

Ashley Hill News

Monday 13th November 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Mon 13th November
Victorian Day

Fri 17th November
Wood 'N' Craft session in Reception

Thu 23rd November
West Midlands Theatre Company - Sinbad

Fri 24th November
Year 6 Football Fixtures at The Buchan

Tue 28th November
Year 1/2 Dress Rehearsal

Thu 30th November
All other Dress Rehearsals

Week beginning Mon 4th Dec
School Concerts

Mon 11th Dec
Whole School Concert at St Peter's Church

Mon 18th Dec
Manx Family Concert - Stick Man (Reception & KS1)

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party

Tue 19th Dec
Reception & Key Stage 1 trip to Dragons Castle (am)

Reception & Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (pm)

Wed 20th Dec
School Christmas Lunch

It's certainly been a busy start to this half term. I wanted to start by thanking all families for their involvement in the Hop Tu Naa disco at the end of last half term. We had a wonderful turnout for this event and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all the volunteers and the FOAHS committee who made it such an enjoyable experience for the children. Here's to more fundraisers throughout this academic year!

Fundraisers

On the theme of fundraising and selfless acts, we celebrated two such feats last week in our assembly.

Millie Teare, in Year 3, had her hair cut over the summer break donating it to the Little Princess Trust. The donation is used to create wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions. Millie collected an incredible sum of £1500, which she is donating to the charity. I'm sure you'll all be keen to join me in congratulating Millie for such a wonderful act of kindness. The attached picture shows Millie proudly holding the cheque that she'll present to the Little Princess Trust.



I'm also incredibly pleased to confirm we have invested the funds raised by Brody Thomas, who undertook the Three Peaks challenge last April, raising £2190 for the FOAHS. The money was ring-fenced for the school to purchase guided reading books, and



you'll see from the photo attached that we have a huge quantity of books to add to our current collection. I wanted to extend my thanks to Brody, and his dad, Gary, for this incredibly kind donation to our school.

Remembrance

I was immensely proud of the school's involvement in the Remembrance services this weekend. On

Saturday, a number of our Year 6 children read poems during a short service in the garden of Remembrance behind St Peter's Church. This was followed by another short service at Onchan War Memorial as we paid out respects with the two-minute silence.

On Sunday 12th, a number of children were involved in the procession to St Peter's and, following a service in the church, a large gathering at the Memorial. Some of our Year 6 performed incredibly moving readings. I would like to express my thanks to all the children and parents who joined us for these important events.

Christmas Tombola

In the lead up to Christmas, the FOAHS are preparing their Christmas tombola. This is always a wonderful event, raising lots of money for the school. The prizes include a huge number of hampers, but we need your support to make this happen! This Friday, 17th November, we have a Dress Down Day. No payment is required for this but we would be most grateful if you could bring in the following items. Thank you, in advance, for the support with fundraiser:

- Reception & Year 1 - Chocolates/Sweets**
- Year 2 - Smellies / toiletries**
- Year 3 - Christmas themed items e.g. decorations, crackers & accessories**
- Year 4 & 5 - Christmas treats e.g. puddings, biscuits, hot chocolate, mince-pies etc**
- Year 6 - Bottles & Jars (Alcohol MUST be brought in by an adult)**

Ramkot Partnership

Pupils from Years 4 and 5 recently prepared gratitude pictures and letters to send to the children at our link school in Nepal. The Year 4 children were delighted that they even got to meet Maggie, a trustee from the Pahar Trust, who will be hand delivering the items to our partnership school, Ramkot. The children enjoyed asking Maggy lots of questions about Nepal and her role within the charity. We are looking forward to another visit from her on her return from Nepal.

Jewellery

Unfortunately, despite making this clear in the previous newsletter, we are still seeing inappropriate jewellery worn in school. As our school uniform policy states, children may wear studded earrings (which must be removed for PE sessions, including school swimming) only. Children should not wear any necklaces or other forms of jewellery in school. Should your child be found to be wearing inappropriate jewellery in school, we will ask them to remove it and it will be returned to them at the end of the day.