



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year holiday. The children returned to school ready to learn and look very smart in their uniforms.

KS2 have started learning about the Victorians this term while our EYFS and Ace Base will be focusing on 'People who help us', followed by 'Animals and Plants' and the KS1 theme is about 'Toys'. The teachers have been working to plan and prepare engaging and creative lessons, in collaboration with the children.

Ms Owens, Headteacher

6Rs

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

- ❖ I keep going until I find the answer to a question.
- ❖ I like to hear what people say about the things I have done.
- ❖ I find other people's advice helpful and useful.
- ❖ If I cannot work out how to do something one way, I'll try a different idea.
- ❖ I am prepared to take risks.
- ❖ I learn from my mistakes.

School Council

Over the last few weeks children have been preparing posters and speeches to share with their classmates, to persuade them to vote and elect them as a School Councillor. We undertook an election through secret ballots. Yesterday, we announced the successful candidates in a special whole school assembly.



Uniform

Thank you for the children's smart uniforms. Please ensure that the children are wearing their black school shoes as many children are wearing trainers.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Smiley to our school, who has joined us from Scoill Yn Jubilee and Mr Moultrie who will be with us for two days a week.

Congratulations Mrs Bousfield!

Mrs Bousfield will be taking Maternity leave after the Easter holidays and Miss Smiley will be taking over in Bradda Class.

Newsletters and School/Home Communication - Reminder

Just a reminder that we have communicated with parents in a variety of ways this academic year. Newsletters are sent home each month with a comprehensive list of issues, information and visits etc. We will only send a Newsletter when we have enough information to include. This means the Newsletter could be sent any time during each month and this cuts down on unnecessary letters, although we will send supplementary letters if required. Thank you again for the continued positive feedback regarding the Newsletters, which are a lovely record of what the children have learned and experienced. There have been many opportunities to attend events at school, including performances, assemblies and parents' meetings. Don't forget that Thursday mornings are available for parent appointments to see the class teacher. If you need to speak to the class teacher (who is the first contact) and are unable to meet after school, please telephone and leave a message and teachers will get back to you.

Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners is £67.50 until half term or £135.00 until the Easter holidays. Dinner money is payable to the Isle of Man Government and must be paid for in advance. **There are several families who have not yet paid dinner money this term, it is important that this is brought to school immediately.**

Events/Visitors

Colby Class

Colby Class have started their science topic linked to 'sound' and Miss Irving invited her sister into school to help launch the theme. She currently plays drums and percussion along with other instruments, at the London College of Music. The workshop with the class was based on drums and sound. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were very impressed with the drumming!





Junior Achievement Year 6

Junior Achievement visited Y6 earlier this half term and the children enjoyed many practical activities learning about how Britain trades with the rest of the world. The children said that they enjoyed the session and they learned a lot. One child said, 'I learned the words importing and exporting'.



People Who Help us – EYFS

The children in Dhoo Classes have welcomed into school some of the people who help us. This has included Mrs Awkal (School Administrator), Mrs Bowes (School Crossing Patrol), Mrs Hampton (School Nurse), Mr Corlett (Caretaker), Mrs Williams-Stewart (representing the local Vet) and Mr and Mrs Gill (St Johns Ambulance).

The children also went on a trip to the Airport Fire Station and the Southern Sorting Office (Post Office).

Manx Youth Games 2019

<https://msr.gov.im/facilities/sports-development-unit/manx-youth-games/>

The Manx Youth Games supported by HSBC is the biggest multi-sport event for children on the Isle of Man which attracts over 1000 participants in 13 different sports. It is open to children in school Year 2 - 10. The Manx Youth Games event itself is held in May



each year but weekly training sessions also take place around the Island in preparation for the event from January.

TRAINING SESSIONS

This year the training sessions will commence on Monday 21st January and the event itself will take place on Saturday 18th May 2019. Training sessions in 13 different sports take place every week in all 5 regions of the Island (North, South, East South, East North, and West) so there are plenty of opportunities for children to get involved in sport.

After all the hard work and effort put into the weekly training sessions, children come together on the day of the Manx Youth Games to put their new skills into action against teams from the other regions of the Island.

Community Partnerships

We have four dates booked in our diary for classes to go to the beach and participate in a litter picking session.

Our partnership with Southlands will continue and the children will be visiting and working alongside the residents.

Mannin Sepsis

We are planning a non-uniform day to raise money for a local charity, Mannin Sepsis. A parent approached us and asked if we could raise money for this worthy local cause. Since then, several other parents have told me about how this has affected many people they know.



We will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 8th February where we will all dress in orange (or yellow or a combination of both!). Please send in £1 per child or a donation.

Playtime/PE Kit Reminder

- Please provide a pair of trainers/outdoor shoes that children can change into during playtimes. School shoes must be worn for the rest of the school day inside the school building.
- Children should always have a PE kit in school that they can take home each Friday for washing if required. This allows for flexibility in the class timetables.

Car Parking, Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you to those parents who have helped by leaving the car park at the front of the school clear. However, we are starting to have a few issues and this is affecting access for the several minibuses and vans etc., that visit the school daily. Please do not use the front car park as the congestion is affecting safety. Please do not park in the Ace Base car park.

Term Dates

Barrule Class Litter Pick	Wednesday 6 February 1:05pm
Sulby Class Assembly	Thursday 7 February 9.00am Parents/Guardians are very welcome to attend.
Mannin Sepsis 'Dress In Orange Day'	Friday 8 February
Half Term	Monday 18 – Friday 22 February inclusive
Colby Class Beach Litter Pick	Thursday 28 February 1.05pm
Bradda Class Assembly	Thursday 7 March 9.00am Parents/Guardians are very welcome to attend.
Foxdale Class Beach Litter Pick	Wednesday 13 March 1.05pm
Neb Class Assembly	Thursday 14 March 9.00am Parents/Guardians are very welcome to attend.
Colby Class Assembly	Thursday 4 April 9.00am Parents/Guardians are very welcome to attend.
School closed for the Easter Holiday	Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April inclusive.

***School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 15th February for the half term holiday.
School re-opens on Monday 25th February 2019.***