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Arbory School News

Summer Dates

Friday 13th

Chester Zoo Trip Y5/6

Tuesday 17th

Song of Mann

Friday 20th June

Sports' Day 1pm

Friday 27th June

Laa Columb Killey

Saturday 28th June

*Millennium Football at
Union Mills 9am-1pm*

Tuesday 2nd July

Tynwald Disco

Thurs 3rd / Fri 4th

Y6 at CRHS

Monday 7th July

Tynwald Day Holiday

Wednesday 9th July

Retirement Tea

Thursday 10th July

*Southern 100 roads
closed*

12th June 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome back. Once again the TT weather wasn't great but hopefully those of you who stayed on the island managed to make the best of it. 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.

Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the summer the book fair organised by Bridge Bookshop.

Sports Day ***

Because of a cancellation, we are now able to run Sports Day on **Friday 20th June**. This will enable us to use the 8th July data as a reserve.

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 and Year 6. They are all staying with local families and will be attending school between 16th and 27th June.

Tynwald Disco

This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 2nd July and the entrance fee is **£2**. Snack, drinks and other items will also be on sale.
KS1 5.30pm-6.15pm and KS2 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Mr Ayres and Mrs Collister - Leaving Event

Wednesday 9th July 3.45pm-5.30pm

To mark both teachers leaving Arbory School, we would like to welcome everyone to join us for an informal celebration in the hall. Please come if you can.

Laa Columb Killey

Please see the classes 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 Mrs Harrison know if you can help or let us know at school.

Tickets (cash only please)

Tickets for the Ceili are on sale via the Laa Columb Killey website this year.
Adults £5 Children £2.50 (Includes entry to field) Entry to the Field £2 (no tea)

Tickets for the tea tent can also be bought from school. £8 (Arbory School children receive a free ticket) Tickets can also be purchased at each event on the day or from the Laa Columb Killey website.

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

These can be brought into school. 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 will be sent out by the school office but is also available on the Laa Columb Killey website.

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Friday 11th July

School Fair

1.30pm-3pm

Monday 14th July

School Fair Reserve

Tuesday 15th July

Leavers' Treat (Y6)

4pm-6pm

Wednesday 16th July

Leavers' Assembly

2pm

Thursday 17th July

Arbory's Got Talent

(Children only)

Friday 18th July

End of Term

Wednesday 3rd

September

School Opens for

Autumn Term

Southern Hundred Races

Wednesday 9th July - Contingency Day

Roads will be closed after the start of school through to lunch time if needed.

Thursday 10th July

Roads are closed all day with a lunchtime opening between 12.45pm and 1.30pm.

Bus Vannin usually provide a bus to pick up children living on the Castletown side of the course at around 12.25pm. The Ronague Bus 64 is unaffected but there will be no 66 service at the end of the school day.

Manx Folk Awards

Since the Manx Awards were introduced, Arbory has had a large number of children taking part. Culture Vannin were keen to see how we prepared for the event and came to film some of the children practising back in March. They also carried out some interviews with pupils and staff. You can see the short films that were produced on Youtube - Preparing for the Manx Folk Awards

<https://culturevannin.im/news/school-celebrated-in-new-manx-film-900946/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyuptISTRJA>

Lost Property - in the school hall

Please check lost property for coats, jumpers and other items.

Pre-loved clothing

Don't forget to check out the clothing rail at the entrance which is full of school uniform items. A suggested donation of 50p per item goes to school funds. If you have any uniform that you wish to donate, please contact the school office.

Food Bank

Before we finish for the summer, we have a request from the Isle of Man foodbank for packets of biscuits. Other items are very welcome too, but if you can spare a packet, these can be put in the Foodbank box at the school entrance. Foodbank is accessed by more families over the summer holidays as schools are closed. A list of items, including toiletries is available at the collection point in the school entrance.

Yours sincerely

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Laa Columb Killey – Friday 27th June 2025

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 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 for the children and this bus 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 THE SCHOOL SECRETARY IN WRITING / E-MAIL BEFORE WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE.

Please note that the school is officially closed on this afternoon 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 he/she 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.

Fancy Dress - This year's theme is '80's' - judging will take place in the morning at school. Any pre-school children taking part will be judged at 9am.

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.

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 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.

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 and lead 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 and bring their PE kit with them to change into for the sports. Y6 children involved in the fancy dress competition can wear this instead of school uniform.

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Our Manx Dancers will perform after the opening ceremony so these children should come dressed in their costumes.

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 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 Stratthdee 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

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