



# Rushen Primary School

## Newsletter

June 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable family TT holiday. The sunshine was fabulous and really helped to make the week a success. We have had a very successful June in school, with weeks of sunshine (until this week!) we have had lots of motivated learning and opportunities for playing out together.

We have also welcomed visitors including the children's poet, Ian Bland. The children thoroughly enjoyed his assembly and workshops and it was a brilliant way of 'kicking off' our Poetry Week. The whole school spent the week reading, writing and performing poetry. An inspiring and creative week!

We have continued with our class assemblies with Glen Helen and Elfin Glen Classes performing for parents/carers and families, followed by stay and learn sessions which gave visitors an insight into how the classroom works and gave them an opportunity to work alongside their child. Thank you for all of the positive feedback following the assemblies and sessions. We are committed to working closely in partnership with you.

As in previous years, a highlight of this term has been the continued work on transition for our youngest pupils and families who are joining us in September. Our staff have been visiting feeder nurseries and meeting our new starters as well as parents and carers visiting us in school. They have really enjoyed having lunch with their child and also having a 'question and answer' session with staff. Our EYFS new starter parent and carer meeting is coming up, where parents will have a chance to look at some of the resources that we use to support Early Years learning as well as hearing about the curriculum and the school. We will also share a bespoke video we have created for our new starters.

PE kit arrangements have worked well this year. As a reminder so that you have plenty of notice for buying new kit for September, please remember that children should come to school dressed in the PE kit uniform on MSR days as they have this year:

- ✓ a school t-shirt with logo OR plain white/maroon t-shirt (not football kits or bright colours)
- ✓ **black** shorts
- ✓ school jumper or cardigan over their t-shirt (not a hoodie. Children can wear the Y6 school leaver hoodie when they have it)
- ✓ On cold days, children can wear **black** leggings or joggers/tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts if they wish.
- ✓ Children should wear trainers on PE days and **black** school shoes on the other days.

Thank you once again, for your continued support for our school. Ms Owens, Headteacher ☺

## Competitions

### Netball Festival

The team that attended the Netball Festival were very motivated. They have thoroughly enjoyed Netball Club this year and as always, they were a credit to our school. Everyone played well and were fabulous, putting 100% effort into every game.

We took 2 teams to the competition - one team came 5<sup>th</sup> and one team came 10<sup>th</sup> (for most of these children it was their first time taking part in a netball competition). They each played 5 games. The children put all their skills from practice into a game situation. They showed great sportsmanship, teamwork and were humble when they won.

The children said:

“We really enjoyed the competition.”

“It was a great experience”.

“Thank you for letting us take part!”

“It was fun”.

“We played well, worked as a team through passing the ball and won some games”.

“Lexi made a fantastic shot which no one had ever seen before”.

“I loved playing with other schools, I was able to make new friends and I hope I get to see them again”.

Lexi (Year 6) wrote:

“At netball on Monday we enjoyed playing with the other schools and socialising with the other pupils. It was a fun experience and I think people who are new to netball enjoyed getting to play it. I specifically enjoyed playing against the other schools because they were all tough opponents and I enjoyed the challenge. We all enjoyed being able to play with people from different classes at Rushen. I also liked how I was able to play every position and try positions I have not played before. We all enjoyed being able to defend and reach to our limits. It was also great to improve our netball skills”.

Thank you to Miss Merriman who is our PE curriculum lead and who organises many of the sporting competition trips.



**Our Netball Team in our new RPS Kit**

## School Trips

### Rushen Abbey

As part of our RE curriculum on Christianity our Y5 children went on a trip to Rushen Abbey.

Learning objectives for the day included:

- the history of local churches
- values, beliefs, customs and practices
- how the beliefs of Christians influence their actions
- where did the Christian Bible come from?

#### The children said:

It has been the best trip I have been on because it was really interactive and the group leader made it fun – Freddie

Our group leader, Jonathon, was really fun and he told us about what the monks used to do and how they used to write – George

I found the trip very exciting and it was fascinating learning about all the things the monks did – Olive

I liked learning about the day in a life of a monk and the fish porridge was actually quite nice – Eli

The activities were very creative – Leon





## Visitors

### Ian Bland, children's Poet

Ian is a successful children's poet and we were so pleased to welcome him back to our school to start our Poetry Week off with a rhyme!

The children read, wrote and performed poetry through the week and thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and workshops.





## Class Assemblies and Stay and Learn Sessions

### Laxey Glen Class

Mrs McMeiken arranged a special stay and learn session for the parents/carers of Laxey Glen Class based around 'reading'. The visitors enjoyed the opportunity and everybody learned a lot!

Laxey Glen Class enjoyed sharing the story books they had made with the parents who came into class. The children learnt about traditional tales and decided to focus on Rumpelstiltskin. They learnt the story, changed it and then invented their own, which they turned into a book.





### **Glen Helen Class Assembly/Stay and Learn**

Glen Helen Class were confident and totally engaged and committed to performing an excellent assembly – which they did. They shone as performers when they were singing their multiplication songs and had even learned sign language songs. Following their class trip to ‘Strix’ they told us how some of them had been inspired to become engineers. Artwork was shared as the artists and designers showcased their Greek vases and their ‘blue abyss’ pictures. The scientists shared their investigations with the audience who were particularly keen on finding out about the chocolate experiments! It was clear the children were applying what they had learned when they designed a board game using their knowledge of circuits. Well done Glen Helen Class for using your learning muscles to support your learning!





## Elfin Glen Class

Year 1 performed confidently with loud voices and it was clear the audience enjoyed the performance. There was a real buzz of success in the air. They started their performance off with a dance and a song which set the tone, and as the children know, I like a dance and a song in weekly assemblies! The children did very well, playing their instruments and creating a Viking atmosphere... We heard a recording of Mrs Jones playing the piano and the children sang along. They thoroughly enjoyed telling us about their learning in English, maths and science with some hints to help you remember key facts. This was all topped off by a wonderful Manx dance at the end. Well done Elfin Glen Class – it was a triumph!



## Stay and Learn – Parents/carers of Elfin Glen Class



The parents of the children in Elfin Glen Class really enjoyed the stay and learn session. There was a very big audience so well done to Mrs Jones! The children have made very good progress this year and it was clear to see.



## The Sound of Magic at the Villa Marina

Our Rushen Primary School Choir, ably led by Mrs Higgins, took part in the most wonderful show at the Villa Marina on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. The children had been practising for months and this was evident when 500 children from 23 Primary Schools got together to 'raise the roof' at the Villa. It was a sell-out concert with every seat in the house filled. The sound produced was wonderful and the whole performance of a very high quality. It goes without saying that our pupils were exceptionally well behaved and represented the school well. Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Nelson who accompanied and stayed all day 😊. Without parent volunteers we cannot take part in events and competitions, so the children are very grateful.



## Free School Meals September 2023

If you believe your child will be entitled to receive free meals from September 2023, please complete your application online as soon as possible at <https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form>

Meals will be charged for until your application has been approved so it is important to apply early.

**Application forms should be submitted by Friday 21 July 2023** to ensure meals (and travel cards for high school pupils) are in place for the first day of term.

## Term Dates

Monday 3 July  
Wednesday 5 July  
Monday 10 July  
Thursday 20 July  
Friday 21 July

Whole school trip to Port Erin beach (afternoon)  
Tynwald Day – School closed  
All classes to visit Flower Festival exhibition, Rushen Parish Church  
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm  
School closes 15.30pm - Summer Holiday

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1<sup>ST</sup> SEP 2023 - ADULT PRINCIPALS

2<sup>ND</sup> SEP 2023 - CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS

3<sup>RD</sup> SEP 2023 - RECALLS & ADULT ENSEMBLE

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