



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

April 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the good weather. We were lucky enough to welcome David Watterson, who works in schools with puppets, before the Easter break. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit and the assembly included much laughing, particularly during the chasing of Little Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf and the Dragon! I hope the children told you all about it!

I would just like to thank all staff who volunteer to run clubs at breaks, lunchtimes and after school. There is a wide range of choice. Also thanks to staff who accompany children outside of school hours and to a number of parents who also lead clubs. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Ms Owens
Headteacher

What is a Growth Mindset?

The term 'growth mindset' refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance.

Studies show that it is people with a growth mindset (as opposed to a fixed mindset) who achieve in life, are successful in all they do and are happy.

6R Learning Dispositions

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

- ✓ I can work with others, take turns and share ideas/resources.
 - ✓ I can respect other people's opinions and not argue.
 - ✓ I care about other people and how they feel.
 - ✓ I know when to say sorry.
 - ✓ I tell the truth.
- ✓ I value friendships and know how to be a good friend.

Learning Muscles

1. Reasoning	10. Interdependence
2. Making links	11. Collaborating
3. Managing distractions	12. Imagining
4. Keeping going	13. Planning
5. Noticing	14. Imitating
6. Questioning	15. Absorbing
7. Improving	16. Sourcing
8. Listening	17. Empathy
9. Learning to learn	

Events/Visitors/Competitions

David Watterson, Puppeteer.

David led a half hour assembly and then worked with each class. The children told stories with puppets.



Knowing what to do...



...when we don't know what to do!

"My favourite part was when Granny went up in the air"

"My favourite part was when the Year 6s were running away with their puppets"

"My favourite part was... the whole thing! It was just so funny"

In Foxdale Class, the children enjoyed learning the story of the Pied Piper and how to use a hand puppet. They now understand that the gentlemen was talking for the puppet and that puppets aren't alive!

The children said:

"He was really funny and the puppets were really fun to use."

"I really liked the long tail puppet, wish I could take it home."

"I didn't know rats were called 'long tails' in the IOM!"

Netball

We had a very successful afternoon on 1st April - the first team won their match and although the second team lost, as we had provided two, and at times three, of our players to the Arbory team, we can definitely say that that was to their advantage! More importantly, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who supported our team on the day.



The Guild

Some of our children are taking part in the Guild Competition again this year, and we wish them every success!

Skipping Workshops – Thursday 15th May

'Skipping Workshops', who have presented demonstrations in over 8000 school throughout the UK and Europe and have represented the UK in international skipping events, will be demonstrating skipping skills to the whole school. Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness.

After school, there will be a one hour skipping session until 4.30pm, open to children from Year 1 to Year 6 - places are limited to 30 pupils. If you would like your child to take part in the workshop, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter. The cost of the workshop is £3.50. Gymnastic speed ropes will be on sale at home time in the Sports Hall (infant/junior ropes cost £4.00 each, the new 'solar' ropes cost £5).

School Trips

We have several school trips planned during the next term. We will let you know the details closer to the times.

Victorian School House, Castletown

Groudle



Colby



Silverdale



Community Partnerships

Sulby class enjoyed building our 'community links' when they visited the residents of Southlands. The children decorated pots, planted different seeds and enjoyed talking to the residents.



Class Assemblies



Colby Class performed a fantastic class assembly...and a special mention to the pianist - well done Colby Class!

Visitors

Sulby class have really enjoyed learning about wheels and axles. Especially the opportune visit to see the wheels and axles of the visiting tractor that was cutting the grass on the field.



Celtic Musicians from the Shennaghys Jiu Festival, Ramsey

The group of musicians who visited us last year, came again to perform in Assembly. We very much enjoyed their visit.



Fun Run by the Rushen Runners

We did a fun run as all of the runners have been putting so much effort into their practising over the past few months.



Health

Eye infections and sickness viruses seem to be rife at the moment. Please act swiftly and treat your child if you have concerns about any infection. Children who have vomited must remain off school for 48 hours after they are last ill. If your child contracts conjunctivitis we would ask that you keep them at home until they have been treated and their eyes are no longer itchy/weeping. Conjunctivitis is highly contagious, particularly in a school environment and has been spreading rapidly amongst pupils and staff.

Dinner Money

School dinners this 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 pupils attending the UK trip). Dinner money is payable in cash or by cheque made payable to Isle of Man Government. If you have not yet paid dinner money for this term, please could you do so immediately.

Term Dates

Year 5 Venture Centre residential trip	Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May
Skipping Workshops	Wednesday 15 th May
Foxdale Class Assembly	Thursday 16 th May 9am. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

School Clubs

Please note: Clubs are introduced in assemblies and, following this, teachers in KS1 talk through club options with their classes. KS2 pupils are able to decide independently about whether they wish to attend a club. Places for clubs are limited and pupils are chosen on a first come, first served basis. Pupils may be added to a 'reserve' list.

Circuit Training (Running)	Monday lunchtimes 12.05 - alternate weeks Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6
Badminton Club	Monday lunchtimes Years 5 & 6
Craft Club	Mondays after school <u>until half term</u> . Reception, Year 1, Year 2 (currently full)
Netball Club	Mondays after school Years 4, 5, 6
Girls Football Club	Tuesdays after school Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Choir	Wednesday lunchtimes Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Basketball/Rounders	Thursday lunchtimes Years 4, 5, 6
Rushen Runners	Thursday lunchtimes Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Art Club	Friday lunchtimes alternate weeks Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6
Dance Club	Friday lunchtimes Reception, Years 1, 2
Boys Football Club	Fridays after school Years 5 & 6
Gardening Club	Lunchtime (day to be announced)
Agricultural Art Board Competition	Lunchtime (day to be announced) Year 3

My child Class Would like to attend the Skipping Workshop
3.30pm - 4.30pm on Wednesday 15th May. I enclose £3.50 in payment.

Signed Date