



Rushen Primary School

October Newsletter



'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

The past few weeks have soon passed us by and now, as we begin the half term holiday, it seems an appropriate moment to reflect.

We have continued with our high expectations, as children settle into the routines and expectations of 'What we do around here' and develop positive relationships.

Our new teachers, Mr Astill and Mrs Parry, have settled in well and, along with all our new staff, have quickly become part of our team.

Our New Librarians



These are our librarians for this year. They have had a great start in their new roles, independently sorting books, tidying the library and adding to the displays.

Visiting Local Poet



Greeba Castle had a great visit from a poet, Mrs Stephens. She read a variety of poems with the children, before challenging them to write their own version of 'In the dark dark...'.
The children had to use their imagining muscle to take the audience on a journey through a range of places to find a mysterious or unique object.
They really enjoyed the morning.

Reception and Year 2 Bulb Planting

A big thank you to both our Year 2 and the parents who recently accompanied our Reception children Park, where everyone collaborated groups to plant a large number of We were proud to be asked to help wait to see the results of our hard



Port Erin Commissioners welcomed the reception children from Rushen Primary School over the first two weeks of October to plant over 1,200 bulbs in Athol Park with a mixture of flowers which will provide a fantastic colourful display in 2025.

Mrs Jo Shaw from Rushen Primary School commented, "It was lovely to be able to assist Port Erin Commissioners with the project to plant a lovely selection of bulbs. Many of the children will know Athol Park and play there, so to be able to see the benefit of their efforts next year will be wonderful."

Chair of Port Erin Commissioners, Mr Godfrey Egee added, "It is always a pleasure to welcome the children from Rushen Primary School to help us with projects within the village. The fabulous efforts of the reception classes, ably assisted by their parent helpers and teachers, to plant so many bulbs over their visits to Athol Park is commendable and I for one cannot wait to see the flowers in Spring and Summer next year."

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Hockey Competition



Our Year 3/4 Hockey team participated in the Southern Hockey Festival on Tuesday 15th October. The children represented Rushen excellently. They showed great sportsmanship, took onboard the advice, and showed great improvement with each game.

Appledene Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'

Congratulations to Appledene Class for their enthusiastic and informative assembly. It was great to see the number of parents able to attend and support and learn alongside the children in the classroom during the 'Stay and Learn' session afterwards.



KS2 Music Roadshow

Teachers from the music service came to school to teach KS2 about the four main elements of music – beat, rhythm, pitch, dynamics.

“At the start they sang a song from an African country.”

“It was funny and we got to learn about pitch with the electric guitar.”

“I really enjoyed the end where they said ‘Shut up and dance’ and we got to dance and join in.”

“We learnt how to compose using the four main elements of music.”

“A really funny guy was very enthusiastic with his saxophone playing.”



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Happy Hop tu Naa
everyone!

School Dinners Price Increase

As many of you will be aware, the price of school dinners will rise after half term to £2.55 a day. Parent Pay will automatically be adjusted to take account of this change.

Upcoming events

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - poppies/wristbands/pencils etc. will be on sale at school from Monday 4th November. Year 6 will visit all classes to sell the various items. There are no set prices, but if your child would like to purchase an item in support of the Poppy Appeal, please could they bring a minimum cash donation of 50p per item to school during the week. There are limited supplies of each item. Children are encouraged to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day. Thank you for your support.

- **Week beginning 11th November Anti-Bullying Week.**
'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November! Come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate being different, unique and special!
- **Wednesday 13th November World Kindness Day**
Nominations of kindness shown by pupils will be sent to Isle Listen, who will celebrate these children by awarding certificates.
- **Thursday 14th November** Greeba Castle class assembly with Stay & Learn till 10.30am.
- **Friday 15th November 'Children in Need' – Non-Uniform Day** with a 'Walk & Talk' in the afternoon. Children can come in their own clothes suitable for learning in school, being outside for playtimes and for an hour of 'Walk & Talk'.
All classes will begin walking around the school at 2pm for one hour.
Please send any donations to school on the morning of Friday 15th November, this needs to be cash rather than via Parent Pay this year.
The total amount of money raised will be split between 'Children in Need' and 'Isle Listen'.
- **Monday 2nd December 'Christmas Bake Off' – separate flyer and details to follow.**

Christmas Concert Performances

- **Tuesday 10th December 2pm and Wednesday 11th December 10am KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)**
- **Wednesday 11th December 2pm & Thursday 12th December 9.30am Year 5 & 6**
- **Thursday 12th December 2pm & Friday 13th December 9.30am Year 3 & 4**

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

Christmas parties during the last week of term – days to be confirmed.
Wednesday 18th December Year 5 & 6 Disco 4.30 - 6pm.

Reminder – earrings and other jewellery should be removed or covered for all PE activities along with long hair tied back.

As we head into Winter, the amount of daylight reduces. 3FM have a 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign running. The

reflective stickers mentioned on the radio are available to collect from outside the office.

Have an enjoyable and safe half term!

The Rushen Primary School team