



# Arbory School

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"A caring community of creative, confident learners."  
"Co-phobble kenjal dy ynseydee chrootagh as yarrooagh."



## Dear Parents

We are nearly half way through this term already so I thought it was time to update you on school events.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Longshaw and all of you who supported the school by buying books. We have raised a lot of money again which will be used to buy non-fiction books.

### Heartstart

The Heartstart programme is run by the British Heart Foundation who train teaching staff to deliver the programme in schools. This week Mr Ayres and Mrs McKenna have been taking all the classes from Y1 to Y6 in a staged programme that includes skills such as:

- contacting the emergency services
- helping a conscious casualty
- assessing an unconscious patient
- dealing with choking
- putting someone in the recovery position
- serious bleeding
- helping someone that may be having a heart attack
- performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The scheme is based around a set of shorts films called 'Ordinary Day' which shows a scenario that helps to develop each set of skills. It is also aimed at showing children that they can make a difference when helping others, especially when they might have to help adult casualties; usually parents, grandparents, friends and other family members.

### RNLI - SOS Day

As usual, the children enjoyed dressing down for the day and with your help, we managed to raise £162 for the RNLI.

### Family Library

"The Family Library on Westmoreland Rd, Douglas is a specialist centre that has thousands of books, CDs and DVDs for children and young people to borrow. Membership for a year costs £2. They have weekly story and craft activities, pre-school sessions, language classes and over the next few months there will be Try Something New workshops as well as special Half-Term and Easter events.

Contact 640650 for more details or for full information visit their website - [www.familylibrary.co.uk](http://www.familylibrary.co.uk) . They are on Facebook and Twitter too."

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### **Our Day Out**

CRHS is presenting 'Our Day Out' by Willy Russell on 7th, 8th and 9th February at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained from CRHS Reception 693500 and cost £5 adults and £3 children.

Y6 children have been given the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 6th February and will travel to CRHS for the afternoon.

'Mrs Kay's Progress Class are all on board and looking forward to a fun day out until Mr Briggs gets on board! The play sees them visit a zoo in North Wales, a castle, a beach..... and a few surprises on the way. "A funny and heartwarming story!"

### **Junior Achievement Isle of Man**

We are pleased to be running the JAIoM programme again this year with the help of the many volunteers who came to lead sessions last year. The sessions take place from 25th February to 1st March.

Junior Achievement Isle of Man is an independent member of the Junior Achievement Europe group and runs citizenship programs in the island's schools. The UK is also a member but the scheme is known as Young Enterprise there. Most European countries are members and you can find out more from their web pages.

The **mission** of JA is to use hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life. In partnership with business and educators, JA brings the real world to students and opens their minds to their potential.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February - 8th March**

We are supporting Fairtrade Fortnight this year by having a stall of Fairtrade snacks available each day during afternoon break. There will be a 'come and try' event on the first Friday, 1st March, after school. 3.30pm-4.30pm. Fairtrade produce will also be available for sale.

### **Public Speaking**

This year's public speaking contest will be hosted by us on Monday 18th March as we were the winners last year. We would be grateful if any parents could help us with cakes and refreshments as we have set ourselves a high standard in the past. If you can help in any way please contact the school office.

The school heat will be held on Monday 4th March.

### **Swimming**

After the half term break, children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be swimming on Thursdays.

### **Head Lice**

There have been a few reports from parents to say that they have treated their own child's hair after spotting eggs and lice. Please can I ask you to check your child's hair regularly.

### **School Uniform**

**Please make sure that children have black shoes (or sensible boots in winter) to wear to school and these should preferably be robust enough for wearing at playtime with adequate straps or laces. Also please note that artificially coloured hair, shaved designs, nail varnish, lip-stick, high heels etc. are not part of the Arbory School uniform. There is a more extensive list in the school brochure but overall our children are a credit to the school and are always smart and well-presented. It is also good to see that nearly all the children are coming to school with waterproof coats and warm outdoor clothes during the cold and wet weather. Thank you for helping us to keep up these smart standards as we do receive positive feedback from people around the island, especially when the children are attending various events.**

### **P.E. Kit**

Now we are nearing the half way point in the school year, please can you check that your child has the correct P.E. kit. Children should have a school team colour t-

**shirt, pumps and suitable shorts. Children in KS2 should have a separate games kit for outdoors which should include some trainers and tracksuit bottoms. There is no specific kit but children will need to keep warm as outdoor sessions continue through the winter.**

**Children attending sports clubs at lunchtime and after school will need to change their kit as it sometimes gets wet and/or muddy.**

### **Children's University**

The first graduation ceremony for the Children's University will take place on 23rd April at St.German's Cathedral in Peel. Children who are currently passport holders will receive a letter asking them to add up the number of hours they have collected. Please can all children bring their passports to school and get teachers to stamp them for the clubs that they have attended.

### **Lunchtime Ancillaries**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs S O' Connor to Arbory as our new lunchtime ancillary. She has replaced Mrs Harper who has obtained a new position at Tynwald Mills.

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 8th February - School Closes for Half Term holidays  
Monday 18th February - School Opens  
Tuesday 19th February - CRHS Open evening for all Y5/6 parents and pupils  
Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March - Junior Achievement for Y1-Y6 pupils  
Monday 25th February - Friday 8th March - Fairtrade Fortnight  
Tuesday 26th February - Hockey Southern Final @ CRHS Astroturf 4pm-6pm (Y3/4)  
Friday 1st March - Fairtrade Event after school 3.30pm-4.30pm  
Monday 4th March - Y1 at Manx Museum  
Monday 4th March - Arbory Public Speaking 6.30pm  
Friday 8th March - Y4 Community Farm  
Tuesday 12th March - Parents Evening - 3.30pm-5pm  
Wednesday 10am-3pm Netball at Buchan Y4-Y6  
Wednesday 13th March - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 5pm  
Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th March - Manx Folk Awards  
Monday 18th March - Rotary Public Speaking at Arbory School  
Tuesday 19th March - Y5 Trip to Manx Museum  
Thursday 21st March - Primary School Cross Country at Nobles Park  
Thursday 21st March - Hockey Final at NSC  
Friday 22nd March - Close for Easter Holidays  
Monday 8th April - School Opens for Summer Term