



Rushen Primary School

Newsletter

December 2022



School closes on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and opens again on Monday 9th January 2023

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at RPS!

MSR - Reception/Y1/Y2 Wednesdays and Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Thursdays

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the first term. We have had a very successful term where children have been learning in school and out of school. We have welcomed visitors to our school and the children have enjoyed so many valuable learning and fun experiences. 'What we do around here' is central to everything we do and our focus on positive relationships continues to have a significant impact. Where children make mistakes and fall out, they have the opportunity to recognise this and commit to do better next time - this is a learning opportunity. We would ask that you let us find out what happened, sometimes the following day, when the children are ready to resolve the issue.

You will be aware that not all schools put on Christmas Performances and we are pleased to say that everybody has been so impressed with ours this year. We have received positive feedback from far and wide including visitors from DESC, parents, families and colleagues from other schools! The news has travelled...people have commented that they are of a very high standard and quality. The children, across the school from our Reception Class to Year 6 spoke clearly, remembered what to do and say and the singing was outstanding. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the performances were a big success, spending a lot of their own time as well as time in school. It was so lovely that audiences gave them a round of applause and it was much appreciated. Everybody I spoke to mentioned how much the children enjoyed being in the performances and that was clear from the smiling faces and the giggles in response to the jokes in the performances. Thank you for all your help and support as we work in partnership.

The famous 'Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off' was also a great success. The cakes were superb and the designs creative and imaginative. Thank you to Mrs Shaw, the Friends of Rushen School and the Y6 pupils who staffed the stalls!

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.

Take care, Ms Owens, Headteacher

Police Treat

Y6 were invited to watch a film as part of the 'Police Treat' which aims to foster positive relationships between the community, children and the Police.



The children wrote this account:

Year 6 went on the bus to Ballakermeen High School. It was so much fun. We watched the film 'Claus' as well a play that was about the true meaning of Christmas, performed by pupils of Ballakermeen. During the performance sweets were thrown into the audience. We all shared so everybody got some, even if they didn't catch them. The film was funny and we all really enjoyed ourselves. It made us think of Christmas and helped us to get into the Christmas spirit. At the end, everybody received a 'goody' bag with chocolates in it.

The Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off







2nd Place – Kenzie Clark and Aiden Ali

3rd Place – Lola Corney



1st Place – Zahra and Asher Khan

Congratulations!!!!!!



We raised £374.30 for School Fund which will go to paying towards transport costs and supporting families in need 🙌 🙌 🙌 Thank you!

Christmas Performances

All of our Christmas performances were very well attended. Thank you so much to all parents, carers and family members. The children did so well! They helped to plan the performances, learned their lines and dances and contributed to costumes. We got lots of lovely feedback about how well the children had done and thanks to the staff for all their hard work – what a lovely school community we have!

KS1 and EYFS Christmas Performance





Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance





Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance



The children thoroughly enjoyed their parties, which were held this week. We organised these in year groups so that the children could take part and enjoy their time together. They danced, played games and ate snacks!

Reception/Y1



Year 3/4





Y5/6 Christmas Disco

The Year 5/6 Disco was a resounding success! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the evening immensely. They danced, ate plenty of food and were the loudest singers yet! Thank you to the teachers who volunteered their time to make it happen and to parents who did drop offs and prompt pick-ups! It is much appreciated.



Port Erin Commissioner's Christmas Carol Service

Our school choir and some of our pupils took part in the Port Erin Commissioners Christmas Carol Service at St Catherine's Church in Port Erin. The pupils who did the readings and the school choir did the school proud. Many members of the local community were in the church and afterwards for mince pies etc in the church hall, and they were so impressed. Thank you to the families who came to enjoy the service and to support their children.





Our choir visited Southlands Care Home to bring Christmas cheer! The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Visitors



On Friday Dhoon Glen Class and Tholt-y-Will Glen Class were visited by the staff from Port Erin Dental Surgery. Thanos and Amy answered our many questions and explained the importance of brushing our teeth. They explained why Year 2 children have so many wobbly teeth and how it's important to look after our adult teeth as we only get two sets of teeth in our lifetimes. We discovered what cavities and tartar are, which foods are bad for our teeth and how to best care for our teeth. Thank you to Thanos and Amy for the excellent visit and also for our teeth charts!

WHEN DO WE LOSE OUR BABY (PRIMARY) TEETH?

You will start to lose your baby teeth at 6 years old

Your adult teeth are growing and waiting to replace your baby teeth

Your adult teeth will stay with you forever, so it is VERY Important we take care of them

From the ages 6-13 you will have a combination of adult and baby teeth

School Dinners

School Dinners will cost £70.50 for the first half of next term, or £138.65 for the whole of Spring term. Please pay for school meals in advance, using our online system 'ParentPay'.

School closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 for the Christmas Holiday.

School re-opens on Monday 9th January 2023.

All the staff at Rushen Primary School wish you a very
Merry Christmas
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