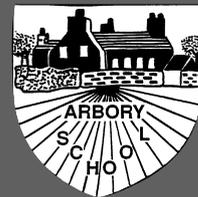


Arbory School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

We had great fun on Red Nose Day with a host of different events organised by the School Council. You may have seen the photos in the press and on iomtoday.com. Thank you for supporting this event which raised £387 for Comic Relief.

Easter Craft Fair

Mrs Collister is organising an Easter craft fair on Wednesday 6th April from 3.30pm to 5pm in the school hall. Admission is £2 and YR-Y2 can be accompanied by parents.

The Guild (Manx Music Festival)

The choir will be taking part on Saturday morning (classes commence at 9am) and the Manx dancers will be performing in the afternoon (classes commence at 1.30pm). Thanks go to Mrs Spits, Mrs Frankwick, Mrs Collister, Mrs Costain and Mr Collister for all their efforts in getting the children ready for the event.

Mrs Young has also entered Class 4 for the Group Speaking class and this will take place on the afternoon of Friday 8th April. We wish them all the best of luck and I am sure they will do their best.

Lieutenant Governor

The School Council will be attending the swearing in of the new Lieutenant Governor, Mr Adam Wood at Castle Rushen on Thursday 7th April at 11am.

Parents Evenings

These are taking place tonight and tomorrow. If for any reason you cannot make your appointment, please let the school office know as soon as possible. We will be able to organise an appointment after the Easter holidays if you have had to miss one this week.

Public Speaking

Eight schools took part this year and the hall looked fantastic for the event. The children were unfortunate not to be placed as they did really well on the night. Well done to Bethan, Reuben and Archie for a very professional performance. Archie received an individual prize for his excellent delivery as chairman but the overall honours went to Marown school whose speaker told us all about children in the developing world who were not able to go to school. Thank you to those parents who supplied us with cakes; we received many positive comments about the warm welcome and the wonderful hospitality. The staff have done a tremendous job again this year and it was truly a team effort with everyone supporting Mrs. Young who was in charge of co-ordinating the event.

Road Safety

The Works Department have now finished the path and railings that lead towards the new crossing. Please use the crossing with your children as it will help everyone if there is a designated crossing point into the car park. Can I also ask you all to leave the disabled space for those motorists who are badge holders as there has been some confusion recently.

Shelter Box

We normally limit the number of charity events and requests for support, but we have made an exception to this because of the recent devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Mrs Snidal is co-ordinating the collection for a Shelter Box and I hope that you will be able to contribute to this essential relief effort. More detailed information was sent out with the envelopes last week but there is still plenty of time to send in money.

School Ceili - 1st April 7pm-9pm

Tickets are going fast but some are still available for this Friday's event 1st April. Please contact the school office for your tickets. £3 adults and £2 children. Refreshments (Tea/Coffee/Juice) are included and there will be meat/cheese pasty with baked potato and salad available for £3 pp.

Sports Teams

The school's sports teams are very busy at the moment and are taking part in various competitions.

Netball - The teams played at the recent festival for southern schools at Buchan and came a respectable 5th and 8th overall.

Football - At the same event, the football team got through to the semi-final stage but were beaten by Buchan A. They played Ballasalla in the play-offs and ended up in 4th place.

Kwik Cricket - Our Ace Base team received certificates from the MSR's Zoe Carney in recognition of their efforts for playing cricket.

Well done to all four teams!

Tennis - The tennis team are competing this Wednesday at Castle Rushen 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Hockey - After winning the southern schools' event, the team now play in the Isle of Man finals at the NSC this Wednesday 4pm-6pm.

Swimming - The swimming squad are in action next Wednesday afternoon in the annual Dolphin Gala at the NSC. This year we have been placed in the 'large schools' event so our team will have tough competition. The event takes place at 1.30pm.

Good luck to everyone involved.

Tesco Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers we have received so far. Can I ask you to keep sending them in as they enable us to buy a wide range of resources for school. Please check your purses, wallets, coat pockets, cars and shopping bags for any stray vouchers, and keep them coming!

Tynwald Visit

Year 6 have been invited by Quintin Gill MHK to visit the Legislative Buildings in Douglas. The visit will take place on the first day back after the Easter holidays on 26th April. The children will also be visiting the Sita Energy from Waste site in the afternoon and will need a **packed lunch** for that day.

Y6 Disco

Calling all Y6 children. A disco is being organised by CRHS for all Y6 children in partner schools on Wednesday 6th April 6pm-8pm. Sweets and drinks will be on sale and the entry price is £1.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy the time with your children. We look forward to seeing them all back at school on **Tuesday 26th April**.

J H Ayres

Headteacher