

Willaston Primary School

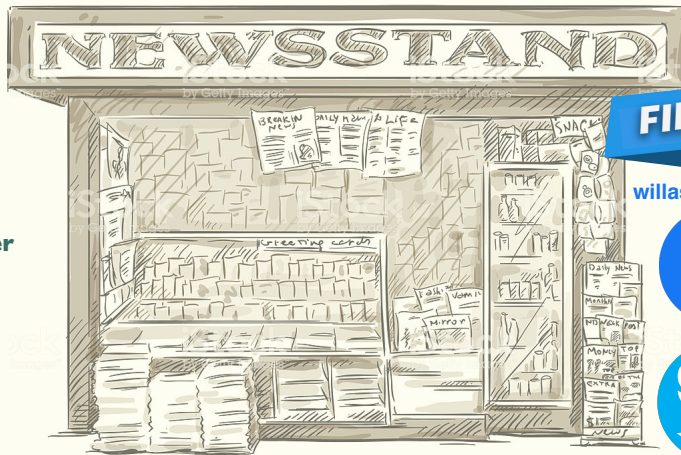
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Dates for Your Diary

- 08.05.23 School closed - Coronation Bank Hol
- 09.05.23 Jelly and Off visit with MNFU
- 10.05.23 RockKidz Visit (merch on sale in hall from 3.30pm)
- 11.05.23 Isle Listen working with classes
- 11.05.23 First Aid Training for Y6
- 18.05.23 Y6 Crucial Crew
- 21.05.23 Junior Fell Running (info below)
- 24.05.23 Minister visits Willaston School
- 29.05.23 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 31.05.23 Sports Day (Infants AM; Juniors PM)
- 01.06.23 Sports Day (reserve date)
- 01.06.23 School closes for half-term 3.30pm
- 02.06.23 INSET day for staff
- 12.06.23 School reopens for Summer 2
- 07.07.23 End of Year reports published
- 10.07.23 Year 6 at the Venture Centre all week
- 21.07.23 End of Summer Term

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

Message from Mr Kelly

This newsletter is published on the eve of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, and we have celebrated this historic occasion all day today in school. The children have enjoyed activities, plenty of bunting, a picnic lunch, cakes, tattoos and had lots of lots of Coronation-themed fun. They've even had a visit from the ice-cream van! In honour of tomorrow's Coronation, an extra Bank Holiday has been allocated and as such we will be closed on Monday (8th May.) If you're watching tomorrow's Coronation on TV then do keep an eye out for our very own PC Lou! She has been selected to represent the Isle of Man Police in the Coronation and will be lining the procession. Fantastic for her personally, but fantastic for us as well because we'll have a little piece of Willaston School's heart in the middle of the Coronation! A special moment for sure.

The summer term always passes by in the blink of an eye, so hold on tight. We have lots of exciting things planned this side of TT including class trips, visits from animals, a visit from RockKidz next week, and our Sports Day.... details of some these events (and more) are included in this newsletter. *With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher*



We are delighted to confirm that we are welcoming back the fantastic Rock Kidz on Wednesday 10th May! Rock Kidz called in to Willaston last year and are returning to work with all the classes throughout the day on their themes of resilience, anti-bullying and self-esteem.

At the end of the day the Rock Kidz will be available in the school hall for a "meet and greet" session. This is often a really special part of the day where Rock Kidz get to interact with families and tell them about the wonderful experience they've had at the school. During the meet and greet there is an opportunity to purchase official Rock Kidz merchandise, and take photographs with the Rock Kidz.

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>

Willaston Successes

We have all been really proud of the children who represented Willaston School in the recent Cross Country Championships and Dolphin Swimming Gala! Everyone who took part demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship!

We also had a number of our pupils taking part in the Manx Music Festival and would like to say a big "well done!" to everyone involved.



Sports Day 2023

This takes place on Wednesday 31st May. In a slight change to tradition, we have split the event into infants and juniors with Reception and KS1 taking place in the morning (from around 9.30am) and KS2 taking place in the afternoon from 1.30pm.

You can find us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter! Our website is regularly updated too!



Improvements

Hopefully you will have seen the work we've had done in the main entrance area - new flooring, paint job and wallpaper. It's not quite the finished article just yet but the new look is starting to come together - the first of many upgrades to our school environment.

MNFU Visit

MNFU are visiting Willaston School next Tuesday and will be bring two very special guests with them - Jelly and Oof, they're farm animals!

As the weather improves please remember to pack sun hats, water bottles and apply sun-cream before school!

Radon Gas Testing

All schools on the Isle of Man, including Willaston, will be tested for radon during the summer term to bring the Isle of Man in line with other parts of the British Isles.

The simple test will see a handful of plastic detectors placed in ground floor rooms and basements during the summer term before the data is analysed.

This test was last carried out in 1989 and no problems were found. The action is part of the Government's legal obligation to limit people's exposure to radon and is being supported by the UK Health Security Agency.

FREE LUNCH

Free School Meals - Apply Now

The following are links for 2023/2024 Free School meals application forms.

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form>

<https://www.gov.im/media/34660/free-school-meals-travel-joint-application-form-2023-24.pdf>

