



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



July 2025

‘Learning and Growing’ at Rushen Primary School

Year 5 Cycle Training

This half term, many of the Year 5s took part in a cycle training course run by the IOM Police Road Safety Team. The key focus was about being safe whilst riding on the roads.

This is what our pupils thought about the experience and their learning:

“We learnt the ‘M check’ for your bike. This is what we should do every time we go on our bikes.”

“It was challenging to ride very slowly. You need to be able to do this if there is something slow in front of you, like traffic.”



“We learnt how to get onto our bikes safely once we had put them onto the road.”

“We learnt the 6Ls – Look. Lever. Lean. Leg. Launch. Look.”

“I hadn’t heard of the primary and secondary position on the road for cycling.”

“It was an enjoyable week, and I would recommend it to next year’s Year 5.”



Netball Tournament KWC

The children had a great day at the netball tournament. We took three teams who all played incredibly well. They used their collaborating muscle and showed resilience when faced with some tough competition.



All the children showed great sportsmanship, both towards one another and other teams involved, and built on their skills throughout the day. They were all excellent role models and demonstrated determination and resilience, taking onboard feedback and showing progress across the games as they built upon their communication and teamwork skills.

They should all be very proud of themselves!

Greeba Castle at Ballachurry Nature Reserve

Greeba Castle class spent a lovely morning exploring Ballachurry Nature Reserve, identifying plants and looking for differences between plants growing in the various areas of the reserve.



Noticing, thinking and reasoning like scientists!

Sounds of Mann' Concert

Our school choir recently took part in an amazing evening at the Villa Marina, joining other schools in singing a number of songs all about the Isle of Man. The singing and behaviour were of a high quality.



They committed themselves to regular rehearsals, learning many words, and sang with gusto, pride and enthusiasm throughout the performance.

Everyone who attended, whether parent, pupil or staff member, felt extremely proud!



Yr 6 Residential to Liverpool



We enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Liverpool earlier this half term. All the Year 6 pupils were very well-behaved and there were many positive comments about how they conducted themselves.



Our busy three-day schedule included visits to Chester Zoo, Chill Factor, the Trafford Centre, the World Museum and Flip Out Adventure Park.



Oh.... and we must mention seeing the new prototype Porsche in a pop-up shop!



We were all exhausted on our return to the Island, but it was a fantastic trip!

Ballacrairie Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'



Ballacrairie performed a great class assembly. There were lots of clear voices that told us about their learning and showcased some fantastic sea-themed art. Their own version of 'What Shall We Do to Save Our Planet?', to the tune of 'What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor?' was super - full of great ideas that we can all follow. Thank you!



A further thank you to all the parents that were able to stay and learn with us.



It was lovely to see so many of you engage with the reading activities the children were participating in.

Year 5 To 'Lifepath'

As part of the RE curriculum, our Year 5 pupils recently took part in 'Lifepath', when they spent a day learning about the history of Christianity at Rushen Abbey.



“We enjoyed doing all the different activities, especially the chants and songs. It was interesting to find out how the monks used to live.”

“The silent walk was fun and calming.”

“I thought the fish porridge was disgusting!”

The Flower Festival

Once again Rushen Parish invited us to take part in the annual Flower Festival. The theme this year was 'Beautiful Words'. A group of children from each class created a selection of flowers, were displayed together with some of the beautiful lyrics from some of our favourite assembly songs.



The festival itself has now come to an end but, if you missed the exhibition at the church, our display can now be viewed in the school art gallery.

The Opening of the 'Sir Mark Cavendish Raceway'



What an amazing opportunity it was to attend the recent opening of the raceway at the NSC.

A very exciting morning was spent amongst the crowds of children. Our pupils were excellent role models for others, cheering on the riders, whilst also being polite to those around them.

We managed to get ourselves very close to the 'Manx Missile' himself!

Thank you, Jack, for squeezing through to get his autograph for school! It's now proudly on display amongst our trophy collection!

'Young Engineers'

Further congratulations to Emilie Weckwerth who, having achieved a distinction in the 'Young Engineers' Competition' earlier this term, received her winner's certificate and plaque recently from the Lieutenant Governor.



The Millenium Football Competition

On Saturday 28th June a team of eleven Year 5 and 6 players took part in the Millenium Football tournament at Union Mills' football club.



They played a series of group matches extremely well and were a credit to our school.

We missed out on progressing from the group stages solely on goal difference (by 1 goal only!)



It was a very good morning of football, despite the early wet start!

Our thanks go to both Mr Kelly and Mr Weckwerth for all their hard work supporting us at training on Tuesdays after school.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and support us on the day. This was really appreciated.

Orienteering – Organised by the IOM Orienteering Klubb. Thank you, Mr Higgins!



Barregarrow Class raring to get going around the orienteering course!



Pin punching scorecards and waiting for a turn.

All 230 children took part in the event during the day and had a great time running around finding the different flags.



The winners were all back within 12 minutes of starting, having located all the markers – a fantastic result!

Years 3 and 4 Rock Pooling

On Tuesday 1st July Years 3 and 4 spent the morning on Port Erin beach, where they took part in some fascinating rock pooling, led by Rachel Jarvis from the Manx Wildlife Trust.

They used their collaborating and noticing muscles to find and identify many different sea creatures.



They then used their imagining muscles to create a piece of sand art to link to our theme 'The Blue Abyss'.

"We found some baby crabs under the dry rocks which surprised us all!"



"We used our listening muscle to follow instructions."

"I enjoyed discovering new sea creatures."

Year R Beach Trip

What a difference a day makes!

After initially being rained off, our Reception children managed to go on their trip down to the beach and spend a glorious morning of learning, being creative and having fun.



A great way for them to spend one of the final days of their first school year – which seems to have simply flown by!



Thank you to all the parents who were able to support us on this trip.

At the end of an extremely busy term and another school year we would like to wish good luck to everyone moving on after the summer.

Our very best wishes go to our current Year 6 as they take a new step on their learning journey. We look forward to hearing about all their future ventures!

Message from Mr. Murphy

Dear Families of Rushen - I wanted to drop a quick note to say thank you for welcoming me into the community at Rushen and allowing me to be a part of such an enjoyable year. I've been asked to continue in the role going into next year and look forward to seeing everyone again after the holidays. Have a wonderful summer!

**Thank you for everyone's continued support!
Have a safe and very happy summer everyone!**

From Mr Murphy, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Higgins and all Rushen Staff.



**School will close on Friday 18th July and re-open at
8.50am on Wednesday 3rd September!**