

Willaston Primary School

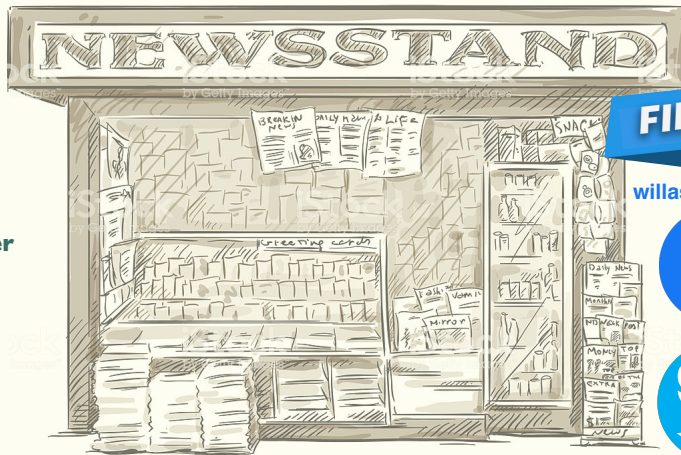
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 06.04.23 Close for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm
- 24.04.23 School opens for Summer Term
- 26.04.23 Governing Body Meeting
- 28.04.23 Ash Randall Freestyle Footballer visit
- 01.05.23 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 03.05.23 Dolphin Swimming Gala
- 04.05.23 Isle Listen sessions in Y3/Y4/Y6
- 05.05.23 Coronation Party (details TBC)
- 08.05.23 School closed - Coronation Bank Hol
- 09.05.23 MNFU Special Assembly
- 18.05.23 Y6 Crucial Crew
- 24.05.23 Education Minister to visit school
- 29.05.23 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 01.06.23 School closes for half-term 3.30pm
- 02.06.23 INSET day for staff
- 12.06.23 School re-opens for Summer 2

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website will soon show a live calendar of events - check it out

It was fantastic to see parents and carers visit Willaston School last week to hear a presentation from educational adviser Gareth Morewood. Gareth has agreed to share a package of links and resources with parents which we will circulate after the Easter break.

A HUGE "well done" to our Girls' Footballers who took part in the tournament at The Bowl recently. The girls played some super football, reached the semi-finals, and were superb ambassadors for the school. Big thanks to Mr Ledger and all the helpers on the day.



Coronation Party

The coronation of His Majesty The King, Lord of Man, takes place on Saturday 6th May with a Bank Holiday (and school closure) on Monday 8th May. To celebrate the King's coronation we will be holding a special Coronation Party in school on Friday 5th May. Please keep an eye out for a special letter from Mrs Lace which will have all the details in it about our party!

Just a reminder that with the weather hopefully improving, we will be able to access the field more so children will need their wellies in school.

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been a *really* busy time in Willaston School since I last wrote to you all. Our new look Celebration Assemblies continue each week with Willaston Wonders and Willaston Wows aplenty! The annual daffodil competition has been staged - I was *super* impressed, especially with the imaginative decorative pots I saw! - and we've been visited by author and illustrator Simon Murray, the Lempen Puppet Theatre, Isle Listen, and behaviour expert Gareth Morewood. On top of all that the children have joined in with World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and Mothers' Day activities. Year 5 have started iHeart sessions looking at their inner wellbeing and resilience, swimming sessions for KS2 have taken place each week, regular trips and outings to Forest School and rock-climbing have continued and Year 6 have visited St. Ninian's to watch a special production of Six. I'm sure there are many other things that have taken place as well - this list is by no means exhaustive, but does illustrate the superb range of opportunities we make available to the pupils and families of Willaston School. My thanks go to all of you for your ongoing support and to my staff team who make Willaston School the wonderful place it is.

We are working hard to improve the school building; you may have noticed the works we've had done in the car park, preparing for a new cycle shelter; the old signage around the exterior of the building has been removed and the grounds have been edged and swept. The main entrance area has been painted, with new vinyl wallpaper, flooring and furniture due to complete the refurbishment over the Easter holidays. The children (and staff) have also worked *incredibly* hard on a fantastic themed display (travel around the world) which has brought one of our corridors to life! I hope that everyone has a wonderful break over the Easter Holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 24th April.

With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher



Junior Fell Running Championship Sunday 21st May 2023

For School years 2 to 7

RACE LOCATION: Knockaloe Beg Farm, Patrick.

All entries are online this year - parents and guardians can enter their children's details direct.

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2023-entry>

To enter the race, use the weblink above or scan the QR code to take you to the entry page. Be sure to download the race information sheet from the entry page.



Entries now open!

Seasons for Growth

Seasons For Growth will be starting up for identified groups of children after Easter. Children take part in this intervention by invitation.

Nut Allergies

A polite request from us: please can parents limit - or better still, not include - nuts in packed lunches wherever possible.

Junior Fell Running Championship

Entries are now open for the Junior Fell Running Championships on Sunday 21st May.

ALL entries can now be made online by parents/guardians, so schools have only been asked to signpost the event this year.

Any child from year 2 to 7 is welcome to have a go at racing and transport and supervision remains with the parents/guardians.

The venue remains at Knockaloe Beg Farm, that provides a selection of fantastic age-appropriate courses.

Please register using the following link, and do let us know how you get on!

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2023-entry>

Please can children dismount scooters and walk across the road rather than scoot over.

