

## Report for 2017/18

The children and staff worked hard but also had fun over the last year. We believe children should enjoy their childhood and gain lots of experiences. There are lots of different skills among the staff at the Bunscoill and we think of the whole person as we work to develop different strengths and skills within the children. The more opportunities afforded to the children, the broader their education and experiences and they bring their own experiences to all their learning.

There have been a variety of clubs over the year including among others, sport, chess, ICT, making things and drama. Thank you to helpers who came into school to help with these.

We have a School Improvement Plan where we look to improve aspects of the school each year. One of the areas for focus last year was the outdoor play area and thanks to some dads and a grandad we now have a fantastic area for the children to take part in challenging creative play.

We started off the year with a visit from 'Time Capsule,' which got the children writing about History, the teachers trained to deliver the 'Diverse Dance Mix' written by Darcy Bussell and we have all kept fit with a short burst of dance fitness each morning. We also take part in the daily mile each lunchtime. The running club has had many participants each Wednesday too. We also had a focus on healthy eating and lifestyle again this year and tried different foods and pushed ourselves to walk just that little bit further. We celebrated World Book Day, had a mass dance for Hop tu Naa and hunted for eggs at Easter.

We remembered our dear friend and colleague, Kate Pitts at a small gathering where we introduced our buddy bench. Thanks to SnyP for supporting us with this. We would like to say a big thank you to the support we have had from Shesaght ny Parantyn over the year. Along with their fantastic achievements raising money to help us at school, SnyP have held a Hop tu Naa party for the children as well as organised the Christmas Fair and a Valentine disco. A group also went to help Beach Buddies to clean up.

We have had important visitors, international educationalists and politicians over the year to look at the wonderful work the school is doing in revitalising our language. We had a chess master come to deliver chess lessons to Years 3 and 4 every Friday.

We held our annual Christmas service and a fantastic play/musical where all the children took part. We took part in hockey, football, netball, cross country and swimming competitions and the children spoke, sang, played and danced at the Manx Folk awards with a number of successes.

Bnr Clague worked with a group of children again this year to create a short film for the One World Centre competition 'It's Not Fair' and once again we won a trophy which we share with Sulby School.

Along with sixteen other schools, we took part in the Our Island Garden project at St Johns where every child in our school painted a stone to put into the garden we set up. All the stones had a picture and the Manx word to accompany it painted on.

The children have been developing their ICT skills and you will find their animated short stories and e-books on our website.

We enjoy visiting other schools and this year we went to St Johns to see the wind band which has ex pupils from the Bunscoill as members in it and B4 went to the School of Rock musical at QEll. Once again it was great to see ex pupils taking part and some of them in leading roles.

Along with trips around our immediate area,

Brastyl 4 went to the Venture Centre, took a trip to follow the Colby river from its source to the sea and made some discoveries on our archaeological trip to Kirk Michael. They also enjoyed ice skating at Christmas.

Brastyl 3 had a Viking day at Ard Whallan,

Brastyl 2 went to the House of Manannan, did a lot of Forest School and outdoor science activities having weekly sessions outdoors and took over the garden last year. They had a bread making day too which was great fun.

Brastyl 1 went to the Wildlife Park, held a teddy bears picnic, walked to our garden for a party and entered a competition for the Manx Folk Awards.

How well we are doing. At the end of Year 2 and Year 6 the Department of Education and Children collects information about the National Curriculum levels that children are achieving.

EYFS (Children come to school with very little Manx and learn in an immersion setting and are assessed through Manx at the end of the year. )

GLD All	GLD All (Prime)
28.6%	71.4%

End of KS 1 results The children are doing all their lessons in Manx and are assessed in these in Manx only. We have developed a new assessment for the Manx language which we developed with the modern foreign languages curriculum in mind. The range is expected to be between Level 1 and Level 3, with the majority of children attaining Level 2.

	level 1	level 2	level 3
Buinn	12.5%	87.5%	
Soilshaghey Eieyn	12.5%	87.5%	
Kiartys	12.5%	87.5%	
Maddaght		100%	
Sheanse		75%	25%

End of KS 2 results. Other than English, all the subjects are assessed in Manx. The range is expected to be between Level 3 and Level 5, with the majority of children attaining Level 4.

	level 3	level 4	level 5+
Speaking and Listening		56%	44%
Reading		44%	56%
Writing		33%	67%
Gaelg		78%	22%
Maddaght		44%	56%
Sheanse		56%	44%

We are all set for another year of fun opportunities to enhance the children's learning.