



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



May 2025

‘Learning and Growing’ at Rushen Primary School

We are very proud of our pupils’ achievements, commitment to practice and readiness to learn and develop in a range of situations. On many occasions we receive feedback about their exemplary behaviour, enthusiasm and polite attitude ... whether welcoming visitors, participating in visits and competitions and representing us in any shape or form out in the community.

The Guild



Resilience, resourcefulness and collaboration were demonstrated by our pupils who entered The Guild this year. Many congratulations to all who participated in a range of performances – from singing, dancing and speaking to the playing of musical instruments. They said how much they enjoyed the challenging experience and can be very proud of their bravery and achievements.

Manx Youth Games

Many of our pupils also demonstrated their enthusiasm and skills during the Manx Youth Games this year. A huge range of interests and talent was on show! Whatever the event, whatever the result, we know that you gave your best, enjoyed the whole experience and should be proud! You were ready to learn and commit, ready to collaborate, be resourceful and resilient! And you had lots of fun!

Well done to everyone who participated!



Kwik Cricket Competition



We certainly need to congratulate our pupils who recently entered the Kwik Cricket Competition. Not only did they do a great job of applying their batting and fielding skills but also learned a significant amount about Kwik Cricket on the job! Without doubt, a perfect example of resourcefulness, teamwork and readiness for learning! Very well done!

Swimming Competition

Our swimming team had a great morning, with the children showing considerate sportsmanship towards both one another and other competitors. They had to overcome plenty of nerves and were very resilient and brave!

Our pupils won 10 races, including the relay, achieved two 2nd places and a 4th place.

Amongst 9 groups, they were placed 1st overall, with a total score of 121 points! Many, many congratulations!



Our Rotary Stars of 2025

Run by the Island's Rotary Clubs, this award goes to young people who have shown acts of good citizenship by: helping and caring for others, working hard, showing enthusiasm, generally demonstrating a positive attitude and for being courteous. Many thanks to our visitors, including the Club President, for presenting our pupils with their Rotary Star certificate, badge and book token.



Reception Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'

That caterpillar was EXTREMELY hungry during the Reception children's assembly!!

What a great job our youngest children did when performing their very first school assembly. They were keen, they were confident, they were clear – they were ready! They had learned from plenty of good role models and used this learning well! They remembered their words and what to do and, most of all, they enjoyed it so, we enjoyed it too! Congratulations!



As always, thank you very much to all the adults who were able to support ... also, during the 'Stay and Learn' session which followed. The children were very enthusiastic and eager to share their learning with you. Thank you for your kind comments both during and after this event! These are much appreciated!



Class Visits to Southlands

On Wednesday 21st May, Union Mills visited the Day Centre at Southlands and enjoyed playing maths games with the visitors. Our pupils collaborated well and showed empathy when explaining, turn taking and listening politely. The ladies and gentlemen said how much they appreciated the visit.

Our grateful thanks to Southlands staff for accommodating us and for our kind parents who accompanied and helped us on the day.



Year 3 and 4 Visits to Ballachurry Nature Reserve

As part of their science learning, Year 3 /4 have begun taking turns to visit Ballachurry Nature Reserve. The children enjoyed participating in a nature walk, taking photographs to record where a variety of plants grow, observing different plants and insects and listening to the various bird calls. A few pupils in Appledene Class even saw a frog jump onto Miss Corkhill's shoe before entering the pond!



Young Engineers

Congratulations to many of our Year 3 and 4 pupils who created entries for the Young Engineers competition.

All these pupils received certificates in recognition of their efforts, whilst special mention goes to Constance Stewart and Emilie Weckwerth who received distinction commended and go through to the UK national competition.



SPORTS DAY

Thank you for supporting our Sports Day!

**It was fantastic to see all the children taking part, doing their best, being resilient
and having fun!**

(more photos to follow, after half term)



Upcoming events:

Tuesday 17th June Rushen School Choir at 'Sounds of Mann' Concert

Thursday 26th June Ballacraigne Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'

Friday 27th June Year 5 Lifepath at Rushen Abbey

Monday 7th July Tynwald Day – School closed

Wednesday 16th July Year 6 Leavers assembly and presentations 1.30 – 3.15pm

Friday 18th July School closes at 3.15pm for the Summer holidays.

Your continued support is much appreciated when sending children to school in PE kit on PE days. They continue to feel part of the school when they are wearing white or burgundy t-shirts, school jumpers and shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings. It is also very helpful when they have their earrings taken out, or already taped up, and jewellery removed to meet the PE safety requirements.

Have a great half-term TT break everyone!
Keep safe, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 9th June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Higgins and Mrs Shaw