



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



December 2024

'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

An already very busy term has become even busier with the buzz of rehearsals for Christmas performances, the heartwarming echoes along the corridors of children singing and piano playing! The festive season is upon us! It's been a lovely atmosphere, as learning and routines continue whilst Christmas approaches. The children have needed to continue using the 6Rs and to exercise many learning muscles whilst rehearsing – readiness, relationships, resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and remembering... not to mention empathy, listening, imitating, planning, keeping going, collaborating.....

We are sure you will agree that the Christmas performances were a great success. We hope that you were able to attend and enjoyed them as much as the children enjoyed performing them. Your very generous donations suggest that you did. We, and we are sure you too, are proud of the children, and more importantly, they can be proud of themselves.

EYFS & KS1 Performance





KS2 Performance Year 3 / 4





KS2 Performance Year 5 /6





Many congratulations to everyone involved in these productions – pupils, parents and staff. Each performance demonstrated the wonderful results of planning, collaboration, resilience and resourcefulness. Everyone put in lots of effort over the weeks to improve and develop their singing, speaking and dancing skills, which resulted in the amazing final performances we were able to proudly share with you!

Whole School Kindness Display

Continuing the subject of collaboration and teamwork..... congratulations to all pupils and staff for your contributions of artwork which resulted in our fantastic, eye-catching whole school display of our 'Garden of Kindness'. Everyone in school contributed in some way.

We are including some photographs here, but it is not the same as seeing it in person. Please do make sure that you come and have a look next time you're in school!

Just head along the corridor towards KS2, where you will find it along from our art gallery. Trust us - you won't miss it!



The Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off

Thank you to everyone for all your generous and highly creative contributions towards our Bake Off this term. A great deal of time and effort was clearly put in and it is so much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported on the day – parents, family members, the Friends of Rushen, pupils and staff – to create a great atmosphere and buzz in the dining hall. Congratulations to our Showstopper prize winners and to everyone involved.



A total of £532 was raised on the night – fantastic!
This will be added to school funds in support of future projects.

The Grinch Christmas Tractor

The children in Cronk y Voddy had an exciting visit from The Grinch Christmas tractor. They listened to the music and were able to explore the tractor too!



Southern Befrienders Stocking Appeal

A huge thank you to all who were able to purchase and fill a stocking in support of Southern Befrienders. Your contributions are really appreciated and will help to make someone's Christmas special! A total of £116.00 was raised!

School Council 2024-25

The School Council for this year has recently elected members to take on the following responsibilities:

Chairperson - Louis Rogers
Vice Chairperson- Phoebe Byrne
Secretary - Isabel Coomer
Treasurer - Olivia Irving

Congratulations, and we look forward to working as a team in the new year.

Our School Choir in the Community

Over the last few weeks, the choir have been continuing their tradition of singing out and about in the community. They gave a superb performance at Southlands Residential home; the sound was fantastic, filling the atrium and the whole building.

On Saturday they performed at Port Erin Station following on from Rushen Silver Band in continuing to get the public into the Christmas spirit. As always, they smiled, sung out and conducted themselves in a very mature manner.

There are now two events remaining – Year 5/6 at Southlands Day Centre on Wednesday, then everyone at the Port Erin Commissioners Carol Service at Kirk Christ on Thursday.





As we reach the end of another busy term, everyone deserves a very well-earned break and we wish you all a fantastic, restful Christmas and our very best wishes for 2025!

From Mrs Higgins, Mrs Shaw and all RPS staff!



School will reopen at 8.50am on Monday 6th January 2025 when we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for a new year of learning!

