sports' events from 4:00pm**. This year the children will be taking part in traditional sports and will NOT need to change into P.E. kit. Could you let myself or the class teacher know if your child cannot attend these events. Your child will be given a ticket on the morning of the event, which will enable him/her to gain entrance and is also needed for a free afternoon tea.

The **Ceili will begin at 7pm** in the Big Tent and is a wonderful event for all ages. Tickets can be bought in advance from the school office, on the LCK website or on the door.

The Origin of the Festival

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.

"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 presentations of handwriting and art work at school in the weeks leading up to the big day and also for KS2 children in the production of 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 school sports events from 4.00pm and these events will have been rehearsed beforehand at school. Each child will take part in a flat race and a novelty race which is organised by each class teacher.

Ballabeg Isle of Man IM9 4LH

Scoill Chairbre Balley Beg Mannin IM9 4LH

T(01624) 823369 **E** arboryenquiries@sch.im **W** <https://www2.sch.im/groups/arboryschool/>

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. There are also children's sports which take place at 4.00.p.m., an auction of goods at 6.30 p.m. and a school and community Ceili at 7.00.p.m.

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 give Shirley Strathdee a ring on 834692.

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 will be carried by Year 6 pupils. On arriving at the field, there are prayers, speeches and it is tradition for the following hymn to be sung:

*We thank Thee, Lord, for this fair earth,
The glittering sky, the silver sea;
For all their beauty, all their worth
Their light and glory, come from Thee.*

*So, while we gaze with thoughtful eye
On all the gifts Thy love has given,
Help us in Thee to live and die,
By Thee to rise from earth to heaven.*

Events

Opening Ceremony 2.45 pm

Exhibition Tents - 3.00pm

Tea Tent -3.00pm

Activities for children - all afternoon

Sports - 4.00pm

Auction - 6.30pm

Ceili - 7.00pm

Finish 9.30pm

Ballabeg Isle of Man IM9 4LH

Scoill Chairbre Balley Beg Mannin IM9 4LH

T(01624) 823369 **E** arboryenquiries@sch.im **W** <https://www2.sch.im/groups/arboryschool/>