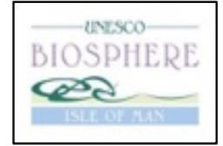




# Rushen Primary School

## Newsletter



September 2024 (2)

### 'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and the children have been excited to be back in class and to play with their friends. We see lots of happy, smiling faces as they get on with learning and move around the building, chatting to the people that they pass.

#### Uniform

**The children continue to look so smart in their uniform and black footwear. Thank you for supporting this! If your child wears shorts, these should be longer than the t-shirt and jumper and therefore clearly visible. As the weather changes, school trousers would be more appropriate.**

#### PE

Coming into school in PE kit on PE days continues to work really well. Almost all children are remembering to bring/wear their school jumper on those days and to wear plain leggings or joggers, as they are very likely to be outside for PE during this term. Just a reminder that children with long hair should tie it back every day, as it gets in the way when learning, eating lunch and playing. Small stud earrings are the safest option. These should be removed or covered on PE days to help keep the children safe.

It is worth taking the time to check hair regularly for headlice. For further information see this website. <https://www.gov.im/categories/health-and-wellbeing/health-advice/head-lice/>. In addition - Hand, Foot & Mouth and worms have been recently reported, as well as Covid.

#### 'Meet The Teacher'

**The 'Meet the Teacher' meetings were well attended. Thank you to those of you who were able to engage with these and give positive feedback about school and how happy your children are at our school. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries. Positive home/school links and positive relationships with parents and carers are really valued.**

## IT

Thank you for signing and returning the AUP letters and for supporting at home by explaining the safe, responsible use of IT. Your child will begin using IT resources once this letter has been returned.

Many of you will have noticed the climbing frame has been fenced off. One of the handrails sheared off so the decision was made by the Works Department to fence it off to ensure the safety of everyone. The 'Playsafe' Inspectors are due to visit in October and we await the recommendations of their report.

## Year 3 & 4 Visit

Appledene, Ballacraigne and Greeba classes all visited the local office for Strix technology as part of their 'Inventors and Inventions' learning. They used their questioning, listening and distilling muscles to find and understand answers to their questions.



They learnt about the invention of Bimetal and how important it is to the safety of a kettle and other hot water appliances, how and why the engineers love their jobs and how appliances have changed over the years.



“I enjoyed learning about the Bimetal and how it makes the kettle switch click.”

“When Bimetal blades get hot, the centre flips which makes them jump high.”

“I learnt that metal expands when it gets hot”

“They wanted to be engineers because they like to fix things and make things better.”



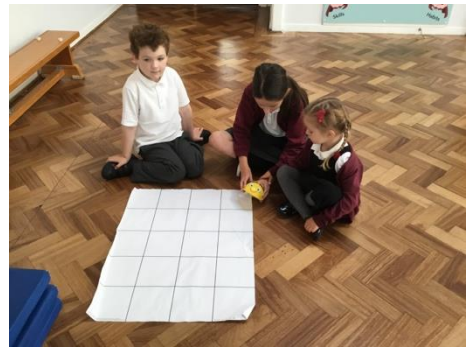
## Coding week (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September)

All children took part in learning activities based around coding.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Some of our year 5 & 6 pupils volunteered to show our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children how to use the Bee Bots (small robots). They focused on using subject-specific language for programming (up, down, left and right) while supporting the younger children to first follow a route and then create their own route.

There was lots of learning about planning and learning from mistakes, in order to make improvements. “Maybe we can get it to go these places by going this way? Oh no, you can’t go that way”



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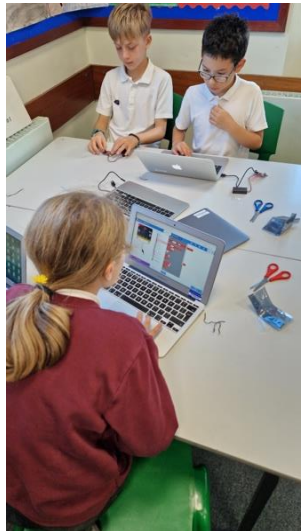
Year 4 children taught the Year 3 how to program the BeeBot to move round the town mats. There were some great examples of sharing learning, learning from mistakes in order to get the BeeBot to move in a planned direction. Everyone listened to each other, planned ahead and then watched to see what happened. Some children then went on try the different levels on the BeeBot app, which gets very challenging. “Because some of the levels were tricky you really had to use your planning muscle”



## Year 5 & 6

Everyone put their learning muscles to the test! First, pupils explored the 'Playground Swift' app. Year 6 took on the role of experts to help Year 5 get to grips with the programme. Year 6 had to flex their noticing muscle to help spot mistakes in the code and Year 5 had to make good use of their sourcing muscle to ensure that they were taking in the information given to them by their partner and the programme.

The children were excited to use brand-new micro bits. They needed a lot of resilience and a growth mindset, as well as their collaborating muscle to debug their programming and fix errors found to make the microbit do all sorts of wonderful things, from displaying a flashing heart to making it scroll through their names.



## Events

**There are many upcoming events happening. As much notice as possible is given regarding events you can attend – to plan far ahead occasionally means there are some last-minute changes due to unforeseen circumstances.**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October **School Photograph Day** – come in full smart school uniform
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October **Appledene Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'** until 10.30am
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October **Hop Tu Naa** – come in traditional Hop Tu Naa costume. (Children will need to be warm enough both in school and on the playground. Consider carefully any props (which won't be allowed onto the playground during the day), as well as the appropriateness of costume for a school day. Carve a moot to add to our display (to be taken home at the end of the day). Union Mills will be visiting Cregneash on this date – they are welcome to come in costume and will attend the school assembly before they leave for Cregneash.

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November **Greeba Castle Class Assembly and ‘Stay and Learn’** until 10.30am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> **November Children in Need** – ‘Dress Down Day’ and ‘Walk & Talk’ in the afternoon. Times tbc. Donations welcome, with the total being split between Children in Need and Isle Listen.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December **‘Christmas Bake Off’** (tbc)
- **Christmas Concert Performances**  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am **KS1 (Reception Year 1 & Year 2)**  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am **Years 5 & 6**  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am **Years 3 & 4**
- **Christmas parties** during the last week of term – days to be confirmed.  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December **Year 5 & 6 Disco 4.30 - 6pm.**

We hope that you can come and join us and we look forward to seeing you there!

The Rushen Primary School Team