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DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

I would like to thank Andrew Sidebottom, as our retiring Parent Governor, for all the work and effort he has put in to representing parents over the last 2 years. He has worked tirelessly, with the support of other parents, to ensure that our grounds are well maintained and allow maximum use by all. He has been an asset to the school and has provided valuable, honest and considered contributions in meetings and beyond. As we welcome our new Parent Governor, Mrs Sofia Corkill, she would like me to pass on her contact information, should anyone wish to get in touch - sofiacorkill@hotmail.com.



OUR PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU!

Our climbing frame is over 20 years old and has been repaired many times. At the end of this school year it may be time for it to go.



What should we replace it with?

Can you help us raise the money?

Please give us your ideas

Please contact the school office on 835531 or PhurtLeMoirreyEnquiries@sch.im if you can help with ideas, contacts or fundraising. Thank you.



The Family Library support SPLM through their schools' service and provide resources for us to borrow relating to our topics and themes over the school year.

We are proud to support the library and have some lovely cotton bags at the front of school, which you are able to pop in and get for a donation.

If you find yourselves in need of a new bag for any reason, please make sure you take a look at these - thank you.



School Council are collecting crisp packets!

You may have heard the news already?

In conjunction with the Manx Hedgehog Conservation Society our SPLM School Council has decided to collect used crisp packets and support the Walkers recycling project. We have already done very well but are happy to do better!

Here is the information we got from Sandy at MHCS

We have been in discussion with "Walkers Crisps" and have registered our charity as the only participants on the Island to be involved in this amazing recycling scheme. This is how it will work..

We are inviting schools, companies, supermarkets and private parties to collect your empty crisp packets and when we have collections of over 400 a company named Terracycle who have partnered with Walkers will recycle the non-biodegradable or non-compostable packets into garden furniture, roofing material and other items! These packets are made up of plastic and aluminium and take up to 33yrs to disintegrate.

The scheme was launched in December 2018 with 4,785 locations participating with drop off areas throughout the UK and Ireland but so far not the Isle of Man.

For every 2kg of empty crisp packets returned our conservation charity will be rewarded with £2 not a lot but our Manx countryside will be gradually rid of this everlasting material that causes unnecessary death to the Islands wildlife. Our Island is proud to be awarded the UNESCO biosphere status and to involve our children as custodians of our planet we feel passionately about the future.

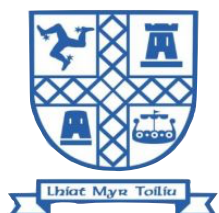
Over 7 million walkers crisp packets are produced daily with over 60 million being bought weekly and they have promised to change the packaging into biodegradable and compostable by hopefully 2025. That is great news but we still have the problem in the meantime and you never know this might all change sooner if we highlight the problem NOW....

Our School Council and pupils are passionate about making a difference and want to extend collections, with the support of Port St Mary Commissioners' Office, into the wider community. For now, please send any crisp packets to school, but ...

Watch this space!



Head Boy and Head Girl Coup!



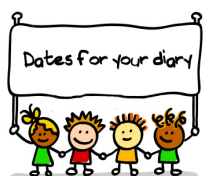
I was delighted to be informed last week that 2 of our former pupils have been named Head Boy and Head Girl for the coming year at Castle Rushen High School.

Well done to Jacob Crook and Chloe Sloane. We are so proud of them and know that they will do a great job!

PTFA Book Swap @ School Library

Take a book or two (anytime), and/or return any books you do not need. Stock refreshed every Thursday. Encourage your children to begin a lifelong relationship with books, so they grow into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge, or pleasure.

Any feedback or suggestions, phone/text/email Ben at 400920 / ben@webcabcomponents.com



SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming finishes for this school year at Easter. There will be no Dolphin Gala this year due to the ongoing work at the NSC.

Rock Your Socks	World Down Syndrome Day - see info in this newsletter	Thursday 21st March
X-Country Championships	Years 4, 5 and 6 Nobles Park	Thursday 28th March - pm
Make a London Landmark	Bradda Class pupils and family	Wednesday 3rd April from 2pm
Parents' Information Evening - York Trip	Year 6 pupils and parents	Thursday 4th April from 6pm
Easter Egg Decorating Competition and Egg Hunt	All classes A PTFA funded and organised event	Friday 5th April - afternoon
Easter holidays		8th April to 22nd April
Return to school		Tuesday 23rd April
Andy Warn Music Workshops	All classes	Friday 3rd May
Residential Trip to York	Year 6	Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May
Skipping Workshops	Whole school except Year 6	Thursday 16th May

More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above

And Finally

There is a lovely buzz around school and our happy learners continue to show us how motivated they are to get the best from every day. Thank you for your continued support at home. For your information, an explanatory leaflet about Growth Mindset is attached to this newsletter.

Ange Callaghan

Headteacher

We have been asked to pass on information about these Easter opportunities



Full STEAM ahead for Love Tech's Easter Open Afternoon at the Engine House in Castletown. An opportunity for children to learn about all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

We're delighted to announce our Easter Open Afternoon on **Saturday 13th April** at the **Engine House in Castletown from 12.30-2.30pm.**

The **FREE** event, open to the general public, is aimed at children of all ages (girls and boys).

The action-packed **afternoon** will include free activities including science experiments stations, a robot controlled Easter egg hunt, cool coding for beginners, virtual reality experiences, interactive maths challenges, craft and storybook zone, crypto puzzles and a dedicated 'Meet The Mentors' zone where we'll be joined by local scientists and more.

Light refreshments will be available on site.

Free onsite as well as offsite parking will be available in nearby areas.

In order that we can keep track of numbers on the day, we'd really appreciate you registering for the required number of tickets via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/love-tech-easter-open-afternoon-registration-57393324980>

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Love Tech Team

About Love Tech

Love Tech is a not-for-profit run by a group of local female business leaders and technologists on the Isle of Man.

We aim to inspire and empower girls and young women to explore opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through interactive events, learning workshops and mentorship on the Isle of Man.



Terms, Conditions & GDPR

1. By entering the competition, the entrant is giving consent for their first name along with their age to be announced on our social media pages. No other personal information will be made public.
2. By entering the competition, the entrant will have already sought permission if their photograph includes any people. Photograph entries will be shared on social media therefore the subjects within these images will be seen by the general public.
3. The school will be our point of contact for the competition should any of their entrants win.
4. Schools will have the option of having their name listed with that of the entrant should they win.
5. All personal information such as contact information is kept secure and will only be used for the purposes of contacting the entrants. After the competition is complete, this information will be destroyed securely.