



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

July 2018



Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that a whole academic year has passed since I took up my post as Headteacher of Rushen Primary School.

I would like to thank the children who have welcomed me to the school and made sure that I learned about how their school works. The children are a credit to the families in our community and to the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and about their interests and experiences. I have seen that the children have learned so much this year and are becoming happy, independent and confident learners. We are so proud of them!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the school during the last year. I have received many messages of support and appreciation that I have passed on to the staff.

I would also like to thank the wonderful staff of the school who have welcomed me and included me as part of their team. I have seen inspiring teaching, had many discussions about what excellent schools look like and how we can move an already great school to even better. The positivity of the staff and their commitment to the children has impressed me greatly. The School Governors have also worked hard to support the school and myself and to offer advice where necessary - thank you on behalf of all the parents, children and staff of RPS.

There have been a great number of achievements this year. Our children have been inspired and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning. They have been involved in choosing their topics and themes and the teachers have spent time planning creative and motivating learning opportunities including the theme of Space (where the children were lucky enough to get the opportunity to sit in a space capsule that had actually been into space!), Knights, Dragons and Castles, Abracadabra, Spy Kids, Survivor and many, many more. The children have been using their 6Rs and learning muscles to build up their 'learning toolkit' and this will ensure that our children become life-long learners who will achieve future success. Thank you to all parents and carers who volunteered to accompany our children on local and residential trips, which could not have gone ahead without your support.

The children have taken part in many island competitions where they have represented the school and made us proud! These have included the Manx Competitive Music, Speech and Dance Festival (The Guild), netball, football, fell running, badminton, 100 years of the RAF competition and many more.

We have made the most of celebrating 'Everything Manx' from celebrating Hop tu naa, learning Manx dancing and inviting many local music performers into school as well as years 4, 5 and 6 learning to speak Manx. We have also taken part in the 'Year of Our Island' by designing and planting a garden at St John's. Rushen Primary School has also signed up to the 'Biosphere Pledge' as part of the island being designated as a UNESCO world biosphere region. As

part of this pledge we have planned to 'adopt' Port Erin beach and continue our close work with Port Erin Commissioners and the Beach Buddies.

What a wonderful year!



We also wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future starting with their move to CRHS.

On behalf of the Rushen Primary School staff, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

For those returning in September, I will see you all at **8.45am on Wednesday 5th September 2018**. I look forward to seeing our pupils in their smart uniform, ready for the challenges of a new academic year.

Ms Owens

Headteacher

Transition

New intake

A meeting was held for parents and carers of our new intake after school on Wednesday 4th July. This was extremely well attended and was very informative. Thank you to our Early Years Foundation Stage leader, Mrs Shaw and Reception class teacher, Mrs Griffiths.

Sports Day

Sports Day was a resounding success! The weather was glorious and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends there to support the children. The children participated in fun team games, followed by formal races.



Rushen Primary School has signed the Biosphere Isle of Man Pledge

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

REMINDER!

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.

Miss Miller

Class Assemblies

This month 3S 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.



3S based their Class Assembly on their cross curricula topic of 'Countries around the world'. It was a wonderful assembly, enjoyed by the whole school. They did extremely well and we are very proud of them!



Residential Trip

A group of Y6 children returned safely from their residential trip to Liverpool and Birmingham. A fun and enjoyable time was had by all!

We received many comments about how well behaved and polite our children were.



Dinner Money

School meals are payable weekly, half termly or termly in advance. The cost of school meals for next term will be:

£11.25 per 5 day week (£6.75 for the first week of term – 3 days)

£85.50 for the first half of term

£164.25 for the full term

Cheques made payable to Isle of Man Government or cash only please, to be brought to school on the first day of term.

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.

Uniform

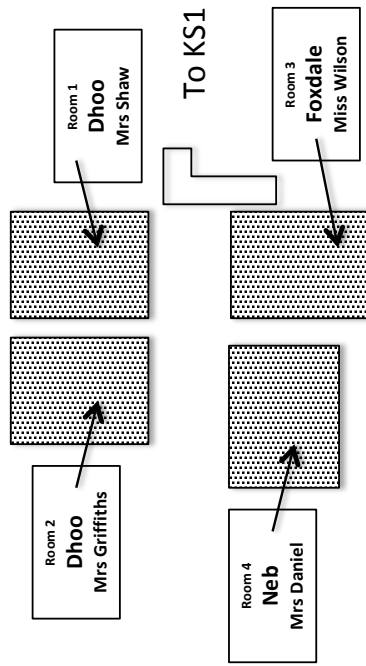
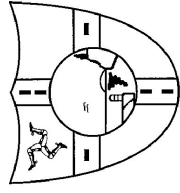
Please ensure that the children come to school in full uniform in September.

Please note:

- ✓ School shoes – trainers are not allowed except as a change of footwear for playing on the field
- ✓ Skirts should be knee length
- ✓ Children need to bring a waterproof coat every day

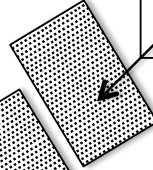
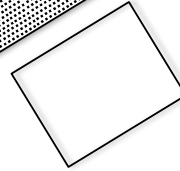
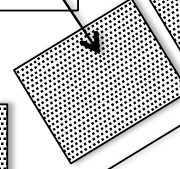
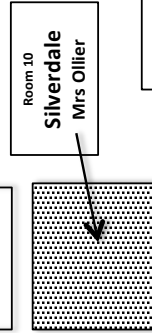
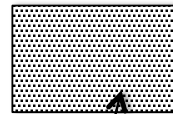
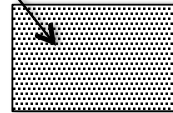
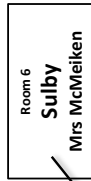
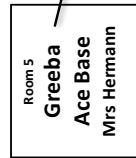
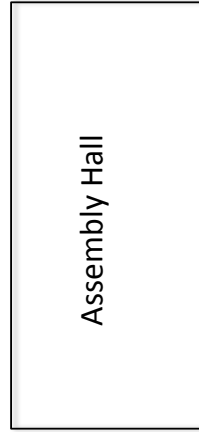
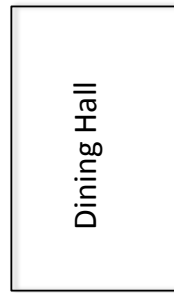
**Wednesday 5th September School opens for the Autumn Term at
8.45am**

Rushen Primary School Classrooms 2018 - 2019



Playground

To KS2



Main Entrance

Staff Car Park

Car Park

To KS1