

Report for 2018/19

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 Bunscoil 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.

Our outdoor play area has been a huge success for the children to take part in challenging creative play and we are looking towards developing the garden area over the coming year. Watch this space.

We continue to keep fit with a short burst of dance fitness each morning and continue with the daily mile at lunchtimes.

We had a focus on healthy eating and lifestyle again this year and tried different foods to widen our experiences. One class made sour dough bread. We celebrated World Book Day, Hop tu Naa and hunted for eggs at Easter.

We would like to say a big thank you to the support we have had from Sheshaght 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. The October Mheillia was a great success and raised much needed funds for the school.

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. The chess master still comes 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, and cross country and children spoke, sang, played and danced at the Manx Folk awards with a number of successes.

Along with many other island schools, we continue to maintain a garden as part of the Island Garden Project in St Johns. All the children made and painted insects and animals to be found in and near a dry stone wall.

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

We take trips to visit many of the island sites and museums throughout the year to enhance our learning experiences.

How well the children have done this year. At the end of Reception Year, Year 2 and Year 6, the Department of Education, Sport and Culture collect information about the National Curriculum levels the children attain.

EYFS children come to school with very little or no Manx and learn in an immersion setting and are assessed through Manx at the end of the year.

GLD All	GLD All (Prime)
53.8%	61.5%

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 we 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		90.9%	9.1%
Soilshaghey Eiyh		100%	
Kiartys		100%	
Maddaght	18.2%	81.8%	
Sheanse		100%	

End of KS 2 results

Other than English, all the subjects are assessed through Manx. The range is expected to be between level 3 and 5, with the majority of children attaining level 4.

	level 3	level 4	level 5
Speaking and Listening		40%	60%
Reading		40%	60%
Writing		40%	60%
Gaelg		40%	60%
Maddaght		60%	40%
Sheanse		40%	60%