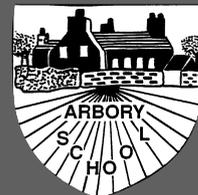


# Arbory School Newsletter



3rd May 2011 No.7

## Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break as well as the long weekend. We had a few celebrations in school to mark the occasion last week. The infants held a Wedding Service and Reception on Wednesday afternoon while children in Years 3 and 4 had a wedding garden party on Thursday. Although this half term is short in terms of the number of days we are in school, once again it will be a very busy time so please make a note of the events and dates in this newsletter.

## Friends of Arbory Bag Pack

Well done to everyone who helped with the Bag Pack at Port Erin Shoprite on Maundy Thursday. The Arbory Bag Packers managed to collect a fantastic total of £373.56 which will go towards the refurbishment of the adventure playground.

## Reading Books

If you have children in Year 1 or Year 2, please can you have a look to see if you have any reading books belonging to school anywhere at home, in the car etc. We are still short of some books from the sets of guided reading books and we will need to replace these if they cannot be found.

## Southern Befrienders Silver Event

The Southern Befrienders will be holding a sponsored event in school on **Monday 16th May**. Your child will receive a letter from them together with a sponsor form. We are happy to support the Southern Befrienders and along with other schools in the south, we are aiming to raise as much as we can.

## Shelter Box

Thank you to everyone who contributed money to the Shelter box appeal. Our final total was **£331.03** which will now be sent to the charity in order to pay towards another ShelterBox for victims of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

## Y6 Induction Day at Castle Rushen

Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting Castle Rushen for the day on Thursday 19th May. More information will be given to those pupils before the visit.

## Road Safety

Now the car park has become a permanent feature of the school, I am pleased to say that the vast majority of people using it are careful to put our children's safety first. Please continue to keep them safe by allowing them to cross at the crossing point and taking care when entering and exiting the car park. If you have other family members coming into school, please pass this message on to them also.

## Tesco Vouchers

We are building a large collection of vouchers now and I would like to thank everyone who is collecting them for school. 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 had a great trip last week at the Legislative Buildings in Douglas. The visit organised by Quintin Gill MHK was very interesting and the debate was fun. The children spoke well when acting out the proceedings represented the school well both by their politeness, good behaviour and the interest they showed in learning about our parliament. We are grateful to all three of our MHKs who took the time to show us around. The afternoon saw the class visiting the Energy from Waste facility on Richmond Hill and once again this proved to be a very interesting trip.

## **School Website**

## **ICT Acceptable Usage Policy - Pupils**

The school website has not been fully updated since I took up my post in January although I have posted newsletters and other dates. This was because the DEC have worked with all schools to develop their Wiki. The Wiki will replace the website as it can be updated and used by more than one user. The school Wiki is due to go on line in the next week or so and you will be able to access it at <https://www2.sch.im/groups/arboryschool/> As you can appreciate, this is a work in progress so it will evolve and change as time goes on.

The school Wiki can be updated by all staff and so you will be able to access more information than we have previously been able to provide on the website. The other exciting feature is that we can now provide an area for pupils to make comments, give feedback and make contributions to curriculum work. All comments and remarks will be moderated by the class teacher before they can be seen by other pupils and the children must take control of their own password and access to the Wiki.

Many other schools have used their Wikis very successfully and this has contributed to shared learning by giving the pupils another way to share their own thoughts. The DEC has also produced an 'Acceptable Usage Policy' which we will get the children to sign up to in order to make sure that they stay safe when going online and that they use accepted protocols when blogging or contributing their thoughts to shared work. A copy of the Department's policy is attached although we will talk to the children about it in age-appropriate terms.

I would also like to remind parents that social networking sites are all blocked in school and that sites such as Facebook are restricted to pupils over the age of **thirteen**.

## **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 9th May - Scholastic Book Fair (All Week)**

**Tuesday 10th May - Class 5 at the Old Grammar School**

**Thursday 12th May - Class 5 - Play in a Day - Macbeth (at school)**

**Monday 16th May - Southern Befrienders - silver event**

**Thursday 19th May - Y6 visit to Castle Rushen High School**

**Friday 20th May - Y6 Class Photo for IoM Newspapers**

**Friday 20th May - Quintin Gill Cup 4pm at Rushen School**

**Sunday 22nd May - Summer Fayre 2pm-4pm**

**Tuesday 24th May - Junior School Cross Country at Poulson Park 1.15pm**

**Thursday 26th May - Class 4 Rockpool visit to Port Erin**

**Monday 31st May - Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 2nd June - School Closes for TT Holiday**

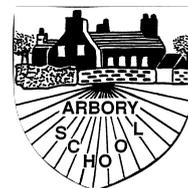
**Tuesday 14th June - School Sports Afternoon**

**Thursday 23rd June - Laa Columb Killey - school finishes at noon (more details to follow)**

Your sincerely

J H Ayres

Headteacher



- 1. These rules apply to all equipment.** I know that these rules will apply to me at all times when I am using either provided ICT equipment in school or at home, or my own ICT equipment within school, such as computers, cameras, scanners, software and networks.
- 2. Take care when using equipment.** I will take care when I am using all ICT equipment. I will not break or damage any ICT equipment and if anything gets broken then I will report it straight away.
- 3. Ask before using your own ICT equipment.** I will not bring my own ICT equipment with me unless I have been given permission by a designated member of staff. If I am allowed to bring my own ICT equipment then I will obey all the extra rules I will be given about how I can use it.
- 4. Keep passwords safe.** I will always log on using my own user-name and password. I will not tell my login details to anybody else. I know that I will be responsible for everything that is done using my login details. If I think that somebody else knows and has used my login details then I will report it straight away so that my login details can be changed.
- 5. Nothing is secret.** I realise that my use of both my own and provided ICT equipment will be monitored and that everything I do may be recorded. I agree that I have no right to privacy and I agree to being monitored and recorded at all times. I realise that the results of this monitoring may be shared with other people if I break any of the rules or if my actions are of a criminal nature.
- 6. Keep personal information safe.** I will not disclose any of my personal details to other people, or log any personal details on websites, while using ICT. (Personal details include telephone numbers, addresses and all types of personal financial information.) I agree that I will never pass on the personal details of another person without that person's permission.
- 7. Understanding copyright.** If I am downloading music, video or images, I will check with staff that it is legal and copyright free. I understand that music and video files are often put on the Internet illegally and that by using those files I will be breaking the law.
- 8. Educational uses only.** My use of ICT equipment will only be for educational uses, although limited personal use is permitted provided that this is not done during normal working time and does not contravene any of the other rules in this document.
- 9. No hacking.** I will not try to access any websites, services, files or other resources that are blocked or which I am not allowed to try to access.
- 10. Unsuitable material.** I agree that I will not try to view, send, upload or download material that is unsuitable for viewing. If I accidentally see any unsuitable material then I will immediately close (but not delete, in the case of emails) the material and tell a member of staff. I know I will not be held responsible if I view unsuitable material by accident and I realise that by reporting this I will help to improve the e-safety of my school/youth project. If I am in any doubt about the suitability of any material, or if any doubts are raised, then I will not (re)access the material. I will not access material that has been rated as "unsuitable".
- 11. Be polite.** Proper conduct must be maintained at all times while using ICT. I agree that I will not harass, bully, insult or attack others via email or any other means. The use of strong language, swearing or aggressive behaviour is not acceptable. I will be polite at all times.
- 12. Friends on Social Networking Sites.** School staff and students must not be friends on social networking websites. Furthermore, staff must not have School parents as friends.

**I realise that any contravention of the rules set out in this document may result in sanctions being applied. If I break any of these rules then my use of ICT in my school may be limited or completely stopped. My activities may also be reported to other people.**

Name

Signature

Date