

Rushen Primary School Newsletter

Easter Break – Last day
Thursday 6th April, return 24th
April 2023

March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic spring term with lots of visitors, events and competitions – everything seems to have happened in March, hence the length of the Newsletter! I would like to thank you for your support whether it be positive feedback, issues that we can sort out, donations to national and local charities and to school fund, support at the swimming pool and accompanying trips and competitions. We truly are a partnership with the children's best interests at heart.

Our Reception Class, Laxey Glen Class, performed our first Class Assembly of the year and did a stellar job. We are so impressed with their confidence and the learning they have been doing, adding Learning Muscles to their learning toolkit, as well as the progress they have made. Ballaglass Glen Class have also performed their class assembly brilliantly, outlining their learning so far. Please see below for more information about these two events.

Please could I ask parents and carers to be patient with some of our pupils and their families, as some of them may have additional needs. Recently, there was an incident where a child and parent were shouted at, in front of other parents and pupils, which was distressing to all concerned. We are an inclusive school and all pupils are entitled to attend our school. Where any pupil struggles, parents and the school endeavour to support them. Please help us to do this.

Please also see below some adverts for community events at Easter and coming up which you may be interested in attending or getting involved with.

Take care and have a lovely Easter break,

Ms Owens



Junior Fell Running Championship Sunday 21st May 2023

For School years 2 to 7

RACE LOCATION: Knockaloe Beg Farm, Patrick.

All entries are online this year - parents and guardians can enter their children's details direct.

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2023-entry>

To enter the race, use the weblink above or scan the QR code to take you to the entry page. Be sure to download the race information sheet from the entry page.



Entries now open!

Crossroads
Putting carers first

HOOK A DUCK
FACE PAINTING
EASTER SLIME

DECORATING EASTER TREATS
BOUNCY CASTLE
EASTER CRAFTS

EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

THURSDAY THE 13TH AND 10 AM - 4PM
FRIDAY THE 14TH OF APRIL © WILDLIFE PARK

Call us on 673103 or email fundraising@crossroadsiom.org
PLEASE NOTE STANDARD ADMISSION APPLIES FOR THE WILDLIFE PARK
ISLE OF MAN REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 383

Curraghs Wildlife Park



Easter Holidays 2023 PLAYINGOUT

Supported by 

Completely free - No need to book

All ages and abilities welcome - just turn up and play
OPEN ACCESS POLICY - children must be signed in and parent/carer for children under 8yrs should stay .

Children are encouraged to manage their own **RISK**.
 If you are unsure of your child's ability, we advise you to stay and support them
 Staff are **NOT** responsible for supervising children's return home.

Most venues do not have toilet facilities available!

	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Tuesday April 11th	Douglas - Lester's Yard	-
Wednesday April 12th	Ramsey - Coronation Park	Jurby School Field
Thursday April 13th	Onchan - REC (behind commissioners)	Laxey Glen (Near Play Park)
Friday April 14th	Castletown - Poulosom Park	Foxdale - School Field
Monday April 17th	Peel - Raggatt	Ballaugh - Millennium Field
Tuesday April 18th	-	Douglas - Lester's Yard
Wednesday April 19th	Ramsey - Coronation Park	Jurby School Field
Thursday April 20th	Ballasalla School Field	Douglas - Lester's Yard

To find out more and discover how you can support children's 'Right to Play' on the Island visit www.isleofplay.im



Isle of Play Registered Charity No. 1245

info@isleofplay.im

WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL? *Join a club!*

Girls only teams ↙ ↘ **Mixed teams**

(NB all the clubs offering girls only football, also have mixed teams)

Castletown (ages 5-16) southgirlsfo@gmail.com	Ayre United (U10 & U14) Leebrown@manx.net
Douglas & District (ages 5-16) delaney.richard@yahoo.co.uk	Braddan (U14 & U18) Joanne.cannell@gmail.com
Douglas Athletic (ages 5-16) bemie.cowell@gmail.com	Colby (ages 8-16) simon@redpointpr.co.uk
Laxey (ages 5-16) Juan.Kinnish-205288	Corinthians (ages 6-16) scorran001@outlook.com
Marown (ages 5-11) helswithers74@gmail.com	Governors Athletic (ages 5-10) 33thehunters@gmail.com
Onchan (ages 5-16) Annette-457826	Ramsey (U16) kevin.halsall@manx.net
Peel (ages 5-16) elainecain@manx.net	St Georges (U6) wendycaine@hotmail.com
Rushen United (ages 5-16) Noel.Gill@carlins.com	St John's United (ages 5-14) brianleece@manx.net
RYCOB (ages 5-16) rycobgirls@outlook.com	
Union Mills (ages 5-16) Paul.Kenney-415803	




Events, Visitors and Competitions

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 lots of reading events were enjoyed...





Little Red Riding Hood led assembly...



Comic Relief – Friday 17th March

★ Pupils came to school dressed in red to raise money for Comic Relief 2023

★ Thank you for the donations which have been sent to Comic Relief from Rushen Primary School.

★ **We raised £180.65**



Spring Fair 2023

The Spring Fair was a triumph! Thank you to all parents and families who volunteered to help and to all the visitors.



We raised £1200 for school fund, to be used to further develop our outdoor provision.

Thank you on behalf of the children and staff.

Thank you also to staff who volunteered on two days to ensure the Spring Fair took place. Lots of parents passed on their thanks.











So much fun was had by all!



First Aid – St John Ambulance – Ballaglass Glen Class

We had a great day learning about first aid with Mrs Gill from St John Ambulance and our school governor. It was a very practical day and all the children enjoyed it, whilst being able to talk about the skills they had learnt and practised. Let's hope they don't need these skills too soon!

Juliette "I learnt how to do the recovery position." Everyone had chance to practice on each other.

Oliver "I learnt how to bandage a cut on an arm as well as on a head." The bandaging session was very 'Hands on' with the classroom looking like a hospital.

Rosie "It was very interesting to learn how to do CPR."

Celia "DRs ABC means look for Danger, Response, shout for help, check airway, breathing and circulation. We had to do this when using the dummy."

Magnus "I learnt how to do CPR and what to do when someone is choking - it was very strange practising on the baby dummy!"

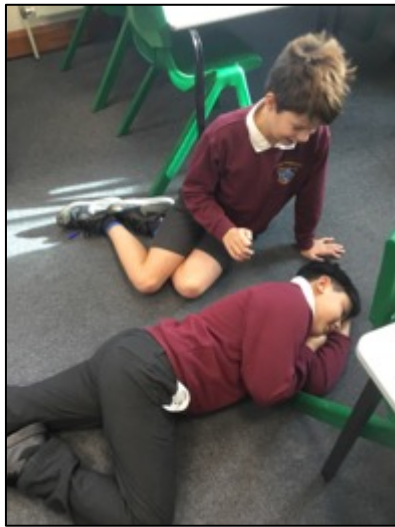
Horatio "I didn't know that shock can be life threatening, I am glad I know how to treat it."

Emily "I learnt that you use one hand when doing CPR on a child."

Dylan "It was interesting to know what to do when someone faints, put their legs up on a chair."

Ellie "I learnt that if you have glass in your hand not to pull it out, I thought you pulled it out, don't, as there will be lots of blood."

As well as this the children learned about how to help someone suffering an asthma attack, fainting, with a burn or scald, and how to call an ambulance.



Ballaglass Sewing!

Members of Ballaglass Glen Class had to be very resilient and really try to keep going as they began preparations to make items for their enterprise project for the Spring Fair.

It WILL all be worth it in the end! Inspired by African designs.



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."





Football – RPS Girls Team

On Friday the 24th March 2023 18 girls from RPS took part in the IOM FA All Island Girls Primary School Tournament at the Bowl in Douglas. 29 teams attended with almost 300 girls playing. It was fantastic to see so many girls playing and enjoying their games.

We had two teams entered for the competition - the Rushen Lionesses and the Rushen Trailblazers. Both teams played very well, showing excellent teamwork, skills and sportsmanship which was complimented on by other teachers and the referees throughout the afternoon. Although one of the teams was very disappointed not to win any of their matches, they should be very proud of how well they played especially against some tough opposition. The other team made it to the semi-final where they were narrowly beaten. Everyone was glad that our games did not go to penalties like the other semi-final and final, which were decided by a penalty shoot-out.

I would like to thank Mrs Faragher for all she does during our training sessions every Tuesday and all the parents who were there to support and cheer us on, your support was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Griffiths



I enjoyed the football competition because I never gave up and had fun. I love meeting new people by shaking hands and saying 'good game'. (Lacie)

I enjoyed the football competition because I learnt new skills, enjoyed playing as a team, it was fun to be a part of. We all tried our best and supported each other on and off the pitch. We set an example for other schools and never gave up. (Olivia)

What I enjoyed about the football competition is that we were all working as a team and it was fun to be a part of. We tried our best. It was fun seeing other schools play and see their skills. We supported each other on and off the pitch and we never gave up and set an example for other schools. (Erin)

I enjoyed how well organised it was and that everyone was so pleased and calm about everything. (Camilla)

On Friday, the best bit that I enjoyed was seeing everyone smiling. I think with all our training, the next time we will do even better. When we lost we did not lose focus and we didn't have a frown, only a smile. (Elana)



Laxey Glen Class - Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn'



Laxey Glen Class kicked off our Class Assemblies this year and were brilliant!! They were confident and spoke clearly and loudly so that the audience could hear. The proud parents, carers and families were all smiling and so impressed!

After the assembly most of the parents stayed and joined in a 'stay and learn' session in the classroom. The parents thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Strings and Brass Demonstrations

The peripatetic music teachers visited our school assemblies on two separate days to inspire us to learn an instrument. The brass teacher brought along the children he is teaching and they performed brilliantly for the whole school. The audience were so good and joined in clapping and trying to keep in time, when asked by Mr Reynolds.

Strings





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 £63.45 for the first half of next term, or £131.60 for the whole Summer Term.

Easter Holiday
Friday 7th April - Friday 21st April.