



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



March 2019



*Reminder – School Closes on **Friday 5th April at 15.30** for the Easter Holiday, returning on **TUESDAY 23rd April (after the Bank Holiday)***

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy month as always with many events, visitors, school trips and visits. Thank you to all parents, carers, friends, family and members of the local community for supporting our school and for contributing to the fund raising events that we have recently undertaken.

I would also like to thank families for all your efforts with dressing up to raise the profile of reading on World Book Day. Although this takes some effort, the children gain so much from the day and there is a lovely atmosphere in school.

Ms Owens
Headteacher

6Rs

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

- ✓ I know how to get help when I need it.
- ✓ I can ask different questions.
- ✓ I can choose what I need to complete a task.
- ✓ I have lots of my own ideas.
- ✓ I try to solve problems independently before asking for help.
- ✓ I am willing to learn and try new things.

School Improvement - Speaking and Listening focus update

We continue with our efforts to improve the children's speaking and listening as this is the key for all learning. If they can say it, they can write it! Please continue to encourage your children to talk at length, without interruption. I do sympathise however, if when you ask your child, 'What did you learn today?', they might reply with something along the lines of, 'I can't remember', or alternatively, 'nothing'! Please trust that the children are busy learning all day and it may take some directed questions in order to get a response. The best

times for conversations are when you are out and about or on a visit. We appreciate being able to work in partnership with you on this theme.



During our Thursday assemblies we have been talking about 'What we do around here'. This is how we 'live' the school vision on a day-to-day basis. It is what makes our school special. Here, you can see the children talking to their learning partner ready to feed back ideas.

School Council

The School Council have been meeting and have set up a consultation with all pupils to find out about how they would like to improve our school. The children have been adding ideas to the boards in the Dining Room, focused on different areas/events during the school day.

Parents' Meetings

This term's Parents' Meetings were a success. It was wonderful to see such a large percentage of parents attend. We value our home-school partnerships and the school is committed to working with parents and carers to support children's learning. Many parents are taking advantage of the Thursday morning sessions and parents are welcome to contact the class teacher any time to discuss any issues.

Staffing

Mrs Bousfield will be going on her maternity leave on the second week after the Easter break. We wish her well. Miss Smiley will be taking Bradda Class for the rest of the summer term.

Events/Visitors/Competitions

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our Early Years staff have continued to work closely with our pre-school feeder schools and continue to visit and work alongside the staff at those schools. We have a full range of events planned to support transition and the new pupils joining our school.

World Book Day

World Book Day was a great success! Thank you to all families who made such an effort to celebrate books and reading. We particularly enjoyed looking at the photographs of 'You Can Read Anywhere!' - thank you to those who sent in photographs. One winner won a £10 book token and two winners both won a £5 book token for 2nd and 3rd place.

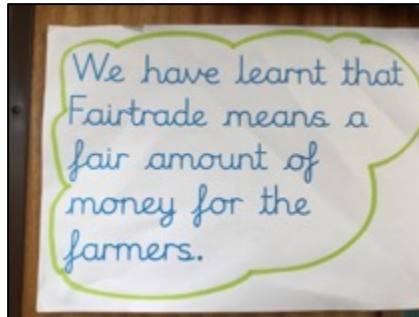




Fairtrade Fortnight

The children have been learning about Fairtrade in order to raise awareness of what it is and how we can all support it. Have a look at some of their displays...





Red Nose Day 2019 - Friday 15th March



★ Pupils came to school wearing red and some wore their red noses.

★ Thank you for the £1 (or more) donations which will be sent to Comic Relief from Rushen Primary School.

Cross Country Competition

On Thursday 28th March, *Rushen Runners* joined 28 other primary schools at Nobles Park to take part in the School Cross Country Competition. They were all very well behaved and very supportive of their team members and other runners during the event. All did their very best on a long course and we were very proud of them. *Mrs Higgins*

Thank you to Miss Miller who supervises the Club and to Mrs Higgins for accompanying the children on the day.



Class Assemblies

This month saw Class Assemblies for Bradda and Neb classes. Both were fantastic and the Parents/Carers, family and friends who attended were rightly impressed by the children's performances. They were all confident and both classes had obviously learned a great deal. Neb Class finished with a fantastic song, which the whole school then joined in with – 'You've Got a Friend in Me'. Bradda delivered a very funny and informative assembly based on their theme of 'The Victorians'. Well done both classes – we are very proud of you! (Parents of Bradda Class were very lucky to also see the World Book Day costumes as the assembly coincided with World Book Day, which is why Spiderman seems to be in the audience!).



Clubs

Dinner Money

School dinners next term cost £51.75 for the first half of term (£40.50 for Year 5 pupils attending Venture Centre) or £117.00 for the full term (£105.75 for Year 5 pupils attending Venture Centre or £110.25 for Year 6 attending the UK trip). Dinner money is payable on the first day of term, either in cash or by cheque made payable to Isle of Man Government.

Local Events



Hug a slug Monday 8 April
2 - 3.30pm Kink Braddan Church Hall
Cost £5 per child

This event is aimed at 5

11 year olds. All children to be accompanied by a

responsible adult please.

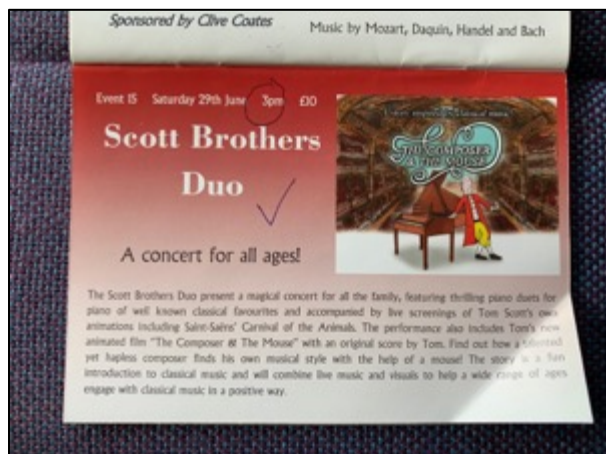
Love them or hate them, they are fascinating creatures and much maligned!

Not all of them are heading for your garden plants some do a great job at

eating away at the rotting plant matter. Come and find out how to recognise some of them, go on a slug hunt and look at them up close. We will even be making some sticky slime to take home. Be prepared to get messy!
Book via Eventbrite, see our facebook page for details



One of our Voluntary Readers has passed information about this event to us and asked me to let you all know.



Wednesday 3rd April

Thursday 4th April

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Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May

Tuesday 30th April

Puppet Workshop

Colby Class Assembly 9.00 Parents/Carers welcome to attend.

Musicians to visit from Shennaghys Jiu Festival

Year 5 Visit to Venture Centre

M&M Productions The Hobbit + Workshop for Yr 6

School closes for the Easter Holiday

School opens for the Summer Term

Friday 5th April 3.30pm

Tuesday 23rd April 8.45am