



Rushen Primary School

Newsletter



February 2026

The half term has flown by, with everyone busy and engaged in many different learning experiences. Amongst them....

A Visiting Artist

Mrs Rogerson visited Blackberry Class to teach sketching and watercolour painting techniques. This was a fantastic introduction to the theme of 'Extreme Earth'.



All pupils were fully engaged during her visit, excited about their learning and couldn't wait to put the skills they learned into practice.

Thank you very much to Mrs Rogerson for giving up her time to share her expertise and experience with us.

We have really enjoyed developing our skills since her visit and seeing the results!

Sorrel and White Clover visit to the House of Manannan and Tynwald Hill



Sorrel and White Clover Classes used their imagining muscles while exploring Tynwald Hill, the world's oldest open-air parliament, first created by King Orry.

At the House of Manannan, they used their listening and distilling muscles during three practical workshops.

Firstly, the children learned what life was like living in a Viking longhouse. One child commented: *"I wouldn't want to live in a Viking longhouse. It was very dark and you even had to go outside if you needed the toilet!"*



Secondly, the children explored how wool was turned into blankets and practised wool brushing, yarn twisting and weaving. Many commented that the brushed wool *"Feels so soft"*. Finally, the children practised the Tröllög weave to create a beautiful, thick yarn. This certainly exercised some pupils' keeping-going muscle.



The day was rounded off with a visit to the museum.....



.....where the children compared Celtic roundhouses to Viking longhouses built on the Isle of Man over 1,000 years ago.

The children showed excellent noticing skills as they explored the replica Viking longboat 'Odin's Raven', which recreated the original vessel that journeyed from Norway.

Amazingly, one child was able to share incredible, original photographs of their grandad, who had been a crew member on Odin's Raven. Many of the class excitedly exclaimed, "Here's your grandad's name on the plaque!", making the experience even more special and memorable.



Tag Rugby Festival for Years 2 and 3

The children had a great afternoon playing friendly games at the Tag Rugby Festival and being challenged with a busy schedule.



They showed great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the festival, listening and responding positively to advice, which resulted in improvements across each game. Everyone learned a great deal and had a very enjoyable afternoon!





**★ SAFER INTERNET DAY ★
2025**



**WE DESIGNED POSTERS
INSPIRED BY A VIDEO AND
GROUP DISCUSSION ABOUT
ONLINE SAFETY.**

**WE LEARNED WHY KEEPING PERSONAL
INFORMATION PRIVATE IS SO
IMPORTANT WHEN USING APPS AND
GAMES. AFTERWARDS, WE CREATED A
POSTER SHOWING SAFE WAYS TO USE
VOICE ASSISTANTS SUCH AS ALEXA.**



**WE TALKED ABOUT HOW AI IS USED
AND WHAT FEELS OKAY OR NOT. THEN
WE EXPLORED DIFFERENT SCENARIOS
AND SHARED IDEAS FOR SOLVING EACH
ONE.**



**WE JOINED THE SAFER INTERNET DAY BBC
LIVE SESSION AND EXPLORED THE
POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES OF AI, ALONG
WITH HOW DATA AND INFORMATION ARE
COLLECTED.**



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Blackberry Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'

The 'Blackberry Class News' assembly was full of interesting examples of learning from the past few months. The range of verbal and recorded presentations covering art, science, history, DT, poetry and geography were very engaging.



Thank you to all parents who were able to attend for either the assembly or the 'Stay and Learn' session.

Everyone refreshed their learning on fractions, decimals and percentages whilst playing games and solving problems.



Mobile phones

After half term, if children in KS2 need to bring a mobile phone to school, they will be asked to hand it in to their class teacher at the start of the day. Phones will be stored safely in a locked box in the teacher's cupboard and returned to children at the end of the school day.

The vast majority of children don't require a phone, as school will notify you immediately if there are any issues. We appreciate however, that if your child is walking home from a club, you may prefer them to carry a phone.

This helps us to keep mobile phones safe, supports children's wellbeing, and brings us in line with the systems already in place at Scoill Phurt Le Moirrey.

Thank you for your support with this.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Thursday 5th World Book Day – Come dressed as a book character! Bring along the book and a bottle donation for the Spring Fair

Thursday 12th Bluebell Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Friday 13th Dress Down Day – bring a chocolate donation for the Spring Fair

Thursday 19th Gorse Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Friday 20th Toast and PJ Day – bring a money donation to be shared between school funds and Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th Spring Fair and Easter Bake-Off
(More information to follow after the half term break)

NB. Please contact the office if you are able to help on either the Toast Day or at the Spring Fair, and further details can then be provided.

As always, many thanks in advance for your support - it is always so appreciated!



Have a great half term break!
From everyone at Rushen Primary School