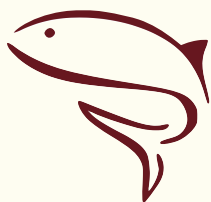


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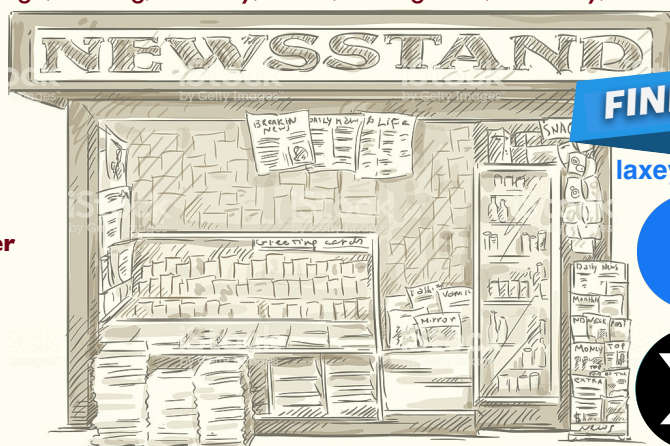
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NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024

Dates for Your Diary

- 23.04.24 Tram trip to Douglas (Reception)
- 24.04.24 Rally goodies in Y5
- 03.05.24 Dental survey visit (Rec/Y1)
- 06.05.24 Bank Holiday - school closed
- 09.05.24 External Validation Visit
- 13.05.24 Y6 Shropshire Trip begins
- 16.05.24 External Validation Visit
- 17.05.24 External validation Visit
- 17.05.24 Y6s return from Shropshire Trip
- 20.05.24 Y5 Venture Centre Trip
- 21.05.24 Y5 Venture Centre Trip
- 21.05.25 Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
- 22.05.24 Sports Day (info below)
- 23.05.24 Peter J Murray - Author Visit
- 27.05.24 Bank Holiday - school closed
- 30.05.24 Last day of half-term
- 31.05.24 Teacher INSET Day - no pupils in

Message From Mr Kelly

As the spring season unfolds, I am delighted to bring you the latest news and updates from Laxey School. It's a time of excitement and activity as our pupils eagerly embrace new opportunities and experiences. Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence in education and enrichment opportunities for our pupils. With best wishes as always, Max Kelly, Executive Headteacher.

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school.

If you have a child due to start with us at Laxey School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around our catchment area with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place too!

Junior Fell Running Championships

Entries are now open for the Junior Fell Running Championships on Saturday 4th 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! (If you'd like to run under school colours, let us know and we can provide a Laxey School kit!)

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2024-entry>

Sports Day 2024

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22nd May and will follow the usual format arranged on the football pitch. Turn up from 9:00am onwards for a 09:30am start for juniors; and arrive from 1:30pm for a 1:45pm start for infants.

Due to a combination of TT camping and then groundworks on the pitch, we have been informed that the pitch is not available beyond this half-term, and we have selected the latest possible date we can find to give everyone as much notice as we can.

Holiday Requests - reminder of protocol

Holidays and planned absences from schools must be applied for in advance. Holiday request forms are available from Ms Webb on the front desk and can be downloaded from our school websites. Holiday absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised' on your child's official attendance register unless prior authorisation has been sought and agreed.

The Executive Headteacher has discretion to authorise up to 10 days authorised holiday - this is not an automatic right for parents; it is a professional decision that rests with the school.

School Inspection

The Isle of Man's new Quality Assurance Model provides a Quality Assurance Framework against which schools will be externally validated. Laxey School has been notified that it will undergo review in May.

External validation against the new Quality Assurance Framework is being led by the external global organisation Tribal – Education Services, and they will be visiting Laxey School on May 9th, May 16th and May 17th. During the external validation the team will explore aspects across the following key areas:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour, Relationships and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- School Leadership

The external validation will result in a growth summary for the school and information about the visit will be available for parents on the school's website.

If you would like to find out more, please head over to the Laxey School website and navigate through to:
Homepage > Our School > Our Quality Assurance.

Here you will find a copy of the Executive Summary that the school has produced and submitted to the external validation team prior to their visit as well as an information leaflet from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture which describes the process in more detail for parents.

Please remember to drive and park considerately when using the roads around our school :)

Please check out www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, search for Laxey School and register as a 'giver'. If you do any online shopping through this gateway the school receives a commission!

