



Jurby Community School

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Friends of Jurby School

What have they done for my child this year?

Fundraising

Our main fundraising event this year was once again our Christmas Fair and Sleigh, which raised over £1,000, with our total fundraising this year being over £1,500.

This year FOJS have spent over £2,000 supporting all our children. Below are some of the ways this money has been spent. If you would like to know more, why not come along to our AGM on Friday 15th September at 2.45pm.

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

7th September 2022 - 21st July 2023 Review of the Year



The whole school, and members of the RGS Street Band on Music Day

Christmas present for every child.

Providing a book for every child on their birthday

Wild Life Park trip

Christmas Party

Disco

Covering the costs for every school trip

Icky Doo Dah visit

Coronation Party

Leavers' trip for Children in Y5 and Y6

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

Trip to Arran

For our Learning Adventure this year we decided to visit the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde. On Monday 19th June sixteen brave and intrepid explorers set off from School with the aim of conquering this remote Scottish Island! During the week they developed their skills in resilience, team work, self belief and trust, as they came together as a single team experiencing a range of challenges, both individually and as a group.



After the challenge on the first day of putting up with Mr Nelson's singing, the challenges grew even greater the next day as we set out to conquer Goat Fell. This is the highest point on the Island, and we climbed all 984m, as we started the day with the tips of our shoes in the sea, and finished the day with a sea swim. During the 9 hours in between everybody had to

overcome the mental challenges of thinking that they couldn't do it, as well as the physical challenges of 'my legs hurt' and 'my feet are tired'. At the top we were rewarded with spectacular views and a long rest before we started on the walk back down. We believe that we are the first Manx Primary School to reach the summit of Goat Fell, something that everyone on the trip should be proud of.

The next day after a relaxed start we set off to ensure that the children all had a wash, courtesy of a local river. After putting on wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets we set off up the river, and after much slipping, sliding, shrieking and laughing we found a 'bath' big enough for us all. This activity required the children to build



on their team work from the day before as no matter how amazing you thought you were, nobody was able to stay upright without a helping hand, and communication was much improved by the end, as we all learnt how much easier it was if the person in front was able to warn you the big rock

was under water before you fell over it rather than after!

Our balancing, team work and communication was put to a final test when we went stand up paddle boarding on Thursday. This activity fine tuned these skills as it was important that they planned movements in advance and ensured that they thought about Newton's third law, as if they didn't, they got wet. It is fair to say that they all got wet!

Away from the activities the children helped to prepare the meals, and tidy up afterwards, ensuring that we sat down to eat each evening when the clock said 5pm. For many though the biggest challenges and biggest highlights came about when they had free time as without a digital device to occupy themselves, they were forced to play in the park next door, or tidy their rooms. One of these activities was much more popular than the other.



Music Day

Our traditional Jurby music day took place recently and once again was a marvellous day of music, fun and laughter. The day started with the whole school learning about the four elements of music: beat, rhythm, pitch and dynamics. These became the theme for the day, with each class focusing on one or more of these elements in their own workshops.

Class 1 worked on pitch, using the parachute to illustrate how notes change depending on if they are a high or low. The children performed a song at the end of the afternoon, complete with actions showcasing this.

Year 2, 3 and 4 joined together to look at rhythm, beat and rap. They worked together in groups to perform a song using drums, other percussion and voice.

Year 5 and 6 were joined by 25 students from Ramsey Grammar School, and together they learnt to play A P Touro, a piece of traditional New Orleans street band music. The school (and community) was introduced to this in an impromptu open air performance at break time by the RGS Street Band, and this set the tone for the rest of the day, with the sound echoing around our school until long after home time.

It was fantastic to see and hear the school alive with music, and as part of this we welcomed back a number of RGS pupils who used to come to our school, and started their musical career with our Soundstart programme and could themselves remember sitting and listening to students from RGS playing for them. We hope that next year some of our current Year 6's will come back and show us how much more musical progress they have made.

The day of course would not be possible without the support of the Music Service and we would like to thank them for all their hard work in ensuring that the day was the success it was.



Jurby School in the Community

Over the last few months FOJS have partnered with JNCI to launch a monthly 'Pop up' social event for the whole community. The aim of these events is to raise some money for both groups, and to also provide opportunities for everyone to come together socially and have some fun.

Back in October, following our Harvest Festival, we held a Harvest Lunch where, once again in partnership with JNCI, we invited anyone from our community to come along to a pot luck lunch, made out of the donations we had received at the Harvest Festival. The older children came along and acted as waiters, as well as sitting and talking to the guests whilst they had lunch.

Our soft play sessions continue to be well supported and are open to all members of our community at no cost. Thanks to Jurby Northern Community Initiatives (JNCI) for their support with this activity.

As ever our field is always open to the Community when school is not open, and over the summer the tennis net will be re-appearing, which along with the goal posts, we hope will give the young and young at heart something to do.



At Christmas time we entered the 3FM Carol Competition and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning the song they chose, before being recorded and then appearing on the radio. We also entered the Ramsey Commissioners Christmas Tree competition, showcasing the children's talents and promoting the school and Community to a wider audience.



Trips, Visits and Visitors

This year we have had many trips and visits out of school helping to bring the children's learning to life, as well as our weekly swimming lessons at Ramsey Swimming Pool.



These visits have included the Grove Museum, the Venture Centre, Onchan Park, Crucial Crew, blackberry picking, and of course our recent whole school visit to the Wild Life Park. Back in the Autumn term Mrs Cranmer's class visited Stemfest at the Villa Marina. This was a whole day's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities showcasing the importance of these four disciplines on modern life and the careers that you can follow if you have an interest in them.

Also in the Autumn Term Class 1 were treated to a performance of Peter and the Wolf along with other KS1 children from across the North of the Island. The children listened to the music and story, as well as having a lesson on how the instruments work.

One of our more unusual visitors into school were 2 miniature Shetland Ponies. The look of amazement and delight on the children's faces when they went into the hall to find two tiny horses was wonderful to see. For some this was their first time up close to a real pony, and they loved stroking, brushing and generally making a fuss.

We have also welcomed into school a number of visitors who have helped to make learning fun through their knowledge and enthusiasm for their subject. These visitors have included artists, wildlife experts, the Police and not forgetting our regular Assembly guests. Perhaps our most high profile visitor this year was His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who talked to the children about his role and answered the many questions that they had to ask him.



Just before Easter we welcomed author and illustrator Simon Murry, AKA Mr Icky Doo Dah. Over the course of the day he brought his books alive with interactive readings, and then spent time in each class working with the children, showing them how to draw Icky Doo Dah, and bring their own stories alive with illustrations. The day ended with the children sharing their work in assembly.



Our final visitors of the Easter Term were a group of musicians from Shennaghys Jiu. They entertained us with a selection of traditional music and made sure that we all got up to dance. This event linked in with the art work that the children had produced for the exhibition in Ramsey Town Hall, where once again our children's work was admired and praised by people from across the Island.

Cookery

Children in Reception and Year 1 enjoyed cookery sessions every week. Life skills that they learn in these sessions include teamwork, accurate measuring of solids and liquids, the fine motor skills needed to safely chop, peel and grate as well as the science behind cookery, and even how to wash up. Dishes cooked and enjoyed this year include apple crumble, Hop Tu Nae Tacos, Chinese New Year stir fry, pancakes, animal toast, chilli, soups, curry, scones, cookies, biscuits, salad and lots and lots of cakes!

