



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



February 2025

'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

We have recently been adding photographs of our pupils learning, applying the 6Rs and a growth mindset to our entrance area. A few examples are included here.



Please do take time to view our display and examples of various types of learning when you next visit! We hope that you'll find it both interesting and informative!

Ballig Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'

Congratulations and thank you to Ballig class who paved the way with our very first class assembly and 'Stay and Learn' of 2025.

With many examples of cross-curricular learning, Ballig pupils set the standards and demonstrated how they had been inspired by a range of authors, artists and musicians. As well as enjoyment, much new learning was gained by the audience!



Afterwards parents were welcomed to Ballig classroom where pupils shared their literacy skills during a guided reading session. Feedback demonstrated how much our visitors appreciated this session and found it both enjoyable and informative.

Thank you very much to those able to join either session. Your continued support is much appreciated.



Isle Listen Workshops and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week



Throughout the term all KS2 classes will continue to participate in Isle Listen workshops, learning all about understanding emotions, building self-esteem and developing coping strategies.

Whilst developing social and emotional skills is an ongoing and integral aspect of learning, it will also be a particular focus across school during 'Children's

Mental Health Awareness Week' (beg. 3rd Feb).

As in previous years, all pupils will contribute individually towards an Isle Listen art installation on the theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', which will celebrate all the things that make us happy and help us grow **just like a flower!**

RNLI SOS Day and Assembly

In recognition of RNLI SOS Day our pupils dressed in blue, orange and yellow and we collected donations to the value of £190 in support of the continued great work being carried out by this institution. Thank you so much on behalf of the RNLI!

Many thanks to Mr Fleming who visited and delivered an assembly where he brought us all up to date with recent developments and reminded us how to keep safe in and near the water.



First Aid Learning KS2

Year 5 and 6 have been undertaking a First Aid training course run by Mrs Gill of St John's Ambulance.

“We learnt some very important first aid skills such as: how to put someone into the recovery position, how to dress a wound, how to assist if someone is having an asthma attack and how to perform CPR.”

“We used our absorbing muscle and paid close attention to Mrs Gill, as well as our collaborating muscles when practising some of our new skills.”



“We listened carefully to Mrs Gill to learn many different things about first aid. We learned about the recovery position and practised doing this with a partner. One of our favourite parts of the day was doing CPR on a dummy!”



“We also enjoyed putting a bandage on our partner, as well as learning about burns and scalds. A fun fact we learned was that burns and scalds are not the same.”

After playtime we learned how to help people if they are choking. We practised the technique on a life-size dummy of a baby.”

First Aid Visit to Union Mills Class

On Tuesday 21st January Mrs Gill, from St John's Ambulance, visited Union Mills Class to talk about First Aid. She taught our pupils to remember the acronym 'RICE' when tending to a patient, which stands for 'Rest, Ice, Comfortable and Elevate', (as in an injured leg). They also learned how to apply slings, leg supports and bandages. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Gill for a very useful and informative afternoon.



Crosby Class visit to Southlands

We're delighted to continue sharing our learning with Southlands this term. Crosby class recently enjoyed playing board games with the visitors there when they were able to practise their speaking, listening and collaborating in a different scenario. Many thanks to the adults who were able to support us on this visit!



'We enjoying playing Jenga, board games and doing jigsaws together.'

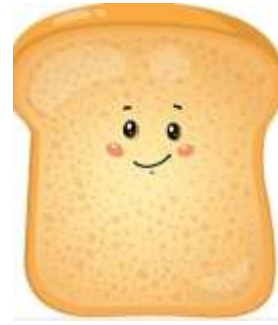
'We met lots of new people. Some were very good at 'Snakes and Ladders' and I got lots of advice with a jigsaw!'

'I'm really looking forward to going again!'

'Toast Day'

Our school councillors are looking forward to collaborating with the 'Friends of Rushen' to deliver a slice of toast to all pupils across school.

This term they will do so on the morning of Wednesday 12th February. Contributions of 50p would be much appreciated (via Parent Pay).



World Book Day Thursday 6th March

Everyone who wishes to, is invited to dress up as a character from a book.

We'll also be hosting a book swap where each child is invited to bring in one unwanted book (in good condition).

Please drop off the unwanted book in your classroom between Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March.

During World Book Day there will be an opportunity to swap it for a 'new' book.

Use your World Book Day book token to get a free book by simply taking your token to your nearest bookseller

Upcoming events and learning

- 'Safer Internet Day' Tuesday 11th February
- Comic Relief / World Down Syndrome awareness Friday 21st March
Dress Down day, donations welcome.
- Spring Fair Thursday 27th March 3.30pm onwards.
More details to follow shortly.

Further dates for your diary:

Please note that our remaining class assemblies and 'Stay and Learn' sessions will be held at 9:00am on Thursday mornings, as follows...

13th February Laurel Bank
20th March Union Mills

3rd April Barregarrow
1st May Crosby
15th May Braddan Bridge & Bray Hill together
26th June Ballacraigne



We need your help!

Do you enjoy gardening?
Do you have gardening knowledge and expertise
to share? (NOT essential!!)
Enthusiastic support is what we seek!



We are looking for adults to support us in developing our school garden.
If you are interested and available to support in any way, we would be very grateful if you
could contact our school office to leave your name and contact details, in the first
instance!

Kind regards,
Mrs Higgins, Mrs Shaw and all Rushen staff