



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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IN OTHER NEWS...

Nursery baked puff pastry tarts fit for a King! They are getting very good at measuring and weighing ingredients and making delicious food!



Headteacher's Update



What a lovely time the children had last week celebrating the King's Coronation. Our Nursery and Reception PTA parents organised a fantastic 'Ball' for the children with lots of music, dancing and crown creating. They raised a huge £453 to go towards our reading den. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out it was a very successful event.



Year three parents have been busy selling plants again this week, it was lovely to see local residents popping in to buy plants. They are still totting up the final amount raised but there was such a good turnout. I would like to thank all of the parents who spent time looking after the little seedlings ready to sell, especially Zdenka Buchan who has been living amongst the seedlings for quite some time! I think you will agree, a better quality than most garden centres!

Year six were very pleased when Friday came around this week as it meant the end of the Government SATs testing week. Each and every one of them have given the tests their all, it has by no means been an easy week but they have persevered through some tough questions. We would like to remind the children that whatever the outcome we are so proud of them all, they could not have tried any harder. Now on to the Isle of Wight and some much-earned fun and adventure!

A reminder to everyone that due to the Isle of Wight week being the first week back after half term the INSET day is on Monday 12th June.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss James



HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



What fabulous writing from Marianna, Sid, Jesse and Heart in year one. They had written some lovely descriptive pieces all about an animal from their enchanted woodland.



Wallis, Thea and Isla had all put some serious thought into what they would do if they became Queen for the day. All of them had considered how they would make the country and the world a better place.

Rees has been trying super hard this week and independently completed his maths activity. He was so proud of his efforts.



Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Donaldson Class (Nursery)

We have had a busy two weeks in the Nursery. We have been continuing our daily phonics learning the sounds 'w' for 'wave' and 'y' for 'yoyo'. The children loved finding things that started with the sound 'w' and this included 'whale'. Therefore, we reread the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' and talked about snails. We have seen quite a few lately with all the damp weather! In cooking we made savoury puff pastry tarts and the children have been chopping vegetables and grating cheese before selecting their ingredients. They really did smell delicious. We definitely thought they were good enough to serve at a Royal Tea Party! Talking of the Royal family we also talked about the Coronation and made our own crowns. On Friday afternoon the children at wrap around were able to join the rest of the school for a special 'Coronation Picnic' and prepared their own jam and cream scones. This week we have enjoyed the story 'Penguin' and talked about what the penguin might be saying by making our own speech bubbles using our mark making. In cooking we made jelly and thought of words to describe what the jelly felt like. We enjoyed eating it with our fruit at snack time. We have found the sound 'y' more challenging to find objects but we have found lots of 'yellow' things around the nursery and have spotted 'yogurt' at lunchtime. We are trying to look for letters in our name and many of us can write some of our name too. We look forward to seeing lots of you at our 'Stay and Play' session next Tuesday 16th from 9-10am.



Brownlee Class (Reception)

In Brownlee Class we have been learning about the coronation and discussing important celebrations to us. We explored what would happen and what special objects the new king would have to hold and then we made our own crowns, we also took the time to write poems focussing on words describing the crown. Finally we investigated coins and how they have a profile of the monarch on them, we decided to make our own bank of Brownlee Class and made our very own coins.

We did an exciting science investigation this week, we shared the story of a little bear who zooms into space in a cardboard box but we knew that wouldn't really have enough power to get that high. We explored how to send our own rocket mice up high using plastic bottles, it was the best day!

This week we've come back to, those bunnies they've left their on the shore and now they are in...a boat!



Singer Class (Year One)

Singer Class have enjoyed learning all about woodlands this week. They discussed which animals live in the woods and what sort of home they might have. They then painted their favourite woodland animals. As well as animals, Singer Class have been discovering the different plants that can be found in the woods. They have written lots of interesting facts about Bluebells and have labelled the different parts of the flower. In maths, the children have been learning about doubling and halving as well as recapping one more and one less. They have also been exploring what happens when two is added to or subtracted from odd or even numbers. They are all doing so well with their phonics- please continue to practise with them at home and thank you for all of your support.



Goodfellow Class (Year Two)

Goodfellow Class very much enjoyed exploring the habitats of minibeasts on our trip to Holly Lodge. We have also been using our own outdoor space to explore the conditions for animals to live in, with an activity led by Maaïke's mum, thinking about why different minibeasts choose to live where they do. We then had great fun handling play minibeasts with our partners and sorting them by chosen criteria. What a lot we have learned about these small creatures! In class we have been waiting with anticipation for our little caterpillars to grow and change. They are currently a chrysalis so we are hoping to watch them transform and then be able to set them free outside. Everyone is working very hard this term. We have been going over lots of number skills and maths topics, making connections between number skills and applying it to problem solving situations. In English we are working on writing an adventure story where we shrink to the size of an ant before meeting different creatures that take us on amazing experiences. If only we really could ride on the back of a butterfly!



Zephaniah Class (Year Three)

Zephaniah class have been excellent writers the past couple of weeks. They have used a range of persuasive techniques to create leaflets that would encourage people to come and visit their local area of Richmond-Upon-Thames, as well as detailed map guides for people to use when they visit. They moved onto biography and autobiography writing, and with the Coronation celebrations last week, we decided to use the chromebooks to research and write a biography of King Charles III before enjoying a lovely tea party together on the playground. Zephaniah class have been improving their mathematical skills and problem-solving using column addition and subtraction in their maths lessons. As well as this we have been conducting science investigations with one of our lovely parent volunteers to find out how shadows are formed and comparing materials to see which make the best shadow. The class were excellent at making their own observations and recording the information in a scientific way.



Angelou Class (Year Four)



What is going into our rivers? In Angelou Class we have been looking at how we use rivers for business, transportation, and leisure, and how humans are affecting the health of our waterways in the UK. We've been learning about different kinds of water pollution and are writing persuasive letters to water companies to ask them to consider their impact on the health of the environment and communities when they discharge sewage into our rivers. We're disgusted that the UK has some of the worst water quality in Europe and want companies to do better. In Science, we've begun examining what makes something a living thing and have identified seven characteristics that all organisms demonstrate in some form or another. The most surprising was sensitivity, and how some plants react to contact or changes in their environment, such as the mimosa pudica that droops for a few minutes when it's touched! Maths has been a challenge while we work towards translating shapes to new coordinates on a grid. We have been learning how to plot points on a grid and are hoping to eventually apply our new skills on an orienteering course around the school grounds.

Nicholas Class (Year Five)

In between the exciting events of the Coronation, Year 5 managed to clear the weeds and plant our seeds in the allotment. We are excited to see what harvest we might be able to reap in a few weeks' time! In English, we have been remembering how to punctuate speech correctly and have tried to include it in our historical novel set in Tudor times. We have also been learning about the power of prefixes, and how they change the meaning of root words. In RE, we have completed our work on the Pillars of Islam and have written a diary entry detailing a pilgrimage to the Holy City. In maths, we have been identifying and making 3D shapes from nets, measuring angles with protractors and multiplying fractions by an integer. In science, we have been separating mixtures using different processes, including sieving and filtering and we have been finding a sustainable alternative for glitter! We have been developing our striking and fielding skills in cricket and rounders during PE and have been making miniature portraits in art – another busy fortnight!



Coelho Class (Year Six)



It's been a busy couple of weeks in Year 6. We have been preparing for our SATs. We have worked very hard and now get the chance to show off everything we have learnt! We feel so proud of ourselves for completing them. As a reward for our efforts we are off to Richmond Park for the afternoon and may have some extra treats, too!

We had a wonderful time celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III last week and really enjoyed the whole school picnic in the afternoon. There was no escaping the SATs revision though - we did a scavenger hunt where we found of lots of facts about the King, but had to solve the maths problems to get the answers! This definitely helped keep us physically active and well as keeping our brains active. We have been learning how to track our pulse rates in our science lessons, and all of our pulse rates increased after that activity.

We are looking forward to learning lots more about our topic 'Blood Heart' over the next couple of weeks.

YMCA St Paul's Group

Click on the link to the May edition of the Children and Families Services online newsletter. These newsletters cover news and events across all our YMCA St. Paul's Group Children and Families services and locations. You can find the newsletter on our website under the following link:

<https://ymcastpaulsgroup.org/children-and-families-newsletter-may-2023/ymcastpaulsgroup.org-Children and Families Newsletter May 2023.pdf>



NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/5/23	Year 5 and 6 Tennis team Grey Court
16/5/23	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play 9am
16/5/23	Learning look Years 1-3 2:30pm (Hall)
17/5/23	Learning look Years 4-6 2:30pm (Hall)
18/5/23	Year 5 parent and child introduction to Grey Court 9am (Hall)
19/5/23	Year 6 War Museum
17/5/23	Isle of Wight parent meeting 5:30pm
22/5/23	Year 3 and 4 Tennis team Grey Court
22/5/23	Isle of Wight Bazaar
23-25/5/23	Year 5 McBeth workshop
25/5/23	Class Photos
26/5/23	Reception Class Assembly
26/5/23	Last Day of Half Term
5/6/23	Back to School
5-9/6/23	Year 6 Isle of Wight

WILD PLAY DAYS

Wild Play Days is back for May Half Term!

A fun outdoor day camp in the grounds of the Hawker Centre. We will be promoting a happy and safe activity filled day. We have experienced and qualified staff team who will work with the children.

Activities include: Small team games, den building, camp fire, mindfulness, arts and crafts, woodcraft skills and lots more.

Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June

8.30 am - 6 pm Cost £40

10 am - 6 pm Cost £35

Boundless Dance

BOUNDLESS DANCE

BOUNDLESS DRAMA

BOUNDLESS RHYTHMS

BOUNDLESS THEATRE

Musical Madness

-MAY HALF TERM EVENT-

Our Half Term event is based on many amazing Musicals from around the world

This event includes Acting, Dancing & Singing workshops with a little sharing of work on the final day.

Your child can choose to attend 1 day, 2 days or the full 3 days.

DATES: Wed 31st May, Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd June 2023

TIME: 10am – 2pm (doors open at 9.50am)
Early drop off and Late Pick Up available between 9am-4pm

AGES: 4 - 14 years of age
(Split into groups depending on age)

VENUE: Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road, Teddington, TW11 8TP

PRICE: 1Day - £25, 2-Days- £45 or 3Days- £60

TO SIGN UP: Please visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk and click on the 'Holiday Events' page.

EVERY STUDENT EXPERIENCES AN HOUR OF ACTING, DANCING AND SINGING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS WELL AS AN ENSEMBLE PIECE. ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL WEST END PERFORMERS WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN TO CREATE FUN, DYNAMIC AND ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE PIECES. MORE DETAILS ONLINE.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS NEW TO THE ARTS OR HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN THEM UP FOR A FUN AND ENJOYABLE TIME WITH BOUNDLESS. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

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When?
Fun group sessions & matches throughout the summer – From 25th April

Group sessions:
Girls – Tues 5:00pm (Yr2 to Yr8)
U13s & U14s – Tues 6:30pm
U10s & U11s – Thurs 6:00pm
Softball – Friday 5:00pm
U9s & U12s – Friday 6:30pm
All Stars – Sun 2pm (5 to 8 year olds)

Matches: throughout the week & weekend
£40 to join or weekly sessions for £5. All Stars - £50 for 8 sessions

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League Cricket

Family Festival Cup 10th June

All Stars Cricket

Girls Cricket

Free Taster Session

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