

Friends of Jurby School

What have they done for my child this year?

Fundraising

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

Since September FOJS have spent over £2,500 supporting the children. Below are some of the ways this money has been spent. They have recently spent £850 on new games and toys for the playground. Look out for these appearing in September.

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.

Christmas present for every child.

Providing a book for every child on their Birthday

Christmas Party

Covering the costs for every trip (apart from the residential trip), at a cost of over £750 or £12.50 per child

Theatre group visit to school £290

Puppet Theatre group visit to school £380

Leavers' Meal for Children in Y5 and Y6

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



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'Believe it; Achieve it'



September 2018 - July 2019

Review of the Year



Musical Achievements

Children in Class 3 have continued to take part in the Sound Start project, which we have been running for three 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 partnered with Ramsey Grammar and the Music Service. All the children started the day learning some songs, before they split into smaller groups to play instruments, with Class 3's Windband being joined by twenty five children from RGS. The day ended with a short concert, and was enjoyed by everyone who took part.



Manx Culture

In February we held a Manx Culture Day. The children worked in their houses to learn a Manx Dance, made Bonnag, listened to Manx myths and legends and worked with Mr Starkey to paint some giant postcards featuring Manx Scenes. These were then exhibited in Ramsey Town Hall as part of the Shennaghys Jui Festival.



The Children's Shennaghys Jui Art work was on display in the Town Hall

Jurby School in the Community

Jurby School has continued to play a role in the Community, which culminated in our display at the recent Flower Festival. Children in all three classes exhibited work and we received many positive comments from the visitors.



Earlier on in the year we donated our Harvest Produce to the Community Centre, where a willing band of volunteers turned it into a fantastic Community Lunch. Children from Class 3 helped to wait on tables and had the opportunity to eat lunch with the guests.

Did you attend the Queens Pier Restoration Concert featuring our Pop up Choir?



Save the Children
Festival of Trees 2018
HIGHLY COMMENDED
awarded to
Jurby Community School
Congratulations and sincere thanks
for your participation and support

Did you visit our Christmas tree at the Airport? Over 500 visitors listened to our children singing Silent Night in English, Manx and German.

Trips and Visits

During the course of the year the school has run over 30 different trips and visits, to enable the children to learn through experience away from the classroom. These trips have included Class 3 watching Macbeth at the Gaiety, trips to the Currags and Wildlife Park, a trip up a Lighthouse and Class 1's day as Superheroes at Ardwhallan.

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 and a trip on the Electric Tram, or a visit to Laser Mayhem as a reward for the children's hard work throughout the year.

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.



Learning Dispositions

In September we introduced our seven learning characters, Corporal Cerealot, Captain Confidence, Deemster Dependable, Dr Determined, Inspector Inclusive, Major Memory and Ranger Respect.

These seven characters demonstrate all of the different aspects that make up a well

rounded person, who is able to learn and contribute to our community in a positive way.

They focus on characteristics such as doing right, even when nobody is there to see you, being honest and trustworthy, solving problems and learning from experience, having a positive attitude and not being afraid to fail

Through the course of the year we have looked out for children showing these different characteristics and presented over 300 certificates based on these achievements.



Compassion IOM

We recently entered a competition run by Hospice to design a poster to advertise their returning home boxes, and are delighted to announce that Lexi won first place, with Tia and Aylee runners up from across the whole Island. Look out for the winning poster in the Co-Op

Learning in the Outdoor Classroom

We have continued working with Ardwhallan Outdoor Centre to develop our Learning in the Outdoors. This year children in Year 3 and 4 have focussed on completing their Wilderness Discovery award and Water Safety award, to ensure they have the basic skills they need to keep themselves safe when in the wilds.

Children in Class 3 have built on the skills they learnt in previous years, and this year have all completed an environmental project, a water sports course and a team building and problem solving course, with each activity lasting six weeks.

For the children in Year 5 and 6 this culminated in a week's escape to the Lake District, to take part in a bespoke residential trip, very different to the run of the mill trip to an outdoor centre experienced by children at other schools. They had to put into practice the physical and mental skills that they had learnt over the last three years in order to complete the challenges of the week away. These included climbing, kayaking, swimming and mountaineering, as well as surviving a week without a mobile phone signal, access to the Internet, and having to cook, wash up and look after themselves (with help from the adults)!



For many children the biggest personal challenge was a High Ropes Course. This involved them conquering their fear of heights, working together and planning ahead in order to reach the triple 100m Zip Wire at the end of the 2 hour trail.

During the week the children were involved in assessing the risks of each activity and learnt about perceived and actual risk. At the beginning many of them thought that the High Ropes course was a particularly high risk activity, due to their perception of the risk involved with the heights.



However once the safety equipment had been taken into account, including the continuous safety line they were attached to, they began to understand that it was a very safe activity. In comparison a walk through the centre of a busy town, with crowded pavements, large vehicles less than 50cm away, and the pollution is in many ways much more dangerous. The children learnt about treating the great outdoors with the respect it deserves, how to carry out dynamic risk assessments, taking into account the ability of the whole team, and altering plans as they go to keep everyone safe.

The week culminated on Thursday with an ascent of Great Gable, considered to be one of the classic Lake District peaks, as well as one of the more challenging. The route involved summing Green Gable before dropping back down, to then scramble up to the summit of Great Gable. This was the first time that a Manx Primary School had reached the summit and was a major achievement for them all. They then walked back down via Styhead Tarn, where they had a refreshing wild swim in a mountain tarn on route before carrying on back to the bunk house they were staying in.