



# Ballaugh Primary School



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Dear Parents,

**World Book Day** – Thank you to everyone that put so much effort in to making yesterday's WBD so interesting and enjoyable. Thank you to our staff but especially to our visiting poet "Mrs Yorkshire, The Baking Bard" and all of the parents that were able to come in and read with the children. The impact that this has on how the children value school and their learning is priceless. Thank you so much.

**Values Consultation** – Another thank you. This time to the families and village commissioners that have suggested positive values and behaviours that you believe we should model to, and nurture within, the children.

We received *hard working, committed, determined, positive outlook, perseverance, ambition, confidence, teamwork, community spirited, pride, responsibility and courage.*

We will now spend time considering all of these, seeing how we can make them part of our Code of Conduct and school vision. Thanks again as this information helps us to tailor the education that we provide to the needs of the community.

**School Council** - We are excited that our special Hospice wallaby has arrived in school. Every child will be bringing a wallaby sheet home for families to share your ideas including a names, decorations and fundraisers. Ideas need to be returned to school council representatives before their meeting next Thursday when ideas will be discussed and finalists chosen. Every child in school will vote to decide the winning idea so that our wallaby can be named and decorated.

**Comic Relief** – We will be having a fun filled day next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for Comic Relief when we will be holding a sponsored balloon jump, a cake sale (no nuts please) and children are invited to wear red for the day.

**FoBS** – On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm we will be holding this year's AGM for the Friends of Ballaugh School. For those that are new to the school or may not fully understand the work of FoBS, the group is essential to enabling the school to provide your children with the learning experiences that we could not provide without coming to you directly for a financial contribution for every class trip and outdoor learning session. When we can't use public transport, each class trip costs approximately £200 and Ardwhallan sessions cost approximately £55 / child / year. In addition to funding these, FoBS has fundraised to provide a bike and scooter shelter for the children that ride or scoot to school as well as numerous learning resources within the school. In the very near future we hope to fund a low level climbing wall and outdoor classroom, both of which will give the children further opportunities to learn outdoors, challenge themselves and develop their resilience in a safe environment. Please come along to the FoBS meetings as the more support the group has, the more the workload can be shared and the more successful the planned events will be. Please also note that in the coming years I will be losing several of our current supporters when their children leave the school and the need to succession plan is becoming critical.

**R2 information.** On Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, class R2 are going to have a day of learning at the Castle Rushen. All children will need to bring a packed lunch please. We will be travelling by coach and will be back before the end of the school day.

On Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, it is time for your castle reveal! All children are invited to bring the castles they have been working on with their families to the school hall from 9am.

We will present the winners of the sugar cube challenge and then enjoy looking at each others creations. It would be great if families would like to stay for a drink before leaving.

**Nature Watch** After a most enjoyable meeting this Tuesday, Michelle has left a note of our sightings on the board in the entrance porch. Everyone is welcome to come and join in whenever you are free on a Tuesday morning.

**Autism in Mann Session** - "Supporting and Challenging Young Autistic People in Families and the Community" Wednesday 20th March 18:30 to 21:00 at Centre 21 or Thursday 21st March 13:00 to 15:30 at Centre 21. "The sessions, led by Jim Taylor, will provide parents with practical advice on how best to support young people in the family and in the community. It will demonstrate how parents and families can share ambition and aims for young people leading to greater independence and self-esteem. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to share good practice. Throughout the speaker's 40 years' experience, he has consistently worked directly with parents in the family home, providing practical advice on a number of common issues and challenges" To book your place please e-mail [autisminmann@manx.net](mailto:autisminmann@manx.net) or telephone 480167.

## CLUBS

### NO DRAMA CLUB NEXT WEEK 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

<b>Guild Club</b>	Mrs Creighton	Monday	3.30-4.15pm	Years 3to6
<b>Nature Watch</b>	Ms Storton	Tuesday	8.20-8.40am	All
<b>Drama Club</b>	Mrs Bale	Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Years 5&6
<b>Sewing Club</b>	Miss McHugh	Thursday	3.30-4.30pm	Years 3&4
<b>Early Morning Sports</b>	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>
i-pad Coding Club	Peter, Freddie K, Dylan	Monday	12.40-1.00
Outside Skipping Club	Niamh and Autumn	Monday	12.40-1.00
Reading Club	Teddy and Jack	Tuesday	12.40-1.00
Outside Farming Club	Bob and Thomas	Tuesday	12.40-1.00
Art & Craft Club	Meredith and Emily	Wednesday	12.40-1.00
Drawing Club	Daisy and Lucy	Thursday	12.40-1.00

## DATES FOR DIARIES

Red Nose Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
FoBS AGM	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – School Hall 7pm
Class R2 Visit Castle Rushen	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Full Day
Class R2 Castle Exhibition	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – School Hall 9.00-10.00am
Last day of Term	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Holidays	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 QEII Transition Day	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
TT Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
QEII Intake Days	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 4 Liverpool Trip	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
RGS Intake Days	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Tynwald Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Last Day of School Year	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

Regards  
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