

## Friends of Jurby School

### What have they done for my child this year?

#### Fundraising

Since September Friends of Jurby School has raised just under £3,000. Thank you to everybody who has helped to organise these events, or supported them.

Since September FOJS have spent over £2,000 supporting the children. Below are some of the ways this money has been spent.

FOJS cover all the costs for every trip out, which this year has cost nearly £1,000. Many schools charge for these trips, and we are extremely grateful the FOJS cover these costs, so that we don't have to ask for any money from parents when we go out and about.



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'Believe it; Achieve it'



## September 2019 - July 2020

### Review of the Year



Christmas present for every child.

Providing a book for every child on their Birthday

Christmas Party

Cinema Trip

Covering the costs for every trip, at a cost of over £900 or £15.50 per child

Playground Equipment

Leavers' Meal for Children in Y5 and Y6

End of year prizes, trophies and Year 6 Leavers' Gifts

## COVID 19

On Monday 23rd March our school closed its doors to all pupils, and overnight we set up Jurby Community School Online. Eighty five days later, on Wednesday 17th June school re-opened to the majority of pupils and on Monday 22nd June it was re-open to all pupils. What went on in the time that school was closed?

Over 750 reading books were distributed, collected back in, sanitised and re-distributed.

Over 500 learning activities, lessons and experiments were posted on Google Classroom for the children to access.

Over 400 phone calls were made and around 250 text messages to check how everyone was doing.

Over 250 Home Learning Activity packs were produced and distributed through the Shop, or direct to parents' doors.

58 Stationery packs containing pens, pencils, felt tips, ruler, rubber, scissors, blank paper and a Pritt Stick were sent home.

18 Children took part in online Nessy Learning Challenges.

12 Class video calls were made.

11 Recipes were posted online, and many cakes, biscuits, ice lollies, and bowls of soup were enjoyed as a result.

3 teachers were broken by Joe Wicks

2 Video stories were made and shared

by Mr Nelson

1 school survived lockdown!



Last Day picnic, books ready to be collected, and an example of home learning.

## Activity Days

We have held a number of whole school themed days this year, including World Book Day, Music Day, Manx Day and Exciting Science Day.

On Science Day the children worked in their houses to carry out a number of science investigations. They needed to make predictions as to what they thought would happen, create hypotheses based on these initial thoughts, and then design and carry out a fair test to determine their results. All of this was done in a fun and messy way.

During the course of the year Class 3 also celebrated Chinese New Year, with food of course, Class 1 was visited by a very naughty robot and Class 2 visited the Wild Life Park as part of their learning about animal habitats.



Class 2 with Plop the Owl and the Wildlife Park

Class 3 all dressed up for Chinese New Year



## Musical Achievements

Children in Class 3 have continued to take part in the Sound Start project, which we have been running for four years. This involved them being given a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, along with weekly lessons in school.

Our Musical work culminated in a whole school Music Day, where we were joined by Ramsey Grammar Schools Pep Band. The day started with all the children learning some sea shanties, before Year 5 and 6 took part in a musical masterclass with the Pep band, children in Year 2, 3 and 4 learnt tunes using boom whackers and Reception and Year 1 learnt a dance and made hats.

After lunch we gave a small concert, which was enjoyed by all, and then it was the turn of the children in Class 1 to learn the boom whackers and more songs before home time.

Other musical events that we had planned for this year included Class 3 entering the Manx Folk Awards, and our pop up Choir singing. Sadly COVID put a halt to these activities.



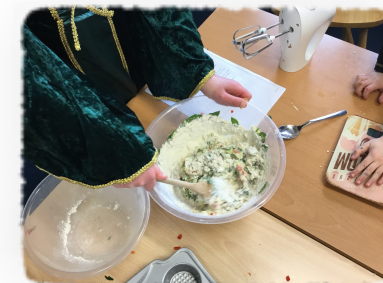
Whole school Music Day

Angels visited us at Christmas



## Manx Culture

Just before lockdown we held our Manx Culture Day. The children learnt Manx Dances with Mrs Jaques, cooked traditional Manx dishes with Mrs Hope and worked with Mrs Waddell to make a mythical sea creature. This was made out of plastic collected from the beach by Beach Buddies, as well as old plastic bottles collected by Youth Club. Our plan was for this to be put on display in Ramsey Town Hall as part of Shennaghys Jui, but this sadly did not happen due to COVID. If anybody has any contacts for a public building where it could be put on display for a while please get in touch.



Making Fatherless Pie on World Book Day

## Jurby 2020

In the autumn term we carried out a Parents' survey, and as a result of some of the feedback, in January launched Jurby 2020. This is an initiative which will see the introduction of 20 new initiatives, or major changes made to current initiatives over the course of 2020. Some of our plans have been upset by COVID, but so far we have launched a new school Facebook page, introduced a reading challenge, provided free snack for all pupils, started using the field at break and lunchtimes, and of course experimented with online learning for three months.

One of our Facebook Posts reached 21,500 people! I wonder if we can beat that next year?

## **Trips and Visits**

Despite Lockdown, we have still managed to run over 25 different educational trips, enabling learning to come to life. These trips have included three visits to the Wildlife Park, visits to the Grove Museum and the House of Manannan. Class 3 attended the Stemfest day at the Villa Marina, where they learnt about how science and technology are used to make our everyday lives easier.

In addition to these trips we have continued with our weekly visits to Ardwhallan and the MSPCA, which aim to develop our children's team work, confidence and problem solving skills. The year concluded with a fun trip to the Cinema for the whole school to watch Trolls - World Tour, and a trip to Laser Mayhem as a leaving trip for Class 3.

All of these trips have been run at no cost to parents, with all of the costs being paid for by the Friends of Jurby School, which has amounted to well over a thousand pounds.



Class 1 about to go out on a trip.  
Post Lockdown fun and games in the sun.



## **Jurby School in the Community**

This year we have once again taken part in many community based events. These have included the Christmas Carol Concert at the Church, and taking part in the Christmas Tree exhibition at Ramsey Town Hall.

Just before lockdown started we set up Mums and Tots soft play community sessions which took place every Tuesday afternoon, with over 30 mums and tots attending. These will be re-starting in September.



## **Fundraising**

Class 3 have been busy raising more than £2000 to support one of their classmates and friends, Charlee Hodgson, who was diagnosed with leukaemia in February.

As soon as they found out about Charlee, the children wanted to do something to help support her during her treatment. They brainstormed ideas, and decided to run a series of events to see if they could raise £1000 by the summer. They had just got into the swing of fundraising when lockdown happened and thwarted their plans. One of the first things they did when they got back in June was to pick up where they had left off. The children organised and held a fun afternoon on the school field within a week of getting back, and combined it with a sponsored run by one of the class, Jack Raines, who ran 5 miles around the school field and raised over £800 by himself. All the children in the class have been doing sponsored laps around the field, and the whole school has been collecting loose change in empty Smartie tubes. The children have decided to carry on with their fundraising activities as long as Charlee is receiving treatment.