



Rushen Primary School Newsletter



December 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final Newsletter of the first term. It has been another wonderful term with many exciting events, visits, visitors, community events and performances - as the Newsletters show, we have been very busy!

The KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performances were 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. I would like to thank the audiences who were so generous with their applause and recognition of the children and of the teachers' efforts and for your support with learning lines and costumes etc. - thank you.

The parties have been enjoyed by the children (these allowed year groups the opportunity to spend time together). The Y5/6 Disco was a lot of fun - see below for further details! 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 2019!





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

I would also like to thank the 'Friends of Rushen School' who worked with school to plan, organise and ensure the sale was a success. Thank you to both parents and staff who volunteered. Many stayed and helped to clean and tidy up afterwards (there seemed to be quite a lot of crumbs!).

And.... the winners are:

- 3rd Place – Ellie and Maya O
- 2nd Place – Eli D
- 1st Place – Greya and Ewan M



The amount raised was £377.46 which will be used to support projects, visits etc. for the children.





Christmas at RPS

We decided to buy a taller Christmas Tree this year because the Big Hall is so big! Some of the children helped to decorate the tree and hang the baubles.



Christmas Performances

All of our Christmas Performances were very well attended. Thank you so much to all parents, carers, grandparents, family members and friends who came. The children did so well! They helped to plan the performances, learned their lines and dances and contributed to costumes. The singing was superb!

KS1



KS2



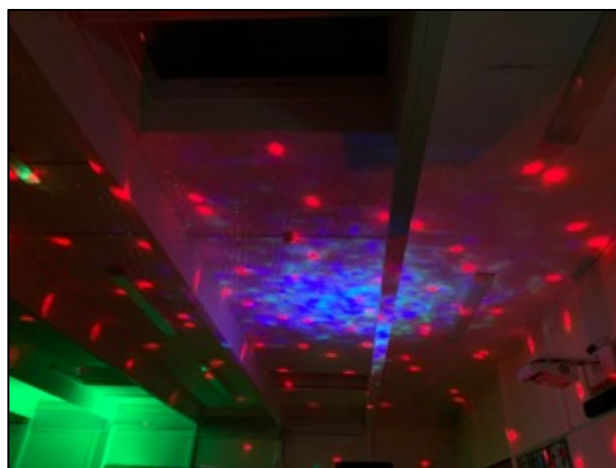
Parties and School Disco

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their parties, which were held this week. We organized these in year groups so that the children would take part and be able to enjoy the time together.

They danced, played games and ate snacks!

Disco

The Year 5/6 Disco was a resounding success! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the evening immensely. They danced and ate snacks... we discovered that many of the children are wonderful dancers and definitely have rhythm! Earlier in the day some had even practiced the Macarena in preparation! Thank you again to so many staff who gave up their time after school – the teachers enjoyed dancing and working out dance routines which they performed on the dance floor! Unfortunately, we do not have any photographs of them ;-) A final thanks to Mr Steriopulos, the DJ.



Community Links

Fairy Houses

A group of children have been decorating 'Fairy Houses' for a collaboration with Port Erin Commissioners and Men in Sheds. The 'Fairy Houses' have been placed in Athol Park Glen in Port Erin. There are eighteen in total and they form part of a trail through the Glen which children can follow...the challenge is to find all eighteen! Some of the children who painted the houses met in the park for a photo opportunity which will appear in one of the Manx newspapers. Thank you to Mrs Shaw for leading the project.





Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Bousfield back to school in January after her Maternity Leave. She will be teaching Maughold Class for 2 days a week. Miss Sumner will continue to teach the class 3 days a week.

We are sad to say goodbye to our Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Walker. Mrs Walker has done a fantastic job at lunchtimes and always gets involved in school events – her Hop Tu Naa costume, which was included in a previous Newsletter, will never be forgotten! However, it is not a final goodbye from RPS because Mrs Walker is also one of our wonderful cleaners and she will be continuing in this role.

*School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 20th December 2019 for the Christmas Holiday.
School re-opens on Monday 6th January 2020.*

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

