



Rushen Primary School Newsletter April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

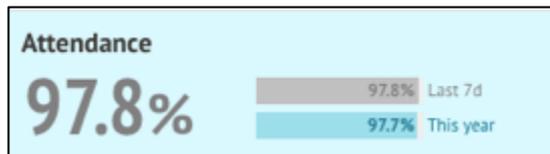
The children and staff have returned to school and everybody is happy! Children have thoroughly enjoyed seeing and playing with their friends again and any nerves were soon gone, as they have settled back into school life.

There have been many opportunities for socialising and playing and the weather has really helped as we have spent a lot of time outside so far this term. Fingers crossed for good weather this summer!

The teachers have also been focused on learning and ensuring pupils get back on track. We have prioritised key skills and are working to find gaps and to put interventions in place to support pupils with their learning and progress. We are already looking ahead to the Autumn Term and we will be undertaking transition arrangements for all classes.

The well-being of every member of our school community is high on our agenda, as always.

Attendance has been excellent since we returned to school, thank you. We will be able to support the children with getting back on track if they are in school, so we encourage everyone to come to school, unless they are unwell.



We are continuing with our Covid-19 mitigations. There is regular cleaning of high touch surfaces during the day, a focus on hand washing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. We record all external visitors to the school in case of 111 contract tracing.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Ms Owens,
Headteacher

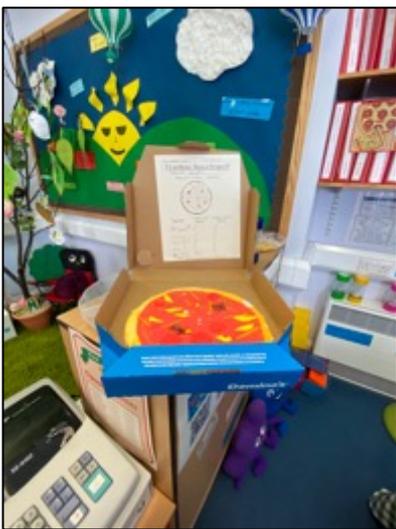
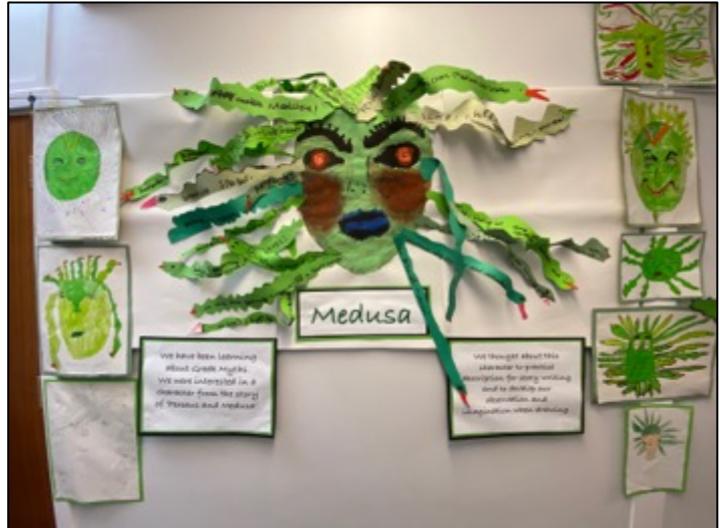


A beautiful, early morning at RPS

Learning at RPS

Fleshwick Class have been learning about Greek Myths. They were finding out about a character from the story of Perseus and Medusa.

'We thought about this character to practise description for story writing and to develop our observation and imagination when drawing.'



Cornaa Class have been working on their 'fractions' topic in Maths and it seems that they have set up a pizza franchise! They have all the boxes ready and are awaiting orders ;-)....

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

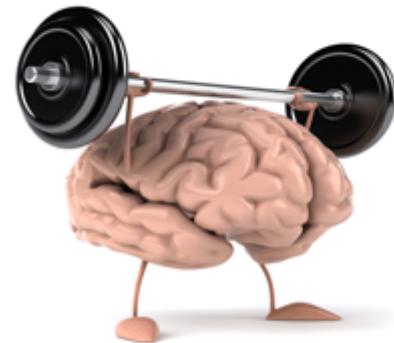
This half term's 6R focus is 'Relationships':

- ✓ 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	

Knowing what to do...



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

Events/Visitors

We have decided that, at the moment, we are not planning to attend events outside of our school this term, except for swimming which will continue until the TT week break and our Year 6 Venture Centre trip.

The good news is that we are planning lots of fun events for us to do together as a school, and some as a whole school community. I have written about some of these below and we will be sharing more details, as we plan.

MSR – Manx Youth Games

All Manx Youth Games training sessions are £1 and are back on from now until Saturday 15th May.

<https://www.facebook.com/MSRSportsDevelopment>













Manx Youth Games 2021
Online registration deadline is 7 May



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Mental Health Awareness Week 'Nature' 10th – 16th May

During this week we are planning some creative lessons/workshops and 'Personal and Social Health' lessons as well as a fund-raising opportunity for 'Isle Listen', below.

Mental Health/Isle Listen - Friday 14th May

'Green Day' wear green – donate £1 to raise money for Isle Listen

To help raise awareness of the importance of mental health, as well as vital funds to ensure that the charity 'Isle Listen' can continue to build upon their work, we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 14th May, where staff and pupils will wear something green in exchange for a donation of £1 in aid of Isle Listen. For more information about Isle Listen, click on the link to their website: <https://www.islelisten.im>

World Book Day – Autumn Term

Before we closed school for the last lockdown, I went to see all of the classes individually to check the children were ok. The children were very focussed on 'World Book Day' and I agreed that we would reschedule this. I understand that children may have dressed up during the Friday video call that same week or that some children will have grown out of their costume now! We are planning a focus on reading in the Autumn Term and have lots of exciting plans in development. There will be an opportunity to dress up then, as well as for World Book Day next year. I hope this supports you as parents, but ensures that the children can still have a focus on books and the opportunity to dress up.
Ms Owens

Comic relief - Friday July 16th wear red, please bring donations

Comic Relief happened whilst we were in lockdown and we were unable to take part. We would still like to raise money for this cause and felt that a 'wear red' day would be easy and fun. If children have comic relief noses, they can wear them too.

Class Assemblies

We will not be performing Class Assemblies this term but aim to begin again in September. The assemblies are usually based on a term's learning and the limited amount of time that children have spent in school has made these unworkable.

Transition Arrangements

CRHS for Year 6 pupils

A detailed and supportive transition package has been developed by our colleagues at Castle Rushen High School who have worked very hard under significant time pressure. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment. CRHS will be in touch directly with Y6 parents about the events planned. I have included an outline below so that all parents will be able to know what is planned.

1. **Initial Meeting/Presentation and Tour at CRHS**

Thursday 6th May for Year 6 Rushen pupils.

2. **Handover Meetings**

The handover process is highly valued and both schools give a considerable amount of time to it. This is where colleagues from both schools meet and discuss every pupil in detail. This information is then shared with relevant teachers at CRHS.

3. **SEN Handover Meetings**

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators from both schools meet to discuss pupils with SEN and additional needs.

4. **Year 6 Q&A Sessions**

In May/June, the CRHS Head of Year 7 and/or Deputy Headteacher will visit Year 6 pupils and do a Q&A session with them. Current Year 7 students who used to attend our school may be able to come along.

5. **Drop-In Evenings**

Two drop-in evenings are scheduled for parents/carers for June.

6. **Transition Sports Club**

This will run as usual.

7. Induction Days

The two days scheduled for 1st/2nd July will go ahead as planned.

8. Headstart

We hope to offer some Headstart sessions before the end of the year.

9. Bespoke Transition Visits

These will be arranged for pupils who require them (additional needs).

10. 'Me As A learner'

These will be produced in class by all Year 6 pupils and sent to CRHS.

Any events are, of course, subject to change if there is any development with the Covid-19 situation, or if distancing measures are enforced.

EYFS Transition – for next year's Reception pupils

We will continue with our transition arrangements for our new starters and have sent new families details of the arrangements.

Dinner Money

Please could all parents check their Parent Pay accounts and clear any outstanding debts. Dinner money should be paid in advance and currently cost £11.75 per week.

Term Dates

Year 6 Venture Centre residential trip 21st – 25th June, 2021

School Clubs

On Wednesdays (Yr 1) and Thursdays (Yr 2), MSR are running a Multi-Sports Club for our Y1/2 pupils. We were going to run a Kwik Cricket Club for Y5/6 pupils however this has been cancelled due to lack of pupil interest.