



Founded 1834

Arbory School News

Dates

Tuesday 11th March
Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 12th March
Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 13th March
Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 14th March
Junior Cross Country

17th March
Rotary Public Speaking
6pm
(St Johns is hosting the
all-island junior final)

**Thursday 20th March to
Tuesday 25th March**
Manx Folk Awards

Wednesday 26th March
StemFest for Y5

Friday 28th March
Mothers' Day Gift Shop

2nd March 2025

Dear Parents

Now we have been back in school for over a week, there are already a large number of upcoming events and news items to share with you. The biggest item of news is that summer 2025 will see a couple of retirements. Mrs Collister has decided to retire after 40 years as a teacher and 20 years at Arbory as deputy head. She will be greatly missed, especially as she has been a dedicated, creative class teacher, a member of the senior leadership team as well as volunteering her own time to organise and run extra-curricular cultural and sporting events. It will also be time for me to retire after 20 years of headship. Having worked as a teacher in seven island schools since 1991 and being headteacher at Arbory since January 2011, I have taken the decision to leave in July.

Valentine's Disco

The children had a great time at the disco and thanks goes to Mrs Hickey and the staff and parents who organised and helped out. The event raised £393.15 for school funds.

Public Speaking

We had a large number of children taking part in the school competition this year with children speaking on a wide range of subjects. The judges had a difficult task as the standard was really high but they managed to pick a team. This year Tatum, Eva and Eleanor will head to St Johns for the island final on Monday 17th March and we wish them all the best of luck. Well done to everyone who took part!

STEAM - MARDI GRAS

We had a great day celebrating Mardi Gras with a procession and a special assembly. The children looked great in their bright colours and the masks that they had made in school.

World Book Day

Once again because of KS2 swimming on Thursday, we will be holding World Book Day a day late on Friday 7th March. Like some other schools, we are having a 'bring comfy clothes and read' day but children can also dress up as their favourite book character if you would like them to do this. As usual, there will be some Book Day events organised by Mrs Collister and the school council. Children will receive a World Book Day token and do not need to bring any money.

Validation (Parent Leaflet)

As you may have heard schools on the Isle of Man are involved in a programme of validations as part of each school's self-review and improvement process. We have been given Monday 12th May as the date when we welcome the validators to Arbory. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Dinners - Spring Term

£12.75 weekly Second Half Term - £76.50

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

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.

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

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

Mothers' Day Gift Shop

Last year the gift shop was a great success so we will be holding the event again on the morning of Friday 28th March. More details to follow.

Yours sincerely

Mr JH Ayres
Headteacher

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/>