

Ashley Hill News

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Mon 18th March

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics Festival (NSC)

Tue 19th March

Year 2 Trip to St Peter's Church (Easter Workshop)

Fri 29th March - Fri 12th Apr (Inclusive)

Easter Holidays

Mon 22nd Apr

IOM Cricket Association sessions (Rec - Y4)

Thu 25th Apr

Mountain talk in Year 6

Fri 26th Apr

Dress Down Day in aid of Rebecca House

Mon 6th May

Bank Holiday

Tue 7th - Fri 10th May

Year 6 Venture Centre trip

Thu 16th May

Andy Warn Music Showcase (whole school)

Thank you to everyone for your attendance at the Teacher Meetings earlier this half term. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss your child's progress over the academic year so far and to consider how you can support this progress at home. I trust you found these meetings helpful and informative.

FOAHS Events and Fundraisers

It's been a pleasure to see Adrian Walters, from the Junior Engineers team, joining our Year 5 children to lead workshops during the last few weeks. These sessions are only possible due to the fundraising of our FOAHS committee. Recent events have been extremely well received and I'd like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. Our Valentine Disco raised £592, the Reception/Year 1 cake bake raised £376.52, and the Mother's Day shop an incredible £656. In addition to these FOAHS fundraisers, I'm pleased to announce that we raised £186.63 for the Manx Heart Foundation. Thank you all for your kind donations to these worthy causes!

Sporting Events

Cross Country

I've been delighted to see so many children take part in sporting events in recent times. Children from Key Stage 2 performed incredibly well at the recent Cross Country championships at Noble's Park on Thursday 7th March. The course was incredibly soft in parts, making it a particularly challenging run. Individual highlights included 6th place for both Oliver Edwards and Tallulah Wilson, but all participants can be proud of their efforts, particularly as we finished second in the overall standings - a superb result given that 25 schools were involved. Well done to all who took part in this.

Netball

We were pleased to take two netball squads to King William's College for a friendly tournament against a number of other primary schools. The squad can be proud of their efforts, some only playing competitively for the first time. We hope it provides excellent practice for a regional tournament that takes place in June!

Indoor Athletics

27 children from Year 5 & 6 took part in the National Indoor Athletics Championship at the NSC on Monday (18th March). This is always an action packed, exciting event, giving children the chance to experience a variety of track and field events.

A number of sports kits have been handed to children for these events. We would be most grateful if these could be returned as a matter of urgency to enable children to wear during sporting events after the Easter holidays.

After the Easter break, all Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in PE/Sport sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit on this day.

Parking near school

I apologise for sounding like a 'broken record' with this request but I continue to receive concerns, and in some cases complaints, from local residents about parking around the school, especially on Laurel Avenue. In some cases, local residents have confirmed that their driveways have been blocked and that cars are driven down Laurel Avenue at a speed inappropriate for that road. Please drive and park courteously when dropping your children off or picking them up - I have serious concerns that an accident may happen to a child if such inconsiderate driving/parking continues.

Clubs after the Easter break

For any child in the current breakfast sports clubs, these will alter to the following clubs after the Easter break. Please pay close attention to the year groups the clubs are offered to, and a reminder that places in these clubs are on a first-come-first-served basis and **you should email the school email address to reserve your child's place.**

Wednesday breakfast club (8:10 - 8:50):

Commencing Wed 17th April
Netball (Year 5 & 6)

Friday breakfast club (8:10 - 8:50):

Commencing Fri 19th April
Sports Club (Year 1)

Queen Camilla's visit to Douglas

We were delighted to send a small group of children to welcome Queen Camilla to Douglas on Wednesday 20th March. The visit included the Queen delivering a speech in Douglas City Hall to confer city status on the Borough of Douglas. Our representatives enjoyed meeting the Queen outside the Hall before she was driven to Government House. I am sure the children involved will hold this memory dear in the years to come!



Pictured is Lily (from Year 6) shaking Queen Camilla's hand whilst Holly, Michelle, Zach (also Year 6) and Mrs Marshall look on!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for the Summer term!