



Rushen Primary School Newsletter April 2023



Dear Parents/carers,

We had a very short month in April as the Easter Break fell in the middle of the month, again. I anticipated that this would be a shorter Newsletter, however, it seems we have been very busy in April!

The children came back from Easter ready to learn and settled back in really well. This term we also have a number of events planned and hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

We are continuing with our class assemblies and our 'stay and learn/school video' events. These have been very well attended and we have had a large number of parents staying to take part in the activities. Thank you so much for all your positive feedback. We hope this will help you understand better, 'what we do around here' and why we do it.

Thank you, as always, for your support.
Ms Owens,
Headteacher

Class Assemblies/School Video/Stay and Learn

The children and staff of the school decided that we would perform class assemblies and have a stay and learn session afterwards. We would also show our updated school video, which outlines 'what we do around here'.

Glen Maye Class Assembly – The children did a fantastic job in assembly and the audience enjoyed the show!





Events/Visitors

Year 3 and 4 pupils visited The House of Mannanan. The children were following up their learning in RE about signs and symbols and participated in a Manx Cross workshop.

We received this positive email from the teacher who worked with our classes. We are proud of our pupils and of their fantastic behaviour and engagement in learning:

Fastyr Mie

Just a quick email to say that the children from Rushen school were brilliant today. They all listened so well and were so engaged and they asked loads of really good questions. Hopefully their signs and symbols work will have lots of elements from the Manx crosses!

Advisory Teacher for the Manx Curriculum & Climate Change





Cross Country Competition

The children were fantastic role models for Rushen Primary School. They supported not just each other but also the other teams. They demonstrated resilience and the majority of them completed the whole course. They knew they were part of a team and even when they wanted to give up, they didn't, as they didn't want to let their team down.

Some quotes from the children:

"It was so much fun and I am glad I didn't stop running",

"It was challenging but also fun".

"We had great teamwork".

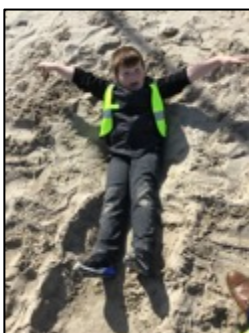
"It was great to come 2nd out of lots of people".

"It was nice to see the other teams".



Dhoon Glen and Tholt-y-Will Glen Beach Trip to Port Erin

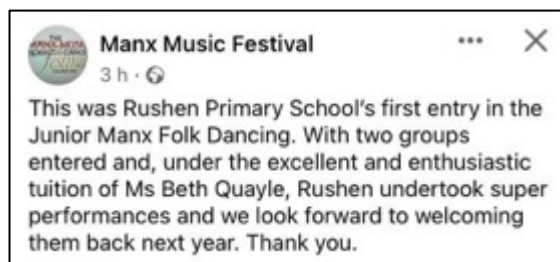
Dhoon Glen Class completed a survey of the local area to help create ideas as part of a town planning project. We followed our route around Port Erin by using a map. We learned about local features and how to understand different maps and keys. After the walk we enjoyed using our imagining and planning muscles to create designs for our own ideal Port Erin square.





The Manx Music and Dance festival – The Guild

Lots of our pupils decided to take part in the Guild this year. Some of the classes learned poems even if they weren't taking part in the festival, and some performed in assembly. There were many different slots for different ages and I would like to thank all the parents who arranged/gave lifts and took the children. We wouldn't have been able to take part without you. Buses are always fully booked and the cost prohibitive. Miss Quayle was there to meet them and encourage them and she did a good job of getting the children to the right place at the right time. You were all role models for Rushen Primary School and did very well. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for supporting the children entering the poetry competitions.



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!