



# Rushen Primary School Newsletter



November 2024

## 'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

It has been a very busy start to half term with many visits, visitors and events taking place within school. It has been wonderful to see so many children engaging with different people, flexing their learning muscles to understand the reasons for various events, as well as enjoying wearing a pair of odd socks.

### Union Mills' visit to Cregneash

Despite a grey day, Union Mills had a super time at Cregneash where they learned about homes and buildings from the past. Congratulations on managing this and a dress-up for Hop-Tu Naa! We'd like to express our thanks to all the parent volunteers who were able to support on this trip.



## A Visit from the 'Pedestrian Safety' Team.



Thank you for feedback from Year 1 and Year 2 staff and pupils on this very important issue...

Union Mills staff "It was a very useful and informative session. The children could all quote the important message before crossing the road: "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK - IS IT SAFE TO CROSS?"

Crosby pupils: "We learnt that when we are waiting to cross the road our feet should not be on the curb".

"We also need to make sure that we check for electric cars, as we can't hear them".

## A Visit from the 'STEM Engineering' Team

We were very excited and engaged when welcoming our visitors for our STEM sessions!

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Braiden, in Year 1: "I love building. I did this before in the holidays. It's great!"

Year 2 feedback: "I enjoyed it because it was a challenge! Sometimes we made mistakes, but we kept on going and didn't give up!"



## Remembrance Day

We have been learning about the importance and tradition of Remembrance Day and began our week by respecting a two-minute silence, during which our older pupils were great role models to our reception children.

Many thanks to Mr Astill, who played 'The Last Post', to everyone who supported the poppy appeal by purchasing items and to our pupils who went around school to sell these.

## Odd Socks Day

What better way to celebrate being unique and recognising that it's great to be different than to wear odd socks? Well done to everyone who shared in this simple challenge to acknowledge the importance of this!



### Isle Listen World Kindness certificates.

Kirsty Arnold joined assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to present certificates to individuals who consistently show kindness all around school. These children were nominated by class teachers, after lots of consultation amongst staff. Well done! We are sure that you will keep modelling kindness to others!

## Greeba Castle Assembly and Stay and Learn



Thank you to Greeba Castle for their entertaining class assembly.

There was lots of singing, dancing, acting and learning - all shared with plenty of smiles!

This was followed by a 'Stay and Learn' session in the classroom. We hope that those parents who were able to stay learned a great deal about Guided Reading during their visit.



## Girls' Football

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November the girls' football team spent the afternoon at The Bowl in Douglas playing a selection of matches against various schools from across the island.

The girls played some fantastic football and were a credit to our school,

displaying great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to the parents who supported, those who helped to referee some games and, of course, to Mrs Faragher for her continued coaching support every Tuesday.



## Badminton

Our badminton players had a great afternoon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, when 10 children represented us at this event and 32 matches were played in total!



During the first 16 matches, we only dropped 3 points, putting us into the top 5 with 157/160 points!

We then competed in the next 16 matches which placed us 4<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 25 teams!

The children showed great sportsmanship, supported each other throughout the whole afternoon and were very resilient, especially when they started to get tired (understandably!) They represented our school brilliantly. Congratulations!

## Rushen Primary School Council 2024-2025

Many congratulations to our new School council for the coming year!

We are sure that you are very proud to have been elected by your peers and are eager to rise to the challenge!

Congratulations must also go to everyone who stood for election - for being ready to act as a good role model, take on responsibility and give time and effort to represent your classmates. We are so impressed and grateful for all your commitment.



### 'Children in Need' and 'Isle Listen' Walk & Talk



A huge thank you for all the support towards these events.



School was alive with colour and Pudsey items!



A total of £280.00 was raised in support of 'Children in Need' and 'Isle Listen'.

Everyone had a great time walking and talking around school in the afternoon. We didn't allow the gloomy weather to dampen our spirits but enjoyed the time talking with friends and family and, in some instances, making completely new friends. The sun even tried to shine down on us, if only briefly!



**Events still to come!**

**We are really looking forward to.....**

**The Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Dining Hall 3.20pm**

We would appreciate your support by baking cakes, cookies, biscuits for us to sell or a Showstopper cake for our raffle.

All contributions should be dropped off before school begins at the door by the little kitchen (off the main playground), where a grateful member of our team will be ready to collect them.

Thank you so much in advance - and for also including allergy-free options!

**REMEMBER** - your Showstopper cake could win one of three prizes ..... or you could win one of the showstopper cakes by purchasing raffle tickets!

This year we will also be selling hot chocolate - with or without marshmallows!  
**YUM!**

All proceeds will go towards supporting school funds.  
Happy baking and decorating!

**Calling All Key Stage 1 Children!**



Cherry Godfrey are running a Christmas Colouring Competition! It is open to all Primary School children in Key Stage 1 across the island.

They will select a winner from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and each winner will receive a goodie bag. An overall winner will earn a £250.00 donation for their school.

The colouring sheet will be sent home with KS1 children should they wish to enter.

Please then send your entry directly to:  
[marketing@cherrygodfrey.com](mailto:marketing@cherrygodfrey.com)  
with your child's name, school and year group.

**Good luck KS1!**





## The Southern Befrienders Stocking Appeal

Southern Befrienders are a charity set up to support older, isolated or lonely people within our community. You may remember taking part in this stocking appeal last year? Thank you so much to those of you who were able to contribute then and to those interested in supporting Southern Befrienders this year.

If you would like to fill a stocking, they will be available to purchase in school from 25<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £2 each.

Prefects and school councillors will visit classrooms to sell them.

Ideally, Southern Befrienders hope for some stockings to be filled by 4<sup>th</sup> December ready for an event. It would be fantastic if we could support them by returning some stockings by then! Further events are being held after this date, so a stocking can be filled and brought to school any time before 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The items to include in the stocking need only be simple and inexpensive. We are told that handmade items proved very popular last year! If your child would like to also include a small card with a Christmas message that would be wonderful too!

Please be assured that anything donated will be gratefully received and could make a huge difference to the individual receiving it.

## Christmas Concert Performance Dates

- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
    &  
    **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**  
    Year 5 & 6
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
    &  
    **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**  
    Year 3 & 4



We hope that you can come and join us, we look forward to seeing you there! You do not need tickets – two seats have been allocated to each family for the dates their children are performing.





### Christmas Party Dates:

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & 2**  
(Crosby and Union Mills classes)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 & 4**  
(Greeba Castle, Appledene & Ballacraine classes)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Year 5 & 6 disco 4.30 – 6pm**  
(Laurel Bank, Ballig & Barrregarrow classes)
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Reception**  
(Bray Hill & Braddan Bridge classes)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Dinner** will be served for children who regularly eat school dinners (no salad bar or alternative choices that day). Christmas Crackers will be provided for children on school lunches.  
**Children on packed lunches are invited to bring a cracker to school.**

Throughout the last week of term Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform if they wish to (or they may wear their school sweatshirt if they prefer).

