

Friends of Jurby School

What have they done for my child this year?

Fundraising

Since September Friends of Jurby School has raised over £2500. Thank you to everybody who has helped to organise these events, or supported them.

Since September FOJS have spent over £1400 supporting the children. Below are some of the ways this money has been spent. The surplus has been put aside to help purchase new climbing equipment for our playground.

Providing a book for every child on their Birthday

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

Christmas present for every child.

Christmas Party

Books and Cushions for the Library.

Covering the costs for every trip (apart from the residential trip), at a cost of over £700

Leavers' Meal for Children in Y5 and Y6

Ice Creams for every child on the whole school day out.



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'Believe it; Achieve it'



September 2017 - July 2018

Review of the Year



This year has seen a number of successes for our school. Look inside to read more about them.

Musical Achievements



Children in Class 3 have continued to take part in the Sound Start project. This involved them being given a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, along with weekly lessons in school. This culminated in their annual concert on Wednesday 18th July.

Children in Class 2 recently took part in Children in Song. This involved them learning a number of songs from the musical The King With Cold Feet, and then performing them alongside children from 13 other

schools on stage at the Villa Marina.

Learning Logs

Over the year we have had some fantastic Learning Logs produced across the school. Highlights include nearly life size twin elephants, an amazing rainforest, a film review of their year, and not to forget the many cakes we have all enjoyed.



Trips and Visits

Since September we have organised and run over 35 separate trips out, in addition to our weekly visits to Ardwhallan. These have included Class 3 visiting the Gaiety Theatre to watch a performance of Romeo and Juliet, Class 2 visiting the Gaiety to see a Live Science Show. Visits to the Wild Life Park for Colour Me Wild and a general visit and Class 1 visiting the beach to find Blackbeard's stolen treasure.

In February Class 2 went on an evening trip to the Foxdale Observatory. Despite the low cloud the children all enjoyed the trip, prompting some to develop a keen interest in astronomy.



Class 1 Visit the House of Manannan's Toy Exhibition

All of these trips, unlike many other Island Schools, have been provided at no cost to parents, with all costs being paid for by the Friends of Jurby School.

Sporting Achievements

This year we have taken part in many sports competitions including, cross country, hockey, cricket, tag rugby, infant football and swimming. In many of these competitions we had children taking part who were significantly younger than the other competitors and every one who took part should be very proud of their achievements.

Parents' Questionnaire

In March of this year we carried out a Parents Questionnaire, asking you what you thought of our School. We were delighted with how positively you all rated us.

| Question | %age who agree or strongly agree |
|--|----------------------------------|
| My Child/ren like coming to school | 96% |
| The School keeps me well informed about my child's progress | 92% |
| I would find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems about my child. | 100% |
| Any issue I have raised has been taken seriously and I feel dealt with to the best of the schools ability. | 88% |
| The school keeps me well informed about events and general matters through newsletters. | 92% |
| The school plays an active role in the community. | 96% |
| The children are given about the right amount of homework. | 80% |
| My Child normally enjoys doing their homework. | 80% |

No complaints, think it is brilliant

My child loves school and I think the staff do a great job.

Very pleased with the school

We are very happy with the school.

I would not send my child anywhere else.

Underneath the Hot Sun - Jurby School Canoe to England

During the year children in Class 2 and 3 have been working in partnership with Ardwhallan Outdoor Education Centre to develop their team work, resilience and problem solving.



This culminated in a week long trip to North Wales for the children in Year 5 and 6. The children put their team work and resilience skills to the test every day, as they went back to basics, staying in a simple bunk house, half a mile from the nearest road, with limited electricity and no mobile phone signal. The children were forced to abandon their electronic lifestyle, and instead to focus on more basic needs including water preservation. The heat wave had nearly exhausted the bunk houses water supply, so the

children needed to conserve water, carry in drinking water, and carry back out with them all their rubbish. This brought to home issues around how wasteful we are as a society and what we can all do to cut down on waste.

The very hot weather meant that the planned programme had to be adapted to limit the children's exposure to the sun, and a planned trip to the summit of Glyder Fawr was changed to walk through woods on the lower slopes of Snowdon before a cooling swim in a river, and the opportunity to sit under a water fall, something none of the children had experienced before.

As part of the trip the children undertook a two day expedition canoeing along the Llangollen Canal, the first time a Manx Primary School has done so. The children spent the night in tents, a new experience for some, before finishing the expedition the next day. For many the high point of the trip was canoeing over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, and through two tunnels, one of which was nearly half a kilometre long. The journey then ended with a trip over the Chirk Aqueduct and paddling across the border from Wales into England.



New Library

In March we opened our new Community Library. We have been told by reliable sources that we have the best Primary School Library on the Island, and both the children and staff love using it. To date over 500 books have been borrowed (and returned), by

both children and adults from our Community.

Over the Summer we are going to be cataloging all of the books for adults that have been donated and these will be available to borrow from September. Please spread the word.

