



# Rushen Primary School Newsletter



**March 2025**

## 'Learning and Growing' at Rushen Primary School

The Spring term, full of varied learning, events, visits and visitors, continues to pass by quickly! Congratulations to our pupils who have represented school so well in many ways. We're very proud of you and you can be extremely proud of yourselves!

### **Year 4 Scooter Training**

Many of our year 4 children took part in a session learning how to be safe on their scooters whilst out and about. They all really enjoyed it, learning important skills and scootering around, despite the really cold day!



### **Year 2/3 Tag Rugby**

The children had a great afternoon playing several matches, during which they demonstrated good sportsmanship and worked well as a team.





### Girls' Football

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March a group of 15 girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 spent the day at The Bowl playing a number of games.

They were such a credit to our school, playing amazingly well as teams and showing great sportsmanship throughout.

Many thanks to all the parents who came to support and to Mrs Huxley for coaching one of the teams on the day.

### IT Safer Internet Day

Over the term our Reception children have been learning about staying safe online through stories such as 'Smartie the Penguin', 'Digiduck's Famous Friend' and 'Digiduck's Big Decision'. Smartie the penguin taught the rhyme 'Stop, Think and Tell Someone'.



Appledene Class learnt how to recognise a scam by exploring and sorting different scenarios into scam / no scam.

The key message being:  
Stop! Think! Report!



### Toast Day

A great big thank you to our School Council and Friends of Rushen who collaborated so well to provide toast for all pupils and staff at the end of last half term.

Many thanks for your donations which raised £70 for school funds.



## Laurel Bank Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'



Enthusiastic singing and the collaborative playing of musical instruments, along with a review of a wide range of learning from the year so far, resulted in a great assembly by Laurel Bank. We enjoyed hearing the children speak about what they had learnt as well as how they had learnt it.



In addition, a big thank you to all the parents who were able to support and join Laurel Bank afterwards for a 'Stay and Learn' Guided Reading session.



## 'Money Week' Feb 24th - Feb 28th

Across school children engaged in different learning around the theme of 'Money', from exploring coins and their values to working out amounts and working within budgets.



"In Braddan Bridge we looked at 1p, 2p and 5p coins and created a shop to work out how to buy different items. The children then extended this into the role play area,

adding their own price tags to different toys and buying them from each other."



Bray Hill pupils chose a favourite pancake and collected money from the purse to pay the café owner, who checked the right amount before allowing them to 'have' the pancake.

Union Mills explored sorting, matching and counting coins to buy toys.



In Crosby class Howie found it challenging to count money whilst pretending to shop - but it was fun. Georgia said, "I enjoy learning about money because it will help me for when I'm an adult."

## Greeba Castle explored money in a range of ways.

"I have used my improving, absorbing, noticing, keeping going and managing distractions muscles when completing different money activities this week." Alexander

"I enjoyed creating a Venn diagram when converting pounds and pence and using the coins to support my answers. We used our collaborating muscle for problem solving and reasoning questions." Harvey

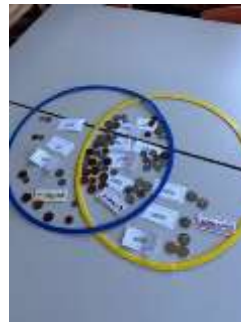
"I enjoyed playing a game to practise ordering money. You had to close your eyes, choose 5 coins, put them on a purse then order our amounts as a group." Rowan

"I enjoyed practising counting money by playing 'Snap'. Lizzie

"I've now learnt how to convert pounds to pence. I had to use my keeping going muscle all week!" Benjamin

"I've used my improving muscle this week to learn new skills." Scarlett

"I had to use my noticing muscle to recognise the different coins." Isabelle



During money week, Appledene Class discovered how money has changed since decimalisation.

They used their questioning and making links muscles when looking at coins and notes from the past.



This created discussion about the different currencies around the world and how those currencies have changed over time.

In Year 5/6 we explored the concept of 'a budget' and considered things we needed to buy compared to things we might want to buy. We looked at how we could adjust spending to save more money to buy bigger things. We also planned a cinema trip and pizza night applying a budget and realised that not spending too much was harder than we expected!



## World Book Day

The day began with a whole school assembly. Congratulations to all our pupils for successfully taking on the challenge of a choral retelling and acting out of the story of 'We're Going on A Bear Hunt'.



Both pupils and staff enjoyed dressing up as book characters - many amongst us unrecognisable! We spent the day buddying up, sharing books and enjoying time spent on reading.



Many thanks to everyone who was able to take part in our book swap. The children were excited about the lovely range of 'new' books to choose from. Any additional books donated will now be allocated to our upcoming Spring Fair book stall. Thank you again!

## **Public Speaking**

Further congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took risks, and bravely overcame some nerves to take part in our in-house public speaking competition.

Everyone, both pupils and staff, had clearly worked very hard on collaborating and planning to prepare their engaging speeches. Every 6R was needed and utilised – Relationships, Readiness, Remembering, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness!

Congratulations and very best wishes to our eventual winners who will represent our school in the inter-schools' competition next week!



## **Reminder! Our annual Spring Fair is fast approaching!**

We look forward to seeing you there and to it being as successful as last year... if not more so!

Donations of goods are welcome at any time – [please see the poster below.](#)

Do contact the School Office or 'Friends of Rushen' if you are able to help in any way.

Many thanks in advance.



# RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SPRING FAIR 2025



When? Thursday 27th March

Where? Rushen Primary School

Time? 3.30pm-5.00pm

BIG Prize Raffle stall	Bottle Tombola	Pin tail on the Easter Bunny
The Great Rushen Bake Off	Children's book & Jigsaw stall	Pop up football goal
Guess the sweets in a jar	Guess the name of the teddy!	Children's Enterprise Stalls
Chocolate Tombola	Treasure Map	Tattoos
Refreshments	Hook a Duck!	Just Dance!

### We need your help!

On the day to set up, run a stall and tidy away  
AND

With any of the following donations:

- ✓ **BIG Prizes for the raffle - items, vouchers, experiences etc may be donated by your place of work**
  - ✓ **Bottles for the Tombola e.g., sauce, shampoo, drinks etc**
    - ✓ **Good quality children's books**
- ✓ **Chocolate for Tombola - bars or boxes of chocolates, Easter eggs etc.**
  - ✓ **Toiletries – soaps, bubble bath, toiletry packs etc.**
    - ✓ **Children's books in good condition**
  - ✓ **Jigsaws and board games (with all the pieces)**
    - ✓ **Other items that would be nice to win**
  - ✓ **Cakes for the Easter Bake Off – on the day**

**Please send any donations for the stalls to school by Friday 21st March**  
**PLEASE EMAIL [RushenEnquiries@sch.im](mailto:RushenEnquiries@sch.im) with the details of how you can help**



### Additions to the school website

Please note that we have recently added further information to our school website in the 'Learning at Home' section, which aims to provide guidance regarding the phonics and spelling programmes followed across school.

We have also recently updated our EYFS 'New Starters' section with information to support transition ready for September. Our September intake will begin visiting school very soon and we look forward to welcoming them!

We also look forward to parents and carers being able to join us for the following class assemblies and 'Stay and Learns':

- 20<sup>th</sup> March Union Mills Class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Barregarrow Class
- 1<sup>st</sup> May Crosby Class
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Braddan Bridge & Bray Hill Classes
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Ballacraigne Class

### Fruit and vegetables for snack time

It is great to see so many children enjoying a piece/s of fruit or veg during the mornings. Thank you for supporting us in this to help children stay healthy and keep them going until lunchtime.

Thank you also in supporting us to help keep children safe by keeping hair tied back, especially on PE days. Thin headbands and bobbles/scrunchies are super, as they don't hurt others should children accidentally bump into one another, nor do they catch on PE or playtime equipment.

### Red Nose Day/ World Downs Syndrome Awareness Day Friday 21st March

We will be helping to raise funds for this good cause by coming to school dressed in something red and inviting donations. Please would you submit your donations using our dedicated Parent Pay Donation Page on the following link:

### Red Nose Day Donations Page - Rushen Primary School

