



# Rushen Primary School Newsletter

June 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy month with a week off for a sunny TT! The island looks fantastic in the sunshine and we have made the most of the good weather by participating in plenty of outdoor learning.

As always, the children have been focused on their learning and there have been many events, trips and visitors.

Thank you once again, for your continued support for our school.

Ms Owens  
Headteacher

## **AceBase playground and all school play equipment**

Parents/carers **MUST** supervise all children using any equipment on the school premises outside of school hours. Unfortunately, there was an injury sustained by a pupil after school. The climbing frames, equipment and playground are not supervised by school staff before or after school and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the safety of their children. Please be careful.

## **Transition**

### **New intake**

Our new starters have continued with their Transition Programme during this last month. One of the particularly enjoyable sessions saw the parents join their children for a school lunch. Our fantastic kitchen staff did a brilliant job as always and everybody enjoyed the occasion.

## **Year 6 – Castle Rushen High School**

A number of transition activities have continued this month with both schools working together to ensure that our Year 6 pupils are ready for Year 7!

“On our recent Year 6 transition trips to Castle Rushen we used sewing needles and were let loose with saws! We made key rings and Chinese puzzles with them. We met some of our future teachers and collaborated to create our masterpieces.

On our second transition trip, we experienced Art and Drama. In these lessons we created a unique fairy tale and designed our own shoe to look like Hunter Vassar's work! We had a great time and we're looking forward to Year 7." (Year 6 pupil)



## Sports, competitions and events

### Year of Our Island – Garden at St John's

A group of our children took part in designing and creating a garden at St John's. This project was based on the 'Year of Our Island'. The plot was provided for us and it was up to us to create a design of our choice. Well done to everybody involved and to Mrs Daniel who has worked hard to make this happen. Please head up to St Johns and have a look at the school gardens.



## Sports Day

Sports Day is on Monday 2nd July. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy this annual event on the field with their child. KS2 children will start at 9:15am where the children will participate in fun team games, followed by formal races. KS1 and Reception classes will start at 1:15pm and will follow the same format as the morning sessions. Playtimes and lunchtimes will happen as usual. Please ensure that children are dressed in sports kit and that they are protected from the sun. Please send a water bottle in for your child. These can be filled as usual from the water fountains. Please also see the advice below:



## School Trips

Some of our Year 5 children have been to Rushen Abbey to celebrate Manx Heritage and to find out about the history of the Abbey and the monks who lived there.

"Today Year 5 went on a trip called Life Path at Rushen Abbey. It was amazing! For the day, Rushen Primary School were called 'Trekkers'. All of the groups had to learn a chant about travelling through time. My favourite part was seeing how life has changed through the years. In 1707, people actually spoke Manx fluently and someone had to translate the language. I would rate this trip as 10/10 because it was funny and obviously amazing! Our guides were Kaitlyn and Natalie. They were the best guides ever. Again, this trip was great fun! We did calligraphy, which was great fun and traced what means a lot to you. At the end, I passed the Monks' test because I stayed quiet the whole way." (Year 5 pupil).



(Rushen Abbey)



## Rushen Primary School has signed the Biosphere Isle of Man Pledge

<https://www.biosphere.im/>

### PLASTIC FREE JULY CHALLENGE!

At Rushen Primary School we are challenging our pupils and families to the 'PLASTIC FREE JULY CHALLENGE!' as part of the Isle of Man UNESCO Biosphere project. The challenge asks pupils if they can manage to give up single use plastics for the month. This includes plastic bags, plastic bottles and plastic straws. If students are particularly ambitious, they may even manage the whole of July without the use of plastic at all! Is this even possible? We would love to find out!



The pupils have attended an assembly about the single use plastics and the 3Rs.

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

We have talked about the effects that single use plastic is having on the environment and the importance of recycling. This is a great project to get involved with. Currently 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans every year.

We are also running a competition and would like the students to get involved and come up with their own Eco plastic superhero poster. There will be a winner from KS1 and KS2.

The closing date is Monday 16th July.

Miss Miller

### Community Partnerships

#### Rushen Primary School to adopt Port Erin Beach

Rushen Primary School is planning to officially adopt Port Erin beach in a **plaque giving ceremony** followed by fun on the beach. Unfortunately, our plans to hold this ceremony before the end of term have been thwarted by the tide! As a consequence we are delaying this event until September-a little disappointing but necessary.

The school already works closely with the 'Beach Buddies' to assist in keeping the beach clean and



tidy. The beach is used by the whole community and by children and families of Rushen Primary School, and as such we wanted to show our commitment to the beach. We are planning even more events next academic year at the beach in collaboration with Port Erin Commissioners, local groups and businesses. We also plan to use the beach to support our curriculum and will be spending time there learning about science and maths as well as art and English, to name but a few.

## Class Assemblies

This month RG have presented their class assembly to the whole school and the parents and families. We would like to congratulate the children and thank all of the teachers involved for their efforts.



RG based their Class Assembly on their cross curricula topic of 'Space'. It was a wonderful assembly, the first for some of the children. They did extremely well, demonstrating the excellent progress they have made with their speaking and literacy this year. We are very proud of them! We have a whole class of budding astronauts and we will be contacting the organisers of the Manx Space Programme to let them know!



## Dinner Money

It is a requirement that dinner money is paid in advance. There are several families who currently have outstanding dinner debts, please clear any debts immediately.

**Free School Meal Forms** have been sent home to all children currently receiving free meals. If you believe your child will be entitled to receive free meals from September 2018, please complete a form and send it to the Department of Education, Sport and Culture or complete an application online at <https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-application-form>. Children will not be eligible to receive free meals in September unless an application has been submitted and processed before the start of the new term.

## **Term Dates**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day KS2 am, KS1 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Days CRHS
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tynwald Day – school closed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 UK Trip
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 5H Survival Skills Trip
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	RG Beach Buddies Litter Pick pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.00pm – parents/carers invited
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the summer holiday at 3.30pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**      **School opens for the Autumn Term at 8.45am**

A calendar of school holiday dates for the academic years 2018 – 2021 is attached to this newsletter.