

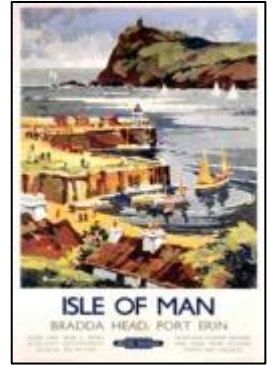


# Rushen Primary School

## Newsletter

### January 2022

- ★ This newsletter serves as a method for ensuring clear communication as well as a record and history of our school.



January 2022 Port Erin

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive start to the new term this January, with children and staff focusing on learning, as always. Although we have had and continue to have significant staff absence, our leadership team have worked hard to ensure that classes have a teacher. The staff team have supported the visiting staff and the children and I would like to thank them on behalf of all associated with the school. I would also like to thank the children (I will tell them in assembly), for how they have supported each other and welcomed the visiting teachers, some of whom they know already and some of whom are new to our school. Thank you also to parents who have been flexible and supportive, it is much appreciated.

Several visitors from a number of different places and with different roles have recently mentioned that they have heard that Rushen Primary School is a very good school. This has ranged from supply teachers, department visitors, MSR coaches, new families visiting the school and several others. The children were very pleased when I told them.

Please can you ensure your child has the following in school:

- ★ PE Kit (to remain in school for the half term for flexibility in the timetable)
- ★ Tracksuit (this means we can make the most of our MSR coaches as the children do not waste time getting changed and they can go out at playtime)
- ★ School bag – please can this be small as we have limited space to hang coats and bags
- ★ Coat - waterproof
- ★ School Jumper (we are monitoring the temperatures in classes and so sometimes the children will only need their school jumper, but please bring a plain jumper to take on and off if they wish - some children have forgotten their school jumper)
- ★ Water bottle

Take care, Ms Owens, Headteacher

## Staffing

At the end of last term, Mrs Daniel secured a new role in another school. She was very sad to leave but also excited about taking up a new role that she had been hoping for. Mrs Daniel worked at Rushen Primary School since 2011 and she says she will always remember the children and staff of the school. She passes on her best wishes to all pupils and parents. Mrs Daniel was our teacher who provided PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) for teachers and therefore taught across the school. Good luck from all of the staff, children and parents of Rushen Primary School in your new role!

We would like to wish Mrs Barratt a very happy retirement. She has worked with many children at Rushen Primary School since 2017, when she joined us from another local school as an Education Support Officer. We will all miss her!



Welcome to our new ESOs (Education Support Officers) who have recently joined our team to provide one to one support for some of our pupils – Mrs Tang, Mr Hermann and Mrs Convery. Also, welcome to Miss McNulty and Mrs Greaves who have joined our team in our Specialist Provision Centre (Housemartin Class).



## 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.

## Year 6 Transition

Castle Rushen High School have written to us about the transition programme for this year. As soon as the arrangements are finalised, CRHS will be in touch directly with you.

We have already started talking to our Year 6s about their move to high school. If they have any questions or worries it is important that they share those with their teacher so that we can answer them and support them. Our Year 6s will be ready for their move. At Rushen Primary School our focus on learning and learning to learn (Learning Muscles) prepares children for the move. We encourage independent learning and developing responsibility through our 'everyone a leader' focus. Our restorative approach, high expectations and how we value positive relationships, encourages children to make good choices and to relish responsibility. The children will have lots of skills in their toolkit as they move forward with their learning.

## Buildings update



The roof replacement is going well and they have finished the roof closest to the field and are now working on the roof closest to the staff car park. We are hoping the work will be completed next week sometime, weather permitting, which will be slightly ahead of schedule. We may be lucky.

The center section roof looks very smart, particularly as the entire KS2 end of the school building has been painted. It is important to keep our buildings in good order and I talked to the children in assembly about looking after historic buildings and taking care. The school has been here since 1926, almost 100 years and many generations of families from the local area have attended over the years.



We are hoping that the right-hand side roof will be next on the list. I will keep you informed.

## What we do around here...

‘What we do around here... at Rushen Primary School’ is how we work towards our vision and is based on what we, (pupils, staff, Governors and the whole school community) believe is important to us. We focus on ‘learners’ and ‘leaders’, relationships and community. It is about what we aspire to and the sort of people and learners we want to be, and it explains what we do to demonstrate this on a day-to-day basis. We have recently updated our entrance hall display with new examples of learning and our use of Learning Muscles.



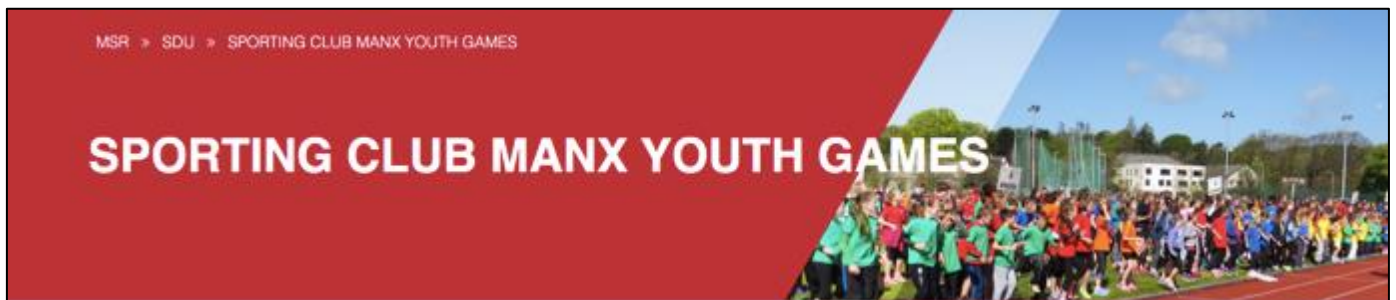


## Parents' Meetings

Please continue to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, if you wish. We aim to meet parents about once a term, more if necessary. Please send an email to book an appointment.

We hope this approach to meeting the teacher is helpful. Parents can make an appointment to either see the teacher in person or to make a telephone appointment. Each appointment lasts about 15 minutes and will give you plenty of time to discuss your child's progress, learning and behaviour. We feel this is a much more personal approach and allows more time for you.

## Manx Youth Games 2022



<https://msr.gov.im/sdu/sporting-club-manx-youth-games/>

### Sporting Club Manx Youth Games 2022

The Sporting Club Manx Youth Games 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 programme offers young people the opportunity to try new sports or activities from January until the games, and encourages participants to continue with sport throughout the year.

This year's games will be held on **Saturday 7th May 2022**.

To register for your sport, please fill out [this form](#):



**2022 MANX YOUTH GAMES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

If you have any questions or would like any more information please contact Gareth Lloyd on [gareth.lloyd@gov.im](mailto:gareth.lloyd@gov.im).

## Learning

### Shearwater Class







### Digging up bones

As part of their learning about “What on earth are you made of?” Shearwater Class were using their remembering and noticing skills to identify and label bones dug up from the sandpit. They had spent time during the last two weeks choosing their own ways of helping them remember the more formal names for some of the bones in our bodies. As each bone was uncovered, they had to work out where in the body it was from as well as give it its name. Discussions were also had about the different types of joint as the skeleton was built. The children enjoyed digging up the bones and applying their learning.

### Peregrine Class



‘We used Haribo sweets to help us with our fractions. We worked out the fraction of each flavour in the bag. We also had a go at simplifying the fractions’

### Housemartin Class (Ace Base)



In Housemartin Class we have been flexing our 'Keeping going' Learning Muscle. We have been learning how to add numbers together and developing multiplication skills using blocks and Numicon. We are also learning about money.



## Newsletters and school-home communication

Just a reminder that we have communicated with parents in a variety of ways, this academic year. Newsletters are sent home each month with comprehensive information, record of events 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/emails home 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. Parents are also provided with a class curriculum overview for the term, which some enjoy sharing with their children. Don't forget that Thursday mornings are now 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 £11.75 per week or £70.50 for the second half of term (February half term until the Easter holiday). Dinner money must be paid for in advance. Please would you check your Parent Pay account regularly to ensure it is in credit.

***School will close for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.  
School will re-open at 8.45am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.***