



Ballaugh Primary School



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Dear Parents,

In the first Newsletter of 2019 I wish to extend a heartfelt “welcome back” and hope that everyone had enjoyable Christmas and New Year breaks.

School Values – I believe that the staff at Ballaugh School have always tried to instil positive values within the children but also realise that we had not taken the time to make these personal values clear to the children. Earlier this year the staff refined their ideas and came up with the following; Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Compassion which the children learn about in whole school assemblies. I would like to involve everyone further in this and ask that you suggest our fifth value. If you could email your suggestion to BallaughEnquiries@sch.im it would be much appreciated and we will let you know the most popular one.

QEII Maths Olympiad – Congratulations to Feena, Alexander, Edward and Harry from year 6 for representing the school, Class 4, Mrs Bale, village and families with such distinction at QEII on Thursday afternoon when they convincingly won the 2019 Western Schools Maths Olympiad competition. Very well done, and thank you.

Back Field – The “dangerous” tree has now been made safe and children will be allowed to use it during dinnertime breaks from Monday onwards. Please make sure that your child has additional and appropriate footwear that they can put on and remove before coming back in to school if they wish to play in this area. I ask for this because the ground is quite soft and too much mud can get walked in to the building.

Monitors 4 Kids “Make it Red Instead Day” – On **Monday 21st January** we will be supporting a year 8 pupil in the Monitors4kids campaign by dressing in red and donating the money raised to her campaign. Children can wear any red clothing that they wish. Here is more information from the organiser. “This is a campaign to get CGM (continuous glucose monitors) on prescription for children. These monitors continually tell the child what their blood glucose level is at any given moment and then sends it to the parents meaning the parents can finally get a good nights sleep and not have to worry about their child’s levels as if something is not right it will alert them. For the children it means they can feel normal by going on sleepovers with their friends, school trips and they don’t even need to prep and prick their fingers until they are black and scarred. At the moment their parents are needing to save up to buy them themselves. The campaign aims to raise awareness of diabetes and raise money for these monitors so that we can provide children with them as soon as possible. The 21st January 2019 is blue Monday and we are doing our own twist and ‘Make It Red Instead!’ day and we are asking all schools on the island to dress in red (to signify blood) in a dress down day, raising £1 for each pupil toward the campaign”

CLUBS

Guild Performance Club	Mrs Creighton	Monday	3.30-4.15pm	Years 3to6
Drama Club	Mrs Bale	Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Years 5&6
Early Morning Sports	MSR	Friday	8.10-8.40am	Years 1&2

School “mini” lunchtime clubs led by children.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Led by</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lego	Jake & Thomas	Monday	12.40-1.00 pm
Board Game	Adam & Oliver	Tuesday	12.40-1.00 pm
Colouring-in	Bella & Darcy	Wednesday	12.40-1.00 pm
Comic Making	Freddie & Hayden	Thursday	12.40-1.00 pm
Kahoot eQuiz	Edward and Harry	Friday	12.40-1.00 pm

DATES FOR DIARIES

“Make It Red Instead Day”	Monday 21 st January
Half Term	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February
Last day of Term	Friday 5 th April
Easter Holidays	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
TT Holiday	Monday 26 th May-Friday 7 th June
Tynwald Day	Friday 5 th July
Last Day of School Year	Friday 19 th July

Regards
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