



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

Easter Break

March 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good spring term and we are really looking forward to our class assemblies, which we have only now been able to plan and perform, as we have fewer staff absent.

A parent has contacted the school letting us know that there was a very near miss on the zebra crossing on Shore Road recently. A parent in a car only stopped at the last minute for a family who were half way across the road on the crossing. Please be extra careful on the crossings as the sun can sometimes be low in the sky.

I am sure you will agree that the replacement roofs on the old KS2 building look very smart. They will also be more energy efficient. Phase 1 of the roof work on the roof closest to the field, the KS2 old building, should begin during the Easter holidays. This will continue at the beginning of next half term. This is, of course, subject to change.

This week we had our first class assembly of the year. Shearwater presented an excellent assembly where they shared the learning they have been doing in Science. They demonstrated what they had learned very well through IT where they had written, filmed and edited a video. Following this, the parents and carers of Shearwater pupils attended a 'stay and learn' session and took part in a tour of the school where they visited classrooms. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend. We plan to run some more and we will let you know the dates shortly.

Please also see below an event during the Easter break for KS2 pupils, 8+ years and another option for age 6+.

Take care and have a lovely Easter break from Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April.

Ms Owens

Staffing



I would like to thank the following members of staff on behalf of the children, staff and parents/carers for all their commitment, efforts and care while working at our school. All of these members of staff have moved on to their next challenge - good luck from all of us at Rushen Primary School!

Mrs Wright SESO
Mr Townend SESO
Mr Smith (SPC)



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.

Easter Holiday Opportunity

I am pleased to inform you of our upcoming Easter Art Tank workshop.

The workshop for ages 8-18 will take place at Kensington Arts, Kensington Road, Douglas on:

- Mon 11 April
- Tue 12 April
- Wed 13 April
- Thu 14 April

Tickets are available to purchase [here](#) or from VillaGaiety. Should you wish to arrange a group booking, I would be happy to discuss options – just drop me an email back.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Art Tank is back for four days of creative wellness! As we prepare for the sunny weather fun and frolics, we have an inspirational list of art and craft workshops for young artistic minds.

Day 1 - Encanto tunnel books

Create your own world behind your personalised magical door.

Day 2 - Ceramics - Hogwarts Hedwig

Make your own Pinch Potter Companion in clay.

Day 3 - Canvas painting

Mushrooms, fairies and Monsters - night canvas, includes magical slime and DIY crowns.

Day 4 Folk Art

Waxed window / wall hangings, celebrate in colour with some vibrant folk-art designs, origami included.

ABOUT ART TANK

Art Tank is an art space for young people run and instructed by professional artist Anna Clucas. After school art involves collaborative projects and design working alongside music, drama and dance at Kensington Arts, Kensington Road, Douglas

ABOUT KENSINGTON ARTS

Kensington Arts is a venue run by Culture Division within the Department of Education, Sport and Culture currently organising activities for young people aged between 8 and 18 to support and develop creative expression. These include weekly classes, workshops and projects. Formerly the Youth Arts Centre, the venue includes a 130 seat Theatre, a Dance Studio, Art Room, Band Practice Rooms and a Recording Studio.

Best wishes,

Peter Shimmin
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A poster for 'Bikeskool IOM' by Adventureology. The top features the Adventureology logo and a circular logo for Bikeskool IOM with the text 'EMPOWERED ADVENTURE EDUCATION Isle of Man'. The main text reads 'Introducing Bikeskool IOM'. Below this, it states: 'The Go MTB scheme is an accredited Mountain Bike Award Programme, complete with log book and certification. Your coach will guide you through the programme and sign off your log book as you acquire the skills.' The dates 'This Easter - April 11th -15th and 18th-22nd' are listed. A 'GO MTB' logo is shown. The schedule is: 'Age 6 - 9yrs 10:30am - 12pm', 'Age 10 - 12 yrs 1pm - 2:30pm', and 'Age 13 - 16 yrs 3pm - 4:30pm'. Location: 'Ballaghaugh (Adventureology HQ)'. Cost: '£15 per session or £60 for 5'. Things to bring: 'Bike, Helmet, Gloves, Long Sleeves & Trousers'. A note says: 'Whilst your kids are off with our Go MTB Instructors, why not book a taster session with one of our coaches on our full suspension e-mountain bikes. Cost £25 per person per hour and a half session. Booking essential!'. At the bottom, it includes the website 'www.adventureology.im', phone number 'Tel 01964 532544', and social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp, along with a QR code.

Coming Up

INVITATION



WHAT?

The RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Exhibition
'Milner's Tower...150 years'

Please come and see the children's work to commemorate the
Tower

WHEN?

Tuesday 3rd May from 3pm

WHERE?

Big Hall

Skipping Workshops

We look forward to welcoming the 'Skipping Workshops' company to our school. Traditionally, the children have loved skipping and we then follow up with lots of skipping in the summer term. These workshops will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Please click the link to see videos of skills and challenges.

<http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/videos/>

Please visit the Big Hall after school on Monday/Tuesday next week, if you wish to purchase ropes directly from the visitors. High quality 'speed ropes' cost £5. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are £6. Adult ropes are also available for taller children, older siblings and adults at £7 each, 4m 'family ropes' at £8 each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for £14. Ropes can also be purchased through their website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk with a small postage fee added.

Events and Visitors

World Book Day

World Book Day was a great success as always! Thank you so much to all families who made such an effort to celebrate books and reading. The whole school had so much fun and this was our best World Book Day yet!





Lempen Theatre Company

The Lempen Theatre Company visited our school on 7th March.



Comic Relief – Friday 18th March

- ★ Pupils came to school dressed in red to raise money for Comic Relief 2022
- ★ Thank you for the £1 (or more) donations which have been sent to Comic Relief from Rushen Primary School.
- ★ We raised £225.01





Star of the Week Assembly, where we celebrate children who have made a good effort in class with their learning and those who have worked on the 6R target of the week.



Athletics Competition

For the first time in a number of years we sent a team of 20 Year 4, 5 and 6 children to the Indoor Sportshall Athletics Competition at the NSC. It was a great team effort with everyone trying their best and having fun. Events such as obstacle course, over/under, running relays, javelin, long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, chest push and speed bounce were practised in clubs beforehand and then completed in the competition. Holly Norbury and Faith Watterson steamed ahead in their 1x1 lap relay race to win. Others were very close to winning results. A big thank you to Mr Delaney and Mr Higgins for the time they spent training the team.

“It was great fun.” “I want to do it again next year.” “I loved doing the speed bounce and triple jump for the first time.”



People Who Help Us

As part of our 'People who help us' theme we have had two exciting visitors. St Johns Ambulance and the Police. The children practised their speaking and listening skills by asking questions to find out information, listening in different situations and for longer periods of time.

PC Jim and PC Gemma explained the different parts of their uniform and equipment, used the lights and siren and locked the children in the van!

"What happens if someone tries to escape from the van?" "How do you see people in the dark?" "How do you use the handcuffs?"

Mr and Mrs Gill showed how the different machines and equipment work in the ambulance, explained what happens if you need to call 999 and used the siren.

The children have then used this knowledge during roleplay activities, acting out when and how to phone 999.





School Dinners

Please would you ensure that your child's Parent Pay account is paid up to date by the end of term. School dinners will cost £61.10 for the first half of next term, or £129.25 for the whole Summer Term.

The new School Meals Menu is attached for your information.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th April and Tuesday 5th April
Thursday 7th April
Thursday 19th May & Friday 20th May

Skipping Workshops – whole school
Easter Bake Off 3.25pm
Ian Bland – Poetry for Primary Schools

Easter Holiday
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