

## **Bunscoil Ghaelgagh 2022 – 2023**

We have had a much more settled year after the disruption of Covid 19 which seems such a long time ago now but we're still feeling the after-shocks from time to time.

This year we started with 53 pupils and gained another after Christmas bringing our total to 54. At lunch times the children sat in groups to encourage more chatting in Manx in an informal atmosphere. Different groups gained the most points at the end of each half term and earned themselves a free lunch which they planned and prepared in their lunch table group with help.

Children from Y1 - 6 had an afternoon of sport together throughout the year and the school took part in many inter-school sports festivals and competitions. Great for individuals as well as for team work. Events the children took part in included:

Year 3 and 4 Hockey Festival

Cricket training for children from KS1 and 2

Small school's Cross Country

Several Football festivals

Brastyl Greeba went for weekly walks which helped them learn Manx in context. They also walked down the road to use the big sports hall at St Johns school every Friday as well as a Monday afternoon in our playground on the ride on toys and in the sand pit for their large motor skills.

We had a biosphere picnic in the Arboretum at the end of the July and included in the feast was food made from what the children had grown in the school garden.

We have been developing our outdoor learning area with help from parents and have created a mud kitchen and a nature area. We also painted the benches and picnic tables. to preserve them.

Year 6 children went to Crucial Crew Day where they found out about all the emergency services on the island and how to keep themselves safe. Brastyl Sniraul made a safety video after this event to highlight all the services on the island and it won an award. They planned it, filmed it and edited it themselves. You can find it on our school website and you'll see exactly why they won.

Brastyl Sniraul also made a film for the Scottish Gaelic Film Awards competition which was written, scored, acted, directed and edited by the children. A great lesson for them all.

Mnr Cain took a couple of children each week to Greens to practise their Manx with the conversational class of adults there.

Mnr Cain has links with Ysgol llannon in Wales and the Brastyl Barrule made several zoom calls with them.

## Highlights from the year

Following on from our success last year, we had another magical Christmas outdoor event taking everyone through the Christmas Story with an added Manx twist. Thanks to Bnr Clague for organising this and to Cori Philips who created the fantastic puppets of Mary and Joseph and to the parents who formed a band to give us a musical addition to the evening. Look at this link for the Christmas 2022 event. <https://vimeo.com/783625362>

The school play/musical went a step further this year and saw us using the Centenary Centre stage to perform, Lioar y Doofyr (The Jungle Book) under the direction of Bnr Clague with help from the school staff. It was spectacular. Good to have Bnr Kissack back to help out too. You can view the performance on the Culture Vannin site. <https://youtu.be/Gnn14llilGo> <https://culturevannin.im/watchlisten/videos/lioar-y-doofyr-796210/>

Mnr Cain and I took Brastyl Sniaul to Ennis in County Clare in October along with a group of parent helpers. A very successful trip. We met and talked in our Gaelic languages with speakers of Irish Gaelic at the local school, as well as in the area, and learnt about the geography and history of the area and of the island of Inisheer.

A group of children from the Gaelic School in Kilkeel visited the island and Brastyl Sniaul spent a lot of time with them. Bnr Clague planned lots of activities where we worked together and learnt much from the environment and each other. The children were all amazed at how similar the two languages were.

### Other events which took place over the year:

SnyP organised discos/parties throughout the year for the children

SnyP organised a very successful Christmas Fair

SnyP organised the ice cream for everyone on the last day of term

Daily exercise through dance, running or exercise in the yard, weather permitting

The Governor came to visit us in December

We had our Christmas Party in the Methodist Hall and school

Year 4 children had some lessons on safety on scooters

The group from the local church came a couple of times each half term to "Open the Book" and tell a story from the Bible

Manx Sport and Recreation gave an assembly to encourage the children to join in with the Manx Youth Games

We had a closure due to snow

We've had a steady stream of television, newspaper and radio companies who came to find out more about the school and spread the word about what our school is doing for the spread of the Manx language

New York Times

- France 24
- An Italian national/regional TV channel RAI
- Radió Fáilt from Ireland
- Swiss daily newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung, [www.nzz.ch](http://www.nzz.ch) (also widely read in Germany)

The author Tom Palmer did a Zoom lesson with Brastyl Barrule and Sniaul.

We had a visit from the Minister and CEO of DESC

The Year 6 children entered the Maths Olympiad and teamed with one of the ex Bunscoill children now in Y7 and they won

Visit by the Director of Education

We had a book sale for World Book Day

Brastyl Sniaul visited the Quayle's farm to look at soil and old methods of farming

The children from all the classes took part in the Manx Folk awards and we saw some fantastic performances

Brastyl Barrule went to study Manx Crosses at the House of Manannan

We took a team to take part in the Dolphin Trophy, a great opportunity to swim against the best swimmers across the island's schools.

Brastyl Sniaul sang for the Governor when he visited the Methodist Hall next door to school and he loved their singing. They invited him to our school play at that event and he accepted the invitation.

Baby Watch in Brastyl Greeba, a young baby and Mum came in once a month so the children could see the development and understand why babies need a lot of looking after.

Wildlife Park visit with Brastyl Bradda on their rain forest topic.

Brastyl Bradda had a jungle in their communal seating area as part of their Rainforest topic too.

Wildlife Park visit for Brastyl Greeba to look at colours in nature and camouflage. They also made a 1 minute animated film of animals as part of their topic, Beiyn.

Parents from the Moonjer Veggey Nursery came to visit us and many signed up giving us 14 new children for September 2023. Staff also visited the Nursery so the children can see us in their environment as well as at the Bunscoill on their induction day.

**Below are the end of year results for the relevant classes. Thanks to all the staff and children for all their hard work over the year.**

Children are assessed in Manx only at the Early Years Stages and through Manx only through KS1. At KS 2, they are assessed in Manx and English in Language and in Manx only in Maths and Science.

End of Year Data 2022 - 2023		
<b>KBBM Keim Bunneydys Bleantyn Moghey</b>	KAM (Prime)	All children learn Manx as an additional language when they enter the school and are assessed in Manx at the end of the year.
<b>Keim Anchoodaghey Mie (KAM)</b>	0%	
<b>Jerrey KS1</b>	<b>L2+</b>	<b>L3+</b>
Loayrt as Geishtagh	100%	14.3%
Lhaih	100%	14.3%
Scrieu	100%	14.3%
Maddaght	100%	14.3%
Sheanse	100%	14.3%
<b>Jerrey KS 2</b>	<b>L4+</b>	<b>L5+</b>
Fockleyn	100%	0%
Grammeydys	100%	0%
Tushtys	100%	9.1%
Chengey	100%	9.1%
Speaking and Listening	100%	9.1%
Reading	100%	9.1%
Writing	100%	0%
Maddaght	100%	9.1%
Sheanse	100%	0%