



Ashley Hill News



9th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're enjoying this lovely weather we're having and taking as much opportunity as possible to spend time outdoors. Though there's only a couple of weeks left in school this term, there's still plenty of opportunities to take advantage of.

Can I firstly thank everyone who joined us for the Summer Fayre last month. I'm sure you'll all agree that it was a super occasion and we've hopefully raised a significant amount of money to spend on outstanding opportunities for the children. A huge thank you to the Friends of Ashley Hill School Committee, and everyone involved in organizing the day, setting and manning the stalls and to organisations, for supplying prizes. Without their hard work, events of this nature would not be possible – thank you from us all!

Readathon

Thank you to everyone who raised money as part of our Readathon earlier in the term. We are delighted to announce that we raised £512. This money will be spent on our new library space (currently undergoing refurbishment).

Sporting Events

Indoor Athletics

Many of our Year 5 pupils took part in the National Indoor Athletics Festival at the NSC a fortnight ago. This exciting event, which involves lots of relay and field-based activities, pitted 13 of the island's primary schools against each other. Our athletes performed particularly well, giving it their all and having a lot of fun along the way. The squad finished 7th overall, a terrific effort!

Millennium Trophy

For the first time, we entered two squads into this football competition, hosted by Union Mills Football Club. The event, which involves all of the island's schools, is always an exciting, nerve-racking affair. This year's event proved to be no different. Our "B" team performed fantastically well to finish 4th in their group and can be very proud of their achievement. The "A" team made it all the way through to the finals, but sadly lost out to Onchan Primary. All the players performed extremely well and can hold their heads up high. Special congratulations to George Kearns for winning the Player of the Tournament award, and a big thank you to Mr Watterson for doing such an amazing job in coaching the squads to their successes.

Well-Being Event

As I'm sure you'll have seen from a recent letter, we're putting on a "Well-Being" event this Tuesday, 10th July from 3:45pm. We'd be delighted if you could join us for what should be an enjoyable afternoon.

Fun Day – Monday 16th July

All the children will be taking part in our annual Fun Day. This involves them having a range of activities including a water slide, using our woodland area and craft sessions in classes. A separate letter will follow to give more details of the day.

Bleiyn yn Ellan Ain (Year of Our Island) 2018

As part of the Year of our Island celebrations, we are one of 17 schools who have contributed to the Manx-themed garden, opposite St John's School. Our raised bed is inspired by the school site, using Molly Quirk's Glen, a stream and even a rope swing as part of the design. There is an ash tree in the centre to represent the school as it is also part of our logo and, with the school uniform being red, we have used red as our theme. Special thanks to Mrs Carcas for her



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wonderful creativity and to Jack Sadler, Joshua Williams-Bunce and Kieran Brophy for their hard work in making the design a reality. Please pop in if you get the change, all of the schools involved have done a great job creating something very special.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that a new member of staff will be joining us in September. Mrs Susie Faragher will be joining our wonderful support staff team and I'm sure you'll all give her a warm welcome when she arrives.

Mr Peter Lewis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-Being Event – 3:45pm
Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2pm
Monday 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Day (please see notes overleaf)
Wednesday 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Prize Giving – 1:45pm
Friday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day in school.
Wednesday 5 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School opens.
Friday 26 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day in school.
Monday 5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School opens.
Friday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day in school.
Monday 7 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School opens

Clubs

Wednesday lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out & About Club – Reception Year 4 Football Club Chess Club
Wednesday after school (until 4:30pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket – Years 5 & 6
Friday lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego Club and Sewing Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6