



Sulby School News

November 2022

It's been a really terrific first term here at Sulby School, and our pupils have been enjoying some fantastic learning. We have seen some outstanding activities both in and out of the classrooms, with memorable experiences and community events making up a great Autumn Term - read on to find out more!

A visit from the Lieutenant Governor



It was a pleasure to welcome His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer to the school earlier this term! Sir John spoke to our children in a special assembly where he shared some of the ways in which his role allows him to help so many people around the Isle of Man, about his own career and which aspects of the role he enjoys the most - a very interesting talk!

He also took the time to come outside and visit our Year 6 children as they were enjoying a day of activities in The Woods, our specially designed outdoor learning area, and we are delighted that Sir John has lent his support and enthusiasm to the school's fantastic scheme, the Lieutenant Governor's Award - we're very proud to be able to work with His Excellency again, and look forward to his next visit to our school!

Our Lieutenant Governor's Award goes from strength to strength, while our new outdoor learning curriculum supports so many of its core values.

TT RockStars



Thanks to all of you who have signed and returned your permission slips for Times Table RockStars! This is an excellent, engaging and proven way for children to master one of the cornerstones of their mathematical understanding. We want our pupils to be able to recall their times tables (and the associated division facts) as rapidly and automatically as they can - and TT RockStars provides a great way for children to practise in school and at home!

Pupils can see their own progress easily as they get faster and faster, and enjoy fun rewards too. The TT RockStars site also keeps tabs on which questions each pupil is taking longest to answer and adjusts the question sets accordingly, so that they are more frequently practising in the areas they need to!

We'll be sure to make good use of TT RockStars in school, and don't forget you can access the site or the app at home too!

Christmas Fayre This Saturday!



Our cracker of a Christmas Fayre is taking place this **Saturday afternoon from 2pm** and we would love to see you all there! With a wide range of stalls and games there's something for everyone - and it's all in support of our wonderful school! And don't forget our sensational raffle with some spectacular prizes, including these amazing Coloured Hampers!



1 - One of these wonderful hampers could be yours!

Our Evacuation Experience in Year 6!



In Year 6 our pupils have been enjoying some really outstanding learning as part of their topic 'A Child's War', finding out about what life was like for a child during World War 2. They've been thinking in particular about life as an evacuee, and to help deepen their understanding they were able to take part in their very own evacuation adventure! From thinking about the items they would take with them to the experience of being transported away by a steam train, our children have developed a strong sense of empathy for others in those situations.

By immersing themselves in their learning this way, we have seen our children return to the classroom full of knowledge and ideas, and as you can see, this is resulting in some beautiful writing!





Also in the bedroom, was two, tall wardrobes covered with dirt. Next to the bedroom was a tiny bathroom with one toilet, one bath tub and a little sink. Then there was a kitchen, about half the size of the bedroom. The walls were covered in grey stone bricks and there was a tiny window with a cooker, a sink, a fridge, and some cabinets. It was decorated with pictures of Mr. Peters when he was younger;

left. What could be up here beside us? I slowly peered over the side of the wall, panic rising in my chest. It was Pibby. She seemed to be found her bed and was happily bouncing on it, which apparently she was just testing the springs, but it was pretty clear she wasn't. In the room she had found was a decent bed with a small cabinet next to it and a gas lamp on top. After a few minutes of admiring the room, I left Pibby to

stop me from falling down the dark, wooden stairs. The cream colored walls absorbed the light from the small candle in my hand. My parents were now up and they had bags in their hands. "Quick follow us," mom said with a tear in her eye. We all ran down the stairs, past the kitchen and out the back door. It was very dim outside

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Dear Ellie, welcome to our home! (PRISON, more like.) The outside is covered in moss and ivy, slithers of deep, red brickwork peeping from underneath. The rooms are cold, damp, with freezing draughts blowing in. Once you walk through the low-hanging doorway, you're met by four stone steps. Going up from there, is

Rock Kidz Rock Sulby!



What a day we all enjoyed when the Rock Kidz visited our school for the first time! Their high energy, song-based workshops about positivity, self-esteem and being proud of who you are delivered a great message for our children. Featuring songs such as 'Nobody Like Me', dance-offs and air guitar challenges, our pupils had a great time learning about this important part of the curriculum

School Uniform Ordering



We are planning to place our next uniform order shortly. Order forms can be obtained from the school office and need to be returned for processing by Thursday 1st December. Payment is either by cash or cheque payable to Sulby School and is to be sent to the office with the order form. Thank you.

Our New Playground Equipment



We have recently taken delivery of our lovely new playground equipment, and it certainly does look like it will give a real boost to our schoolyard ! At the moment though, we are still fundraising to have the new items installed. Our fantastic PTA have done so much to be able to provide us with the equipment (to the tune of an incredible £7000!), and have gone above and beyond as ever in securing further donations for the installation - but we still need some help! If you happen to know of a local company who might be able and willing to help us out, please do let us know!

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