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'Learning and Growing'

Newsletter

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This has been a busy May with lots of visits and events taking place. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our school community for working in partnership with us to encourage and support your children in their learning. We would like to wish you all a wonderful TT holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break.

Tynwald Trip

Year 6 had an engaging morning with MHK Juan Watterson and MHK Dr Michelle Haywood learning about the House of Keys, Legislative Council and Tynwald court. They learnt about the history, how it all works, as well as holding a mock debate exploring whether school holidays should be longer! Voting using the electronic systems was great fun.



Wildlife Park Visit

Bluebell, Sorrel Class and White Clover Classes enjoyed a fantastic day at the Wildlife Park, packed with exciting learning opportunities, teamwork, and fun. The day began with the children exploring the Rainforest Trail, where they discovered fascinating facts about a variety of animals and worked together to complete activities in their booklets, sparking lots of curiosity and discussion along the way. During an engaging vertebrates workshop, they learned how scientists identify predators and prey by studying features such as skulls, teeth, and eye sockets, before exploring the layers of the rainforest and the importance of these environments in an interactive afternoon workshop. The children especially enjoyed role-playing as trees, woodcutters, and rainforest inhabitants to better understand the impact humans can have on rainforests. Another highlight was watching the penguins being fed and observing how quickly they had to react before seagulls and a heron swooped in to steal their food. To finish the day, the children had great fun on the famous bouncy cushion, ending a memorable and enriching visit where all classes represented Rushen Primary School brilliantly.



Planting Rally

On Wednesday 13th May, a group of pupils took part in planting wildflowers within our community. They had a wonderful morning helping to prepare the flower beds and carefully plant the seeds. We are all looking forward to seeing the beautiful display bloom in the coming weeks.



Fushia Class assembly

Fuchsia Class had a fantastic morning celebrating their learning with the whole school and their families. During assembly, the children proudly shared a range of their learning through storytelling and singing, delighting everyone with their enthusiasm and confidence. Afterwards, they enjoyed taking part in a variety of Maths activities in their classroom.





Crucial Crew

On Tuesday 12th May, Year 6 travelled to the Villa Marina in Douglas to meet the Crucial Crew — local agencies that help keep our Island safe. They took part in workshops delivered by St John Ambulance, Isle Listen, the Isle of Man Constabulary, the Fire Brigade and the Coastguard. During the day, they learnt valuable life skills, including how to float in water if they experience cold water shock, how to administer life-saving CPR and use a defibrillator, and how to take control of situations where they may feel peer pressured. Year 6 showed great maturity and enthusiasm throughout the day and came away with skills and knowledge that could one day save lives.



Kwick Cricket

The children had a great time at the cricket tournament on Thursday 14th May. They showed great resilience and sportsmanship, during a long and cold morning. They respected everyone and were great role models for the school.



Dates for your diary

22nd -24th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
22nd June	Netball Festival
25 th June	Daffodil Class Assembly/Stay & Learn 9am – new date
26th June	Port St Mary Golf, Year 6
26th June	Life Path, Year 5
29th June- 2nd July	Cycle Proficiency, Year 5