

Show Respect – Learn Together – Try Your Best

We are always encouraging our pupils to remember our three School Values, and it is clear to see just how well pupils can achieve when they do these every day. Sometimes children need reminding that school is where they need to really apply themselves to learning, and really put in maximum effort so they can keep progressing. We really appreciate parents reinforcing this message with their children.

We look forward to sharing how hard your children are working at our parents evenings on 7th and 8th November.



Hop tu Naa is the oldest continuously-existing tradition in the Isle of Man. Celebrated on the 31st of October. One of the key features of Hop tu naa is the "moot" (turnip), which is hollowed out and decorated; there is also a range of popular folk songs with regional differences, in both English and Manx; there is a traditional folk dance still practiced across the Island today; and there are some unusual customs and superstitions which link back to the ancient Celtic beliefs about this time of year. We know that not everyone is comfortable in taking part with Halloween, but we like to make sure we focus on the Manx traditions.



Hop Tu Naa Disco
Friday 21st October
1.30 – 3.30pm (during school time)



We would love the children to dress up for our Hop Tu Naa disco – but please remember that we will be welcoming our youngest children too – so we don't allow masks, or costumes designed to be too scary, or unsuitable.

**We just want to ensure that everyone has fun.
Children can wear their costumes or non-uniform for the day.
It will be an afternoon of dancing and games...**

and a carved turnip lantern competition!

If you are not comfortable with your child taking part, please contact us.



Harvest Festival

The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival at Braddan Church on Thursday 20th October. We will all walk to the church together, and hold an assembly with songs and poems.



We shall be collecting items of food for the Isle of Man Foodbank – so dry food items, tinned food, UHT milk, toiletries etc will be most welcome if you are able to make a donation on the day.

Table Manners

We are encouraging all pupils to use good manners at lunchtime whilst in the dining room – and you can help at home by reinforcing these expectations.

We ask that children –

- Use a knife and fork to eat hot meals
- Eat their main meal before their pudding
- Eat with their mouth closed
- Don't walk around with food in their mouths
- Don't talk with food in their mouths
- Don't touch anyone else's food
- Never throw food

Although it is a social time, we expect children to focus on eating their meal – as they have plenty of time for chatting out in the playground.



Parents Evening

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Our Parents Evenings will take place after half term, on 7th and 8th November. You will shortly be receiving a form to book an appointment. This will be an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing both socially and academically, as well as finding out how you can best support your child's learning at home. We will be focussing on a positive approach and attitude towards learning.

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off in the playground in the morning from 8.00am onwards – **this is too early!**

There is someone on duty in the playground from 8.45am, and the official school day starts at 8.55am when the bell rings.

We only open the school to pupils from 8.45am, even when it is raining.



We will be holding a firework cake sale on Friday 4th November.

All donations of cakes welcome – and we will also be selling homemade dog biscuits, chocolate dipped honey comb and toffee apples.

date	Year groups	event	What do I need?
5.10	Pupils with consent	Flu Vaccinations	-
7.10	Whole School	Deadline for photo payments	Send payment to office
20.10	Whole School	Harvest Assembly	Donation for the food bank
21.10	Whole School	Hop Tu Naa Disco	Non- uniform or costume
24– 28.10	Whole School	Half Term	Relax!
4.11	Whole School	Cake Sale	Donations of cakes + money to spend
7 – 8.11	Whole School	Parents Evening	Booking slips to follow

Dates for the Diary:

