

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Mark Your Calendar

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

Fri 22nd Dec

Break up for Christmas

Mon 8th Jan

School opens for all

Tue 9th Jan

Swimming continues for
KS2 children

Mon 15th Jan

Year 2, 3 & 4 Cricket
sessions (for Manx Youth
Games)

Fri 9th Feb

Netball Fixtures for Year
5/6 at King William's
College

Dress Down Day - in aid
of Congenital Heart Defect
Awareness Week

Let me start by saying a huge 'Well Done' to all children for their efforts on the stage during the Christmas plays. The shows were incredibly entertaining and a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their talents and work together as a team. As mentioned at the end of each concert, these shows take an incredible amount of hard work from my colleagues to put together, so I would like to say another 'thank you' to all staff for their efforts during such a busy time of year!

With regards to costumes worn during the plays, if you have borrowed anything from school please could you return it as soon as possible. Also, if you have any costumes you no longer require we would be grateful for any contributions to enable us to support future performances.

Sporting success!

We've had plenty of sporting opportunities in recent times. Our Year 5 and 6 football squads visited King William's College on 24th November to take part in a festival with a number of other schools. All squad members can be proud of their efforts; there



were plenty of goals scored and, importantly, lots of sportsmanship on display. Well done to all involved!



We also entered the inaugural Primary Schools Tag-Rugby Competition, hosted by Douglas Rugby Club on Sunday 26th November. This competition gave some of our Year 2s and 3s the opportunity to build on the skills they have developed during PE sessions and represent the school, playing against other schools from across the island. Children involved had a wonderful time, showcasing their talents and demonstrating wonderful team spirit throughout. A special mention to the Ashley Hill 'Atoms' squad who made it all the way



through to the final of the 'Plate' competition and went on to win the final, beating Peel Clothworkers 7-5 in the final. I hope this acts as a catalyst to all involved and they take the opportunity to get involved with local clubs outside of school. Should you wish to make contact with Douglas Rugby Club, please contact school and we will endeavour to put you in touch with their development team. Particular thanks to Bryn Snellgrove for coaching the Atoms!



Clubs in the New Year

Thank you to all the children who have engaged with our breakfast and lunchtime clubs during the last term. I hope they found them fun and they've helped to improve their skill level in specific sports. Please find the new clubs below.

Wednesday breakfast club

Netball club for Year 5/6 children - 8.10am start in the Main Hall (commencing 10th Jan).

Wednesday lunchtime club

Tag-Rugby club for Year 2/3 children - 12.45pm start in the Small Hall (commencing 10th Jan).

Friday breakfast club

Sports club for Year 4 children - 8.10am start in the Main Hall (commencing 12th Jan).

Should your child wish to take part in any of the clubs mentioned above, please email our enquiries mailbox. Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Once all clubs are confirmed, an email will be sent to attendees.

Merry Christmas

Given that this is the final newsletter of 2023, I wanted to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. 2023 has been jam-packed with exciting opportunities and memorable experiences for all children. On behalf of everyone at Ashley Hill I want to thank you for your support during the year. Enjoy your break and all the festive family fun!