



Rushen Primary School Newsletter December 2023

All the staff at Rushen Primary School wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023 and opens again on Monday 8th January 2024
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at RPS!**

PE days for next term

Monday Hutchinson, Viking

Tuesday Viking, Ben my Chree, Manannan

Wednesday Kissack, Maitland, Peveril, Fenella

Thursday Mannanan, Orry, Ben my Chree

Friday Tynwald, Orry



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the autumn term. We have had a very successful term where children have been learning in school and out of school. We have welcomed visitors to our school and the children have enjoyed so many valuable learning opportunities and memorable experiences. 'What we do around here' is central to everything we do and our focus on positive relationships continues to be a strength of the school. We can see our children are happy and safe in our school, as they are learners and leaders. We are so proud of them.

I have received such positive feedback from far and wide regarding the Christmas Concerts including from visitors from the local community, parents, families, and colleagues from other schools! The news has travelled...people have commented again that the performances are of a very high standard and quality. The children, across the school from our Reception Class to Year 6 spoke clearly, remembered what to do and say and the singing was outstanding. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the performances were a big success, spending a lot of their own time, including sewing angel costumes, and preparing resources, as well as time in school. Parents and families have supported their child/ren with their lines and practising the songs. This was a real collaboration... It was so lovely that audiences gave them so many rounds of applause and it was much appreciated. Everybody I spoke to mentioned how much the children enjoyed being in the performances, smiling and waving and giggling in response to the jokes in the performances. Thank you for all your help and support as we work in partnership.

I hope that you all have a lovely family Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in January, ready for our next term.

Take care, Ms Owens, Headteacher

Don't forget our choir are taking part in the Carol Cup.

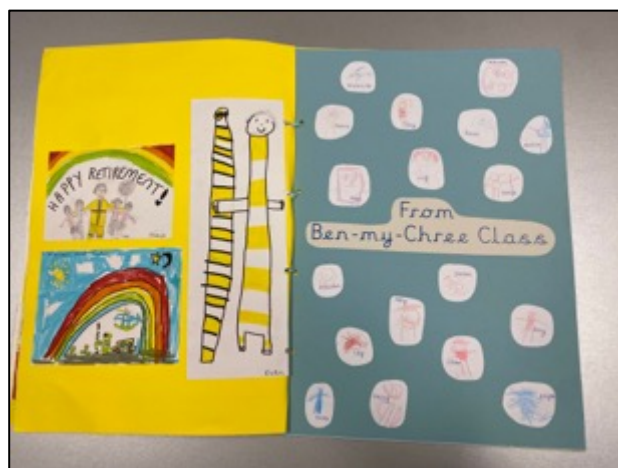
Thank you to all of the parents, families and community members who donated during our Christmas Performances.

We raised £615! 



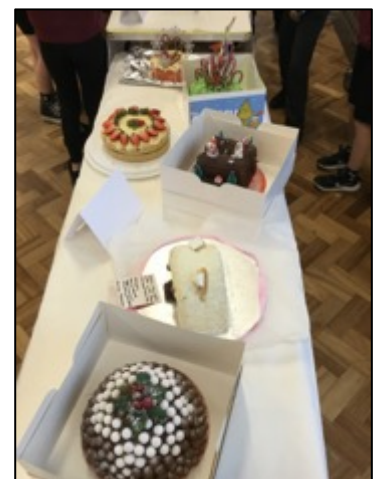
Crossing Patrol – Mrs Bowes retires

We invited Mrs Bowes to our whole school assembly so that we could mark her retirement. She has been helping us across the road during the last five years. The children designed and made a retirement card in which every child drew a picture or a portrait of themselves. Mrs Bowes will enjoy looking through this and remembering the lovely children of Rushen Primary School! She enjoyed singing with the children during the assembly.



The Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off Christmas 2023

The famous 'Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off' was a great success. The cakes were superb and the designs creative and imaginative. Thank you to Mrs Shaw, the Friends of Rushen School and the School Council who staffed the stalls!





3rd Place – Koa Hamann

2nd Place – George and Harvey Berry



1st Place – Jamys and Connie Stewart

Congratulations!!!!!!

We raised £370.37 for School Fund which will go to paying towards transport costs and supporting families in need 🙌🙌🙌 Thank you!

Christmas Performances 🎄

All of our Christmas performances were very well attended. Thank you so much to all parents, carers and family members. The children did so well! They helped to plan the performances, learned their lines and dances, and contributed to costumes. We got lots of lovely feedback about how well the children had done and thanks to the staff for all their hard work – what a lovely school community we have!

KS1 and EYFS Christmas Performance



Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

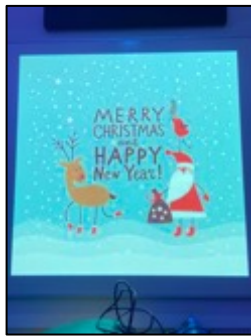
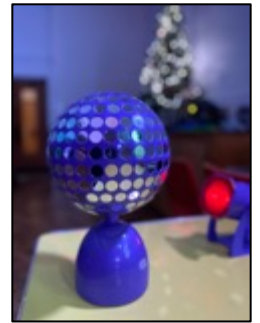
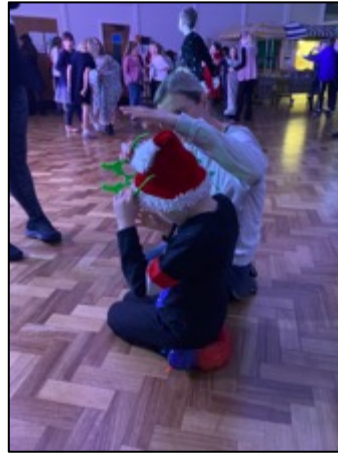


Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance



Y5 and 6 Christmas Disco

The Year 5/6 Disco was a resounding success! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the evening immensely. They danced, ate plenty of food and were the loudest singers yet! This year they knew the words to the popular tunes. Thank you to the teachers who volunteered their time to make it happen and to parents who did drop offs and prompt pick-ups! It is much appreciated.



Christmas Parties 2023

The children thoroughly enjoyed their parties, which were held this week. We organised these in year groups so that the children could take part and enjoy their time together. They danced, played games and ate snacks!

Reception



Year 1 and 2

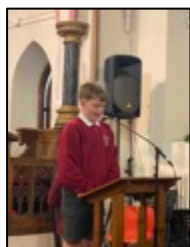


Year 3 and 4



Port Erin Commissioners Christmas Carol Service

Our school choir and some of our pupils took part in the Port Erin Commissioners Christmas Carol Service at St Catherine's Church in Port Erin. The pupils who did the readings and the school choir did the school proud. Many members of the local community were in the Church and stayed afterwards for mince pies etc in the church hall, and they were so impressed. Thank you to the families who came to enjoy the service and to support their children.



Southern Befrienders – RPS Choir on Tour

Recently, our school choir entertained and delighted an audience at the Southern Befrienders Christmas lunch at the Falcon's Nest Hotel. They sang a range of songs that had the audience clapping along and cheering when they finished. They certainly brought some Christmas cheer to the event. "It was so much fun", "It was great to sing for a large audience, they were all clapping and moving to the music." Thanks to the parents who walked down with us to enable the choir to sing.



Final Christmas Assembly – Christmas Jumpers!

The whole school attended a final Christmas Assembly where we wore our Christmas jumpers and sang songs from our Christmas performances. Well done for a fantastic term and have a lovely Christmas break!



Learning at RPS

Fenella Class have been using their collaborating, improving and imagining muscles when creating their Christmas cards, craft, and calendars. They had to also be resilient when using the clay as they found it was very delicate and could break easily.



School Dinners

School Dinners will cost £72.00 for the first half of next term, or £129.60 for the whole of the Spring term. Please pay for school meals in advance, using our online system 'ParentPay'.

