

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 out both sites to see photos from the recent sporting and Easter events. We also have a texting service that we use for important or last minute announcements. If you haven't yet signed up, please see Mrs Robinson.

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 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. Brightly coloured or white trainers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn at school.

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.

Public Speaking Competitions

Well done to everyone who took part in the Public Speaking competitions during the week before the Easter Holidays. I thoroughly enjoyed all the speeches. Thank you for your support in bringing in props and for helping the children prepare and practise their speeches. The winner in the Year 3 and 4 competition was Fraser Pearce and in the Year 5 and 6 competition it was Abbie Devaney. Photos can be seen on the website.

Manx Folk Awards

Well done to the choir for taking part in the recent Manx Folk Awards. We had some lovely comments about our pieces from the adjudicator. Thanks to Mrs Keig and Mrs Nelson.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday, 30th 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, 31st 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.

Snack

As stated in my letter before the Easter Holiday, we promote healthy eating and therefore encourage the children to eat a healthy snack. Please may I remind parents that we are asking that all snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables, dried fruit, bread sticks or crackers. Crisps, cereal bars, yoghurts and cheese strings are not allowed. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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.

After school

Now the days are getting longer we have noticed that groups of older children and past pupils are using the grounds on a evening. We are happy for members of the community to use the grounds as long as they respect our property and don't leave litter. We do have anti-climb paint on high surfaces to discourage climbing on the roof and mobiles. Any instances of vandalism will be reported to the police.

Dates:

Sunday, 29th Apr to Friday, 4th May - Y6 trip to Kingswood

Tuesday, 1st May - Visiting Theatre group (performance for whole school)

Monday, 7th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday, 18th May - Skipping workshop for whole school

Saturday, 26th May - Summer Fair

Monday, 28th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday, 30th May - Sports Day

Thursday, 31st May - Reserve Sports Day

Thursday, 31st May - Break up for Half Term

Friday, 1st June - Inservice training day for staff

Monday, 11th June - Children back to school

W/k beg Monday, 25th June - New Reception visits

Wednesday, 27th June - Intake Meeting for Parents of new Reception children - 6pm

Wednesday, 27th June - Ardwhallen meeting for Y5 parents, 7pm

Thursday, 5th July - Tynwald Day - School Closed

Wednesday, 11th July - Prize Day 1.45pm

Rachel Ashley (April, 2018)



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Inter-School Sport

Well done to the cross country teams that represented our school in the annual inter-school festival just before Easter. They were great ambassadors for our school and we were particularly delighted that the boys team came second out of all 32 competing schools. A special mention for Charlie Teare who came 3rd in the individual race.

Also, well done to the members of the swimming team for taking part in the dolphin tournament last week. Thanks to the staff and parents for making it possible for our children to take part in these events.