



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



November 2023



30.11.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful winter's day it is today, blue skies, but very cold! I just had to pop out to the front field and take a photograph – the school looks lovely in its setting, with its new roof.

We have had a fantastic half term so far, where we have been focussed on our learning skills and engaging projects, as well as our visitors and trips. Our Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to watch a Christmas themed film, where they joined other Year 6 pupils from across the island. They were noticeably very well behaved and we are so proud of them. Our teams continue to take part in competitions and do very well. Again, they understand how to play in a team and are so respectful of others.

We are now preparing for our Christmas performances and celebrations and the children are busy learning lines and songs etc. Thank you for all your help in advance! There is a long tradition of wonderful Christmas performances at Rushen Primary School. The performances are part of our curriculum, encouraging the children to build confidence and resilience, to feel part of our RPS team, hone their speaking and listening skills as well as demonstrating our learning muscles, collaborating, and managing distraction muscles, to name but a few. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your support of our school. I have received messages telling us that you are enjoying the class assemblies and stay and learn sessions and are especially impressed with the learning the children have undertaken so far, this academic year.

As you can see, we have had a lot of events, visitors and visits this month, so the Newsletter is quite long. Please take the time to scroll through and read sections, as you can see how much learning and enjoyment the children are having.

Take care, Ms Owens, Headteacher



Christmas Performances - Dates and Times

- KS1 (Reception/Year 1 & Year 2) Tuesday 12th December 2pm
- KS1 (Reception/Year 1 & Year 2) Wednesday 13th December 10am
- Year 5 and Year 6 Wednesday 13th December 2pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday 14th December 9.30am

Year 3 and Year 4 Thursday 14th December 2pm
Year 3 and Year 4 Friday 15th December 9.30am

We are looking forward to you joining us for the Christmas performances. We will not be issuing tickets this year - there will be sufficient seating available for two family members per child to attend each performance. Thank you for your support.

Remembrance Day



This year Remembrance Day fell at the weekend. We learned about Remembrance in our whole school assembly.

Two of our pupils, Austin and Willow represented the school by laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you, you did a fantastic job of representing our school.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November pupils came to school dressed in spots for the theme of 2023, **SPOTACULAR** and made a donation in support of Children in Need. All proceeds have been sent off to the charity.

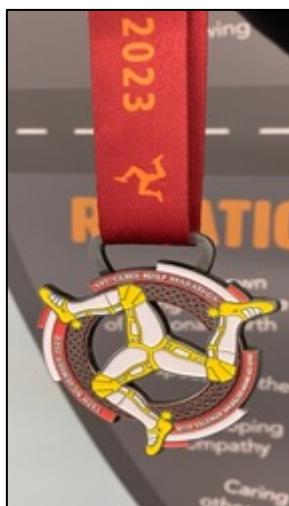
Thank you! We raised £208.46



Toast Day – it seems that children love toast and love making toast!! Thank you for contributions to school fund...



Congratulations and well done to our Lunchtime Assistant, Mrs Lee, for her successful completion of a half marathon – a great achievement!



Hop Tu Naa – October 31st

(Happened November 3rd due to events clashing)



Girls Football Competition

The girls played really well at the football tournament and represented our school with pride! They played four games and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the whole afternoon. Olivia Irving was particularly amazing in goal.



Badminton

This was a busy afternoon where we played 36 matches. The children showed great resilience and determination and made huge improvements throughout the afternoon resulting in them winning a lot of their last matches. They were able to adapt to some new rules and showed great sportsmanship throughout. They really enjoyed this tournament as it was a new one to a lot of them and they had been working hard leading up to the tournament on a Monday after school.





Rushen Primary School Hockey Team won the whole island Primary School competition 2023!

Congratulations for a fantastic team effort and for demonstrating sportsmanship throughout. Your behaviour was impeccable, and you represented our school very well. We celebrated in assembly the week they won.





To celebrate World Kindness Day, Rushen Primary School worked with the southern schools (SPLM, Arbury, Ballasalla and Victoria Road Schools) and Isle Listen, on a project to consider how we could be kind in our community. Pupil representatives from each school were chosen and met several times to plan (Isabella and Olivia from RPS). An assembly was planned with a representative from Isle Listen, who supported the team. The assembly was led in each school by the school’s representatives.

The ‘Kindness Team’ decided that they would give a present to Mrs Bove and Mrs Taggart – two very kind people!



Lego Engineers

KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their Lego Engineering workshops. They collaborated to solve engineering challenges. Feedback from the person leading it was very positive. He said he was really impressed with our children and their problem solving skills, as well as how they kept on going. Well done!



Class Assemblies and Stay and Learn Tynwald Class

Well done Tynwald Class! The performance of the multiplication tables song, I'm still standing (Elton John) was fun! The children sang very well and were very proud of the learning they were sharing. They used their imitating muscle well when they produced some Monet artwork which is displayed in the corridor outside their class. They also greeted us in languages from around the world. The stay and learn Mathematics session was a success and everybody thoroughly enjoyed playing together.



Fenella Class

Fenella Class told the audience about their learning in class. It was clear that they have learned so much in this first term as they shared key learning moments from their Mathematics, Science, Geography and Music lessons, to name but a few. These memorable learning experiences are something they will remember for years to come. It was clear that they were focussed on developing further their learning muscles to support their learning. Well done, Fenella Class. So many parents and family members attended...thank you so much for your support.



Ben-my-Chree, Manannan and Orry Class Trip to St Marks Country Park

The children went on a wagon ride around the lovely ground and got to see some of the larger animals. They also thoroughly enjoyed the petting area, where they were able to hold a rabbit, guinea pig and even a snake! This trip linked perfectly with our science topic on 'animals' as we were able to ask the knowledgeable staff at St Marks lots of questions about the different animals. We are very appreciative to St Marks Country Park for accommodating us on their working farm and all the parent helpers who came to support, the children and staff had a wonderful day!





