



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

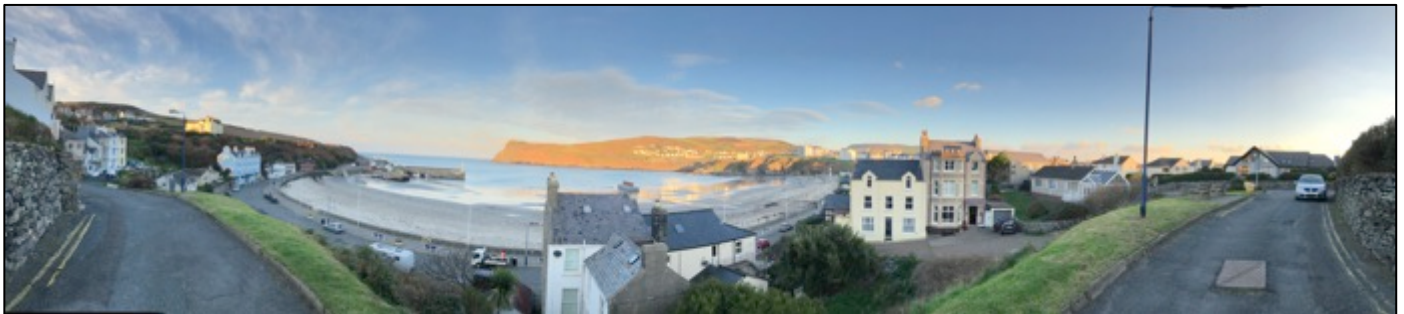
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14.12.18 The calm before the storm...



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the first term. It has been a fantastic start to the new school year with many exciting events, visits, visitors, community events and performances taking place. A definite highlight of this term has been the work we have done to mark the centenary of the end of World War I. All children were involved in the preparations for Remembrance Day, culminating in the school's 'Beach Poppy'. The children also received a Remembrance coin from the Manx Government, presented to each child by our local MHKs, and the whole of KS2 has been focusing on their theme of World War I. This theme has engaged and inspired the children and the learning opportunities have been many. Children have improved their writing, art and research skills as well as using **their Learning Muscles including collaborating, independence, reasoning, absorbing, making links and imagining**. Thank you for your support and the work you have done at home linked to this topic, as school and parent collaboration is crucial to the children's continued success with their learning.

The KS1 Christmas Performance, KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and Pop Up Museums have been a resounding success. Thank you for so many positive comments, emails, feedback and congratulations, which have been passed on to the children and staff, who have worked tirelessly to make the celebrations and performances the best they could be. Many of you commented on the excellent behaviour of the children and there have been many kind words about the work of the staff of the school and I would like to thank you on their behalf.

We still have parties and the Y5/6 disco, as well as Christmas lunch on 'Christmas Jumper and Cracker Day!' to look forward this Friday. I hope that you all have a lovely family Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in January, ready for our next term of learning.

Ms Owens, Headteacher

The Great Rushen Bake Off!

Thank you to all of those families who supported the 'Great Rushen Bake Off!' We really appreciated all of the donations and the effort that families went to, baking together to produce yummy cakes and fantastic 'showstoppers'. Thank you also for buying the cakes and to the 'celebrity' judges who had a very difficult job!

And.... the winners are:

3rd Place – Father Christmas in A Sauna (the Collister family)

2nd Place – Hot Chocolate Christmas Cake (the Smith family)

1st Place – The Father Christmas Boot Cake (the Mills family)

The amount raised was £468.65 which will be donated to Kidney Research UK.





1st



2nd



3rd

Christmas Performances

KS1



KS2

Pop Up Museums





Performance



One of the highlights of the KS2 performance was an atmospheric performance of 'Silent Night' in English and German, after the reading of a poem about the Christmas Day cease fire between the English and German soldiers. Sent shivers down the spine! Well done children.

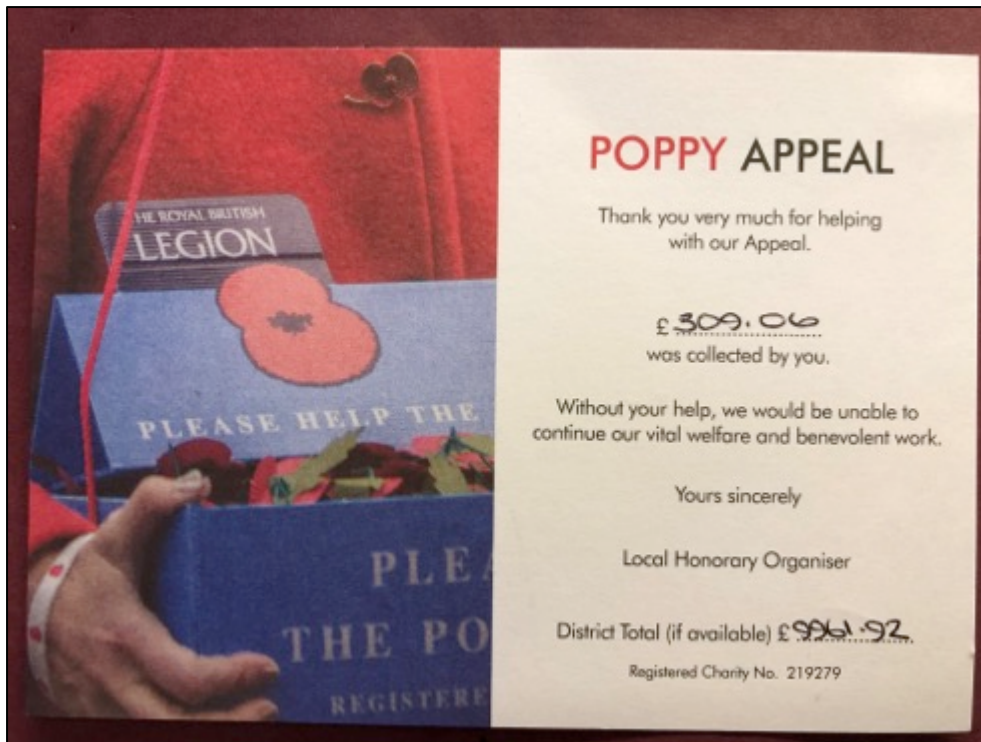
WWI Medicine and Injuries Lesson

'On Thursday 13th of December, classes Bradda and Barrule had a lesson together on the injuries and treatment from WWI. We learnt about the injuries the soldiers often had and how to bandage deep cuts. Spanish flu spread through the land at the end of WWI and killed more people than the conflict killed. It was highly contagious and the only cure was fluids and rest. Deep cuts were common in WWI, though they were mostly gunshot wounds. If there was a bullet in the wound, then you didn't take it out; you would leave that to the doctors at the hospital. You would always double bandage if you could. In the case of a gas attack, then you would clean their eyes out with castor oil. You made sure you moved away from the tear ducts, so you didn't get more gas particles in your eye. And finally, always sterilise! Infection killed more people than their actual wounds.'



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal. See below the amount of money raised by Rushen Primary School to add to the impressive total collected in the local community. Thank you!



Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Kinley, who has been working across the school and in our Unit (Ace Base/Greeba), good luck with her next challenge. We are sad to see her go, but wish her all the best.

We would also like to thank Mrs Buttery who has worked as a Senior Education Support Officer in Ace Base for many years, even before the Unit moved from Arbory School to RPS 6 years ago. She has worked with children in the Unit for almost 18 years. Thank you for your hard work and long-term commitment to the Unit and the school.

Joining our school in January will be our new teacher, Miss Smiley, who will join our Middle Leadership Team and will teach classes across the school. She is an experienced teacher who joins us from Scoill yn Jubilee and we would like to welcome her to Rushen Primary School.

Miss Garrett will remain with us for the next two terms. She has done a brilliant job with Groudle Class and will continue with this class in the Spring and Summer terms.

School Dinners

School dinners may be paid for weekly, half termly or termly in advance. A new dinner menu is attached to this newsletter for your information. The cost of school meals for next term will be:

£11.25 weekly, to be paid each Monday morning or

£67.50 for the first half of term (7th January – 15th February, 2019) or

£135.00 for the full term (7th January – 5th April, 2019)

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

Christmas Run

14 pupils turned up to brave the very chilly wind and wore Santa hats, a Christmas tree and Rudolf outfits! Two pupils in Year 6, Harry and Tom, set up the course each week. We start with stretches and then have a good run. Lots of children continue to turn up to the club every week and I am super proud of them all. Well done! *Miss Miller*



For Your Information

YOUNG MINDS

Getting ready for Christmas - Young Minds Christmas is not always exciting for everyone, for all kinds of reasons. The mental health charity, Young Minds, has a range of resources to help with what can be a difficult time of year.

Well-being advent Calendar <https://youngminds.org.uk/media/2785/advent-calendar.pdf>

What to look out for in your pupils at Christmas time <https://youngminds.org.uk/media/2784/what-to-look-out-for-in-your-pupils.pdf>

Young Minds Christmas Cards (which recognise that it may not be Merry for everyone) <https://youngminds.org.uk/shop/youngminds-christmas-cards/c-23/p-292/>

GAMING

The links below provide some information on online gaming and safer Internet access. We hope these links will be helpful as we have been experiencing some issues in school, particularly centered

around the online game, 'Fortnite' played at home. Children have been teasing each other and falling out.

<https://pegi.info/>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

Community Partnerships Beach Clean



Our Reception children wrapped up warm to take part in their very first local litter pick, in support of Beach Buddies. They really enjoyed their afternoon and were proud of being able to collect small pieces of plastic on Port Erin beach. The children have been learning that this makes a big difference to local wildlife. There was great effort and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to a return visit. Thank you to all the parents who supported us. *Mrs Shaw*

Friday 21st December 2018. *If pupils would like to, they may wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their school sweatshirt on the last day of term. Pupils are also welcome to bring a Christmas Cracker to school for lunchtime that day.*

**School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 21st December for the Christmas Holiday.
School re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019.**



Early morning sky, Thursday 13th December 2018

**All the staff at Rushen Primary School wish you a very
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!**

