



Rushen Primary School Newsletter April 2024



Dear Parents/carers,

The children came back from Easter ready to learn, enthusiastic and settled back in really well. We've only had a couple of weeks in April but lots of events and experiences have happened! This term we also have a range of events planned and hopefully the weather will be kind to us! It seems to have rained since September last year...

We are continuing with our class assemblies and our 'stay and learn' events. These have been very well attended and we have had many parents and carers, staying to take part in the activities. Thank you so much for all your positive feedback. We hope this will help you to better understand, 'what we do around here' in action, in the classroom.

Our Exhibition, '200 Years of the RNLI', was a triumph! We are so proud of the children and the staff who committed to the project. We used this opportunity for the Exhibition to become part of our curriculum and this gave us 'a reason for writing'. The children explored the history of the RNLI and researched information to become authors, writing about the RNLI. They wrote persuasive arguments as to why the organisation is so important and why we should donate to it, reports and stories, demonstrating a wide range of writing. Some of our scientists were even inspired to explore and test some theories! Children produced artwork including drawings, paintings, and sculptures. We welcomed many visitors to the Exhibition in our school hall including the children, parents, families, and people from the local community including the RNLI. We would like to thank the RNLI for donating the use of some of their fundraising and exhibition pieces. The Exhibition has moved to the Erin Arts Centre for the next 6

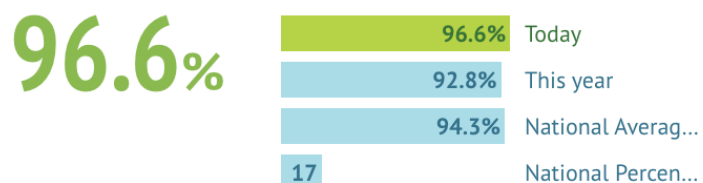
weeks and will be open during TT week when we hope visitors to our island will enjoy it. We would like to thank the team at the Erin Arts Centre for supporting the Exhibition and allowing us to use their gallery space.

We also welcomed our Minister for the Department of Education Sport and Culture to our school this week. Read on for more details!

Thank you, as always, for your support.
Ms Owens,
Headteacher

Great attendance today!
We need to work on our yearly % as this is 92.8%.
Our target is 95%...

Whole School Attendance



Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



A good attendance gives you the best chance for success
A poor attendance gives you less chance of success
Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces the chance

Did you know?
When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

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Headteacher: Ms Owens



Visit from the Minister for DESC, Mrs Caine

We were pleased to welcome Daphne Caine, MHK and Minister for the DESC. We gave her a tour of our school and told her all about 'What we do around here...'. The children who volunteered to meet her, did our school proud. They explained about our 'Everyone a Learner' and 'Everyone a Leader' and helped to talk through our vision in action wall. We also told Mrs Caine about how relationships are at the heart of everything we do...and explained how we use a range of strategies when we fall out. If we cannot resolve the issue, then we hold a conference

and sort it out. We then took her on a tour of the whole school, visiting classrooms and talking to pupils and staff. Mrs Caine was very impressed and left a lovely message in our visitors' book.

COMMUNITY

PSAC BEARS CLUB

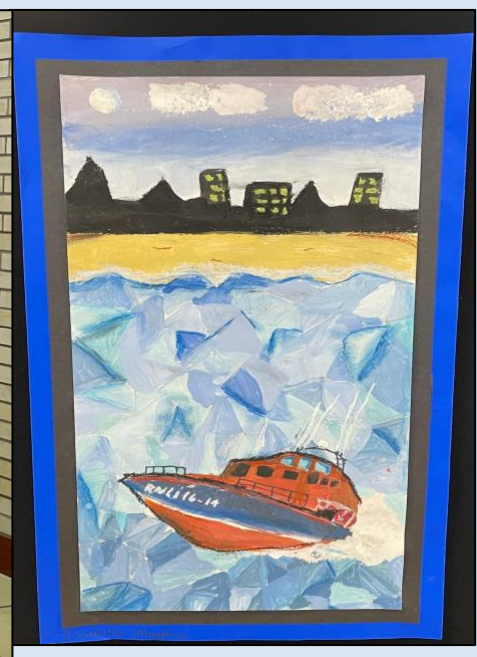
We welcomed a team from the Pre School Assessment Centre (PSAC) to our school who have leading weekly sessions for local families called 'The Bears Club'. This has been a wonderful opportunity for families to visit a school with a Specialist Provision Centre, building relationships and spending time in our school.

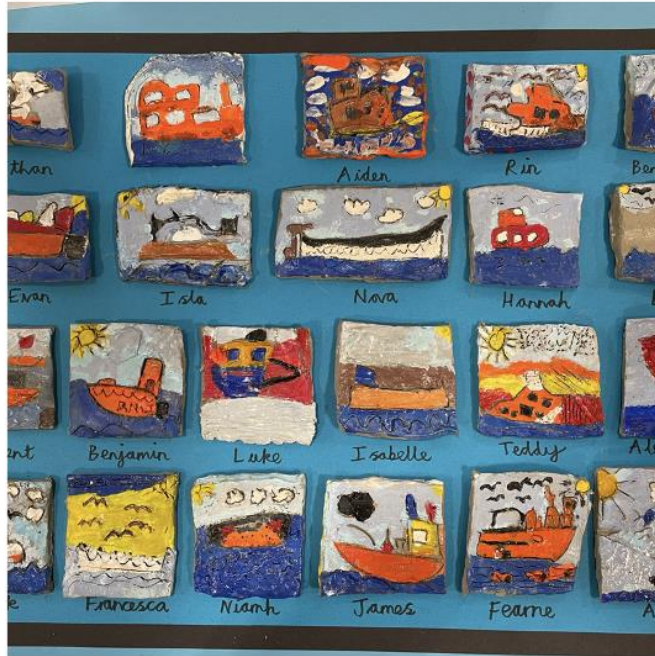


The Rushen Primary School Exhibition: Celebrating 200 years of the RNLI

We welcomed everyone to our Exhibition...the children got a chance to find their own contributions as well as looking at all the work by the whole school, from Reception to Y6. Jason from the RNLI, Michelle Haywood MHK, Port Erin Commissioners, school Governors, representatives from community organisations that we have worked with passed on their positive comments and were all very complimentary about the standard of work produced. Parents and families attended and there was a lovely buzz as they read about the RNLI and looked at the artwork. Thank you for all your support and positive feedback. We are so proud of our children and staff and our partnership with parents!

Many people wrote in our Visitors Book about what they thought of the Exhibition and the feedback was fantastic. Thank you.







SNEAK PEEK!

PLEASE VISIT THE ERIN ARTS CENTRE GALLERY. THEY ARE PLANNING ON OPENING SOME SATURDAYS TO ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO ATTEND – WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.



EVERYONE A LEARNER

Class Assemblies/Stay and Learn

Orry Class – Year 2

We welcomed parents and carers to watch Orry Class performing their assembly and share their learning. The children were happy, smiling, and excited to perform the class assembly and they were so confident. The audience thoroughly enjoyed their poem, Splish Splash!! Learning muscles are so important as part of our learning toolkit and the children told us about how they had used them to help them learn. When we are learning we use a strategy called 'split screen thinking' which is where we think about what we are learning – knowledge and skills and how we are learning – metacognition using Learning Muscles to achieve the learning dispositions (6Rs).

Songs really help us to remember important knowledge and the class also sang some lovely songs. We would also like to thank the class for the photographs...we could see what you have been learning in maths and see your classroom, for example. Learning environments are so important, and we have designed each learning space to support independent learning. Children can select whatever they need to help them solve a problem or a challenge.





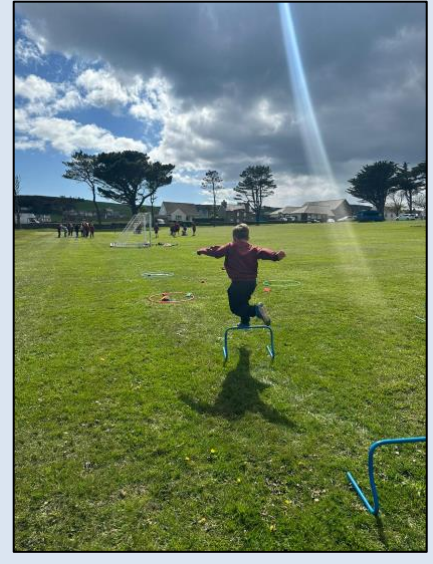
The Orry scientists went on a trip to support their learning and make links and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They ended the performance by singing about kindness, thinking about what we say to others and about being caring...fantastic and great advice for everybody! The parents and families were so proud!



The audience listened intently...

Orry Class and Fenella Class collaborated with their learning in PE. They went outside and made the most of the good weather.





What is a Growth Mindset?

The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance.

Learning Muscles

