

Keep up to date

We use our website and Twitter account to publicise school events and achievements. This is the website link – <https://andreas.sch.im> and this is the Twitter link – Andreas School@AndreasBrideSch. Please check both sites to see photos from the recent sporting and Easter events. Also, please remember that all newsletters, and the dates flyer that was given out in September, are on the website. Therefore, if you are ever unsure of dates for events, check out the newsletters page. We will continue to use our texting service for important or last minute announcements.

Suncream

Now that we are beginning to see some warmer days, we ask that you put suncream on your children before they come to school in the mornings. You are able to buy long lasting formulations from chemists. Also, please send your child to school with a named sun hat or cap.

School uniform

Just a reminder that during the summer term the children may wear smart grey shorts and the girls can wear blue and white checked school dresses. Girls' socks should be white (ankle or knee length) and boys' socks should be black or grey. Shoes should be black. Sandals may be worn but should be black or dark blue. Trainer type shoes are acceptable but only if they are **all** black – they shouldn't have flashes of white or bright colours.

Climbing equipment

As you know we have a rota (displayed on or near the door of each classroom) for use of the equipment during the school day when a teacher is out on duty. Please remember that before 9am and after 3.45pm it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to supervise their children when using it.

Whole school focus

This half term we are focussing on developing positive relationships across the school. We will be carrying out activities that encourage the children to get on well with all members of the school and local community. We also continue to develop learning in our outside areas.

Public Speaking Competitions

Well done to everyone who took part in the Public Speaking competitions during the week before the Easter Holidays. As always, the staff thoroughly enjoyed all the speeches. Thank you for your support in bringing in props and for helping the children prepare and practise their speeches. We are grateful to Mr Eddie Teare, one of our governors, who helped with the judging. The winner in the Year 3 and 4 competition was Rohman Smith and in the Year 5 and 6 competition it was Daisy Divers. Photos can be seen on the website.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday, 22nd May at 1.30pm. We hope many of you will be able to join us. In the event of bad weather we will make a decision to postpone by 12pm on the day. We will put a message on our Website and Twitter pages and on Manx Radio to inform parents of the decision. Thursday, 23rd May is our reserve day. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. We ask that all children have a sun hat and a drink, in a named water bottle, with them on the day. Also, as it will hopefully be a lovely sunny day, please remember to apply suncream. We will be practising over the next few weeks **so it is important your children have their kit with them everyday**. They will be able to wear trainers as part of their sports day kit.

Bright Futures Conference

Last week, Mrs Nelson and four students from Year 6 attended the Bright Futures Conference at the Tynwald building. They explored ways to help our environment, working with MHKs and experts in the UN sustainable development goals. They have come back with lots more ideas for helping the environment, both locally and globally.

Skippping Workshop

Following last year's successful skipping workshop with a National Skipping Coach, we have arranged another whole school workshop. This will take place on Friday, 17th May, and there will, once again, be the opportunity to purchase ropes. There will be more details nearer the time. It was a great day last year and everyone joined in with enthusiasm and determination, even the staff!



Dates:

Tuesday, 30th April - Visiting Theatre group, performing "The Hobbit" to the whole school.

Wednesday, 1st May - FAnS disco in the school hall, 3.45pm to 5pm

Monday, 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday, 10th May - Non uniform day - bring in an item for a hamper for the summer fair.

Friday, 10th May - FAnS Bingo night at the Parish Hall

Friday, 17th May - Skipping workshop for whole school

Wednesday, 22nd May - Sports Day - 1.30pm

Thursday, 23rd May - Reserve Sports Day

Friday, 24th May - Children break up for Half Term (2 weeks this year)

Monday, 10th June - Children back to school

Monday, 17th Jun - Parents' lunches start

W/k beg Mon 24th June - New Reception visits start

Tuesday, 25th Jun - Intake Meeting for Parents of new Reception. children - 6pm in the classroom

Thursday, 4th July - Reports out

Friday, 5th July - Tynwald Day - School Closed

Wednesday, 10th July - Prize Day 1.45pm - Andreas Church

Friday, 12th July - Whole School Trip

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th Jul - Y5 to Ardwhallen

Friday, 19th Jul - Non-uniform Day

Friday, 19th Jul - Break up for the Summer

Rachel Ashley (April, 2019)

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Inter-School Sport

Well done to the cross country teams that represented our school in the annual inter-school festival that took place just before Easter. They were great ambassadors for our school. Thanks to Mrs Hawkins for leading running club last term and to Mrs Nelson for organising the team on the day. Thanks also go to the parents for making it possible for our children to take part in this event.