



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

April 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Our first week back was a very busy week for the school. We were lucky enough to welcome an author and poet, Wes Magee, who led a whole school assembly and then carried out workshops with children in Years 3, 4 and 5, focussed on writing. The children enjoyed meeting Wes and were excited when he joined them for lunch. They also learned several new ways to clap - see if they can show you!

We are continuing to work on our speaking and listening and communication skills as well as developing a 'growth mindset' when tackling challenges in our learning. Our 6Rs and 'Learning Muscles' are important tools to help us learn.

I would like to say well done to all of the children for improved behaviour around school, in assembly and in the classroom - there is a significant improvement. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Ms Owens
Headteacher

What is a Growth Mindset?



The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance.

Studies show that it is people with a growth mindset (as opposed to a fixed mindset) who achieve in life, are successful in all they do and are happy. Of course, this is exactly what we want for all our children.

Leap into Learning

Our Learning Tree R/1S



Leap into Learning RG



At Rushen Primary School we aim to develop children's learning dispositions (the 6Rs) to enable them to become effective learners. Each of these 6Rs has six statements, which support each one. One of these is the focus for our 'Star of the Week' assembly each week.

To help develop these dispositions, we encourage children to develop their 'Learning Muscles'; tools we use to become effective learners. 17 learning muscles have been identified. All our children are encouraged to discuss them, understand them and make use of them when they are learning.

6Rs Learning Dispositions

This half term's 6R focus is 'Relationships':

- ✓ I can work with others, take turns and share ideas/resources.
- ✓ I can respect other people's opinions and not argue.
- ✓ I care about other people and how they feel.
- ✓ I know when to say sorry.
- ✓ I tell the truth.
- ✓ I value friendships and know how to be a good friend.

Knowing what to do...



...when we don't know what to do!

Learning Muscles

1. Reasoning	10. Interdependence
2. Making links	11. Collaborating
3. Managing distractions	12. Imagining
4. Keeping going	13. Planning
5. Noticing	14. Imitating
6. Questioning	15. Absorbing
7. Improving	16. Sourcing
8. Listening	17. Empathy
9. Learning to learn	

Events/Visitors/Competitions

Wes Magee, Author and Poet



We have some Wes Magee books for sale, each signed by the author. The books cost £5 and there is a book suitable for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. If you wish to purchase a book, please send the money to school with your child in a labeled envelope. The books are available on a first come, first served basis.

Inter-Schools Dolphin Gala

Rushen Primary School did really well, coming joint 4th overall. The whole team performed strongly and the children were a great credit to the school. Well done to all of the children who took part! A certificate for each child will be presented in Assembly.

The Guild

Some of our children are taking part in the Guild Competition again this year, and we wish them every success!

Athol park, Port Erin: Commissioners ask for views

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Port Erin Commissioners seeks views on Athol Park Play Area

Port Erin Commissioners has allocated funding for the forthcoming financial year to refurbish the play area located within Athol Park.

The Board is seeking views from both Port Erin residents and users of the play area as to what type of play equipment they would like to see installed in the park and any other suggestions.

The Board would welcome comments on items such as:

- Type and theme of play equipment
- Ages of children to provide for
- Lighting & security measures
- Public conveniences

If you have any comments or ideas, please submit them to the office, via email to info@porterin.gov.im or via the contact form on our website.

Closing date for comments is 5pm on Thursday 5 April 2018.

<http://www.porterin.gov.im/s.n/it.l/id.272/f>

Class 4/5N have responded to Port Erin Commissioners' request for views on how to refurbish the play area in Athol Park, Port Erin. Mrs Newson and Class 4/5N have written letters and designed plans to answer the question. The standard of the letters was excellent. Well done 4/5N!

Skipping Workshops – Thursday 17th May.

‘Skipping Workshops’, who have presented demonstrations in over 8000 school throughout the UK and Europe and have represented the UK in international skipping events, will be demonstrating skipping skills to the whole school. Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness. **After school, there will be a one hour skipping session until 4.30pm, open to children from Year 1 to Year 6 - places are limited to 30 pupils.** If you would like your child to take part in the workshop, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter. The cost of the workshop is £3.50. Gymnastic speed ropes will be on sale at home time (infant/junior ropes cost £4.00 each, the new ‘solar’ ropes cost £5).

School Trips

We have several school trips planned, we will let you know the details closer to the times.

Community Partnerships

Class 3H visited Southlands last week and decorated biscuits with the Southlands residents. We also have several beach cleaning trips scheduled for this term – letters will be sent home nearer the time giving details.

Football Club

If there are any parents available to help run a weekly Boys Football Club after school (3.30 – 4.30pm), please let Mrs Awkal know.

Dinner Money

School dinners this term cost £68.80 for the first half of term (£58.05 for Year 5 pupils attending Venture Centre) or £131.15 for the full term (£120.40 for Year 5 pupils attending Venture Centre). If you have not yet paid dinner money for your child, please would you do so immediately. A new dinner menu is attached to this newsletter.

Fruit/Vegetable Snacks

Children are permitted to bring a morning snack of fruit/veg to school if they wish to. We have noticed that children are snacking on biscuits etc. As part of our focus on healthy eating, we would be grateful if you would ensure that only fruit/vegetables are provided for morning snack.

Term Dates

Year 5 Venture Centre residential trip
M&M Theatrical Productions – Alice in Wonderland
4/5N Class Assembly (parents/carers are invited to attend)
Chris Vine author - railway visit & workshops Years 4 & 5
Skipping Workshops
1/RS Class Assembly (parents/carers are invited to attend)

Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May
Tuesday 1st May
Wednesday 9th May 9.00am
Monday 14th May & Tuesday 15th May
Thursday 17th May
Wednesday 23rd May 9.00am

My child Class Would like to attend the skipping workshop
3.30-4.30pm on Thursday 17 May. I enclose £3.50 in payment.

Signed Date