



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



July 2024



We have taken part in numerous events and visits and welcomed many visitors this term. The term has passed by so quickly and much learning has taken place. We hope you'll enjoy reading about some of our experiences below.

As we rapidly approach the end of the summer term, we would like to thank all the pupils and staff for their continued hard work, commitment and enthusiasm this year. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

Sporting Success!

Many congratulations to all our pupils who have represented us so successfully at recent sporting events. You all played really well and were a credit to yourselves and school. We are very proud of your sportsmanship and conduct – everyone a leader!



Tennis



Netball



Millenium Football

The Isle Of Man Sorting Office

Ben-my-Chree class have been using their making links and questioning muscles to learn about letters and postcards. "How do letters get to houses?" was a question raised, and one which we went to investigate on our visit to the sorting office in Douglas. It was interesting to learn all about the various machines which sort the letters and parcels. During the visit, the children wrote a postcard and posted it to their own house.

"The letters go really fast in the machine."

"The best part was writing a postcard. I have it at my house in the kitchen."

"I used my questions to find out how the machine works."



The Wildlife Park

Year 3 / 4 spent a fantastic day of learning at the Wildlife Park, where they impressed the staff with their knowledge of rainforests. They returned armed with further knowledge and went on to design, plan and produce their wildlife habitats.



Lifepath at Rushen Abbey

Year 5 went along to this event organised by SUMT. They all came back saying they had great fun: thinking of others, as well as themselves, singing, metal tapping and learning about the life of a monk. However, the fishy porridge had very mixed reviews!



The Venture Centre

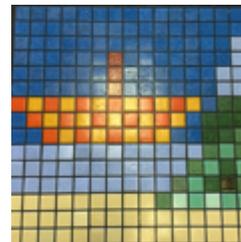
Year 5 had the chance to spend five days at the Venture Centre, challenging themselves to try lots of new experiences, which included: abseiling, a high ropes course, an assault course, archery, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, rifle shooting, gorge walking and looking after themselves away from home! It was a super week. Many thanks to Miss Andrew and Miss Ablett, who looked after them all week.



RNLI Community Mosaic with 'Isle Be Creative'

We are proud to be a part of the 'Isle be Creative' RNLI community mosaic project and look forward to seeing how our contribution fits within the whole design. We await its unveiling in Port St Mary during the Autumn and will keep you posted!

Well done to our school councillors for all their hard work and for representing us so well on this project..... and throughout the year.



Toast Day

School Councillors at the ready! We all enjoyed our termly treat of a well-buttered slice of toast to help raise money towards school funds. Thank you for all your contributions and to both the school councillors and parents who collaborated so well as a team to help this happen.



Port Erin Beach Afternoon



The weather was (just about) kind to us on our recent school trip down to the beach. After a whole school beach clean, we enjoyed this glorious setting by playing, learning together and planning our imaginative creations on the sand. A great afternoon was had by all and a cloudy sky and threatening rain did not deter us. Nor did it prevent us from enjoying our well-earned icecreams!



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone able to attend and support us for our afternoon of novelty and sprint races. We trust you enjoyed it as much as we did! Our pupils demonstrated great collaboration, resilience and resourcefulness – especially with an egg and spoon at hand or when linked arm-in-arm and back-to-back with a teammate – or skipping side-to-side, or piggy backing one another..... or whatever ingenious alternative method you came up with! Great sportsmanship was shown by all... with everyone eventually making it to the finish line with a big smile on their face! Congratulations!



Transition

We have enjoyed hosting our EYFS New Starters over the past months and look forward to welcoming them in September. Thank you to all our current Reception children who used their empathy and collaborating muscles to act as great role models, by playing with our visitors and showing them around our school.

In preparation for September, we have also enjoyed spending time visiting our new classrooms, meeting our new teacher and learning alongside our new classmates.



The Church Flower Festival

Following its time at our school RNLi exhibition at Erin Arts Centre, our 'Have Fun, Stay Safe' display made its way to the local Church Flower Festival, where it was admired by many a visitor and contributed towards raising funds in the process.

Many thanks to all our pupils for your creativity and to Mrs McMeiken for overseeing the project.



Finally, but by no means least.....

Year 6 are about to complete their very last term at Rushen Primary School.

Junior Achievement

Each year people visit from 'Junior Achievement' to provide an engaging day for our Year 6, whilst encouraging them to think about business, trade and product design around the world.



Visit to Tynwald



There was a guided tour of the Parliament building Tynwald to learn more about how the government works, as well as an opportunity to take part in their own debate. There were two promising Speakers for the future House of Keys! Alongside this, Year 6 undertook some Geography fieldwork skills in the grounds of the building.

Visit to the UK

During June, most Year 6 were able to enjoy three exciting days away from home in the UK. Whilst staying in YHA Liverpool, they visited Chester Zoo, Chill Factor, the Trafford Centre and the Maritime Museum. Definitely, a great opportunity for comparing these experiences to those on the Isle of Man!



High School Transition

Everyone enjoyed two days at their new high school at the beginning of July, returning very excited and ready for the next step on their learning journey.

Year 6 will hold their celebration afternoon with parents on Wednesday 17th July, when they perform their leavers' assembly. They will also discover who is to receive a trophy and all pupils will receive their 'Record of Achievement' to mark the end of their learning experience at Rushen Primary School. We wish them best wishes as they move on to high school!

Remember Year 6, that you are welcome any time to come back and visit us.... and that you are never too old to have your face painted at our Spring Fair!

We wish all the best to those leaving us for pastures new, wherever that may be!
Good luck to everyone in the next steps of your learning journey!

Meanwhile, may everyone enjoy a restful, safeand sunny..... summer!

We look forward to seeing you again after the holiday, when school will begin on Wednesday 4th September at 8.50 am.

