



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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Headteacher's Update:

Dear families,

I need to start this week's newsletter with a huge well done to our Year Six children. This week, they completed their SATS exams and their focus and positivity has been highly commendable. They ended yesterday with a well-earned trip to the park to let off steam and enjoy some fresh air. I also need to thank the Year Six staff team for leading the week so smoothly and ensuring the children were prepped and calm. A great team effort!

Last Friday saw the official opening of our reading hut. Children's author Peter Bunzl spoke to the children about his journey towards becoming a writer and he treated our Year Six children to a reading from his latest book. He also signed copies of his books and answered questions. It was an engaging and inspiring session enjoyed by all children from Reception to Year Six. Photos are attached below.

As we race towards the end of the academic year, I wanted to highlight a couple of key events we have coming up:

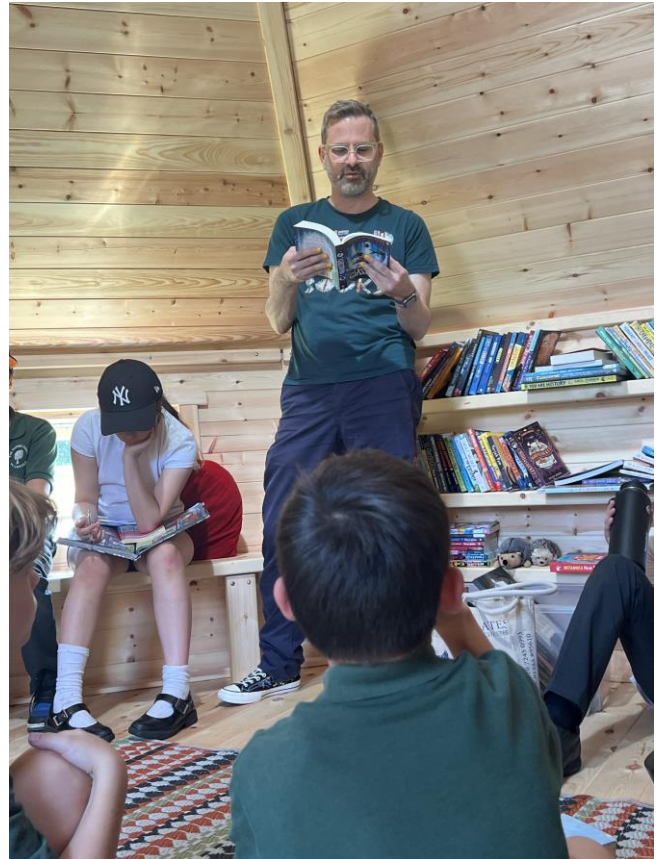
On Friday 14th June, The PTA, led by Year 5 families and supported by Grey Court School, are hosting our first **Russell Rocks** event. This will run from 5-7pm in school, or in the playground, depending on the weather. It will be a musical extravaganza featuring our choir, orchestra and bands, performers from Grey Court School, some parent/carer musicians and more. Food and drinks will be served and we hope you will come along and enjoy this musical event. Further details / ticketing info to follow soon.

On Friday 5th July at the end of the school day, our PTA are hosting our **annual summer fair**. There will be a range of stalls and activities, with food and drinks available. Please do come along and bring your friends and family too!

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week – our final week of the half term.

Laura Brooks

Reading Hut Reveal!



A wonderful afternoon hearing from Peter Bunzl, celebrating the joy of reading in our fantastic reading hut!

Look What We Have Been Learning...

Nursery

The Nursery children have been enjoying the sunshine and exploring all our new areas outside. We have lots of new water play resources outside in our water zone and we have been enjoying mixing and whisking the water! We also love our new basketball hoops and physical area where the children love to use the cones, balls and space hoppers.

Last week we read a story about a bee and we made collage bees and used honey to cook our oaty biscuits. This week we made 'Hungry Caterpillar' fruit kebabs using grapes, kiwis and strawberries.

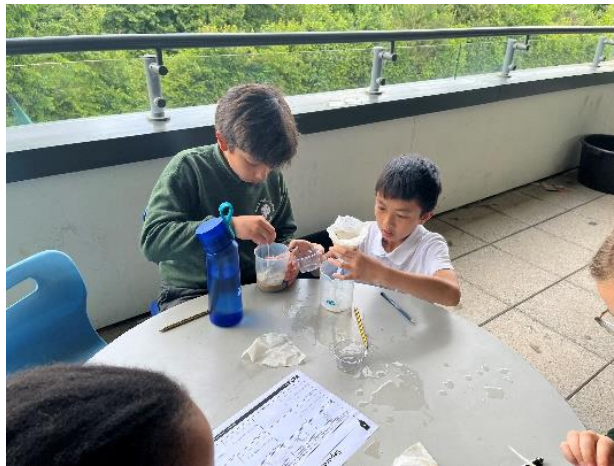


Year 4

Jenner class are having a brilliant time in English, as we begin our new topic on persuasive writing. We have been trying to persuade animal lovers to buy their very own pet dragon! The class has been very convincing. The class has been working hard during maths on our topic of time. We will continue to work on this next week.

Year 5

Year 5 have been rehearsing for the singing festival at the Rose Theatre next Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for all the preparation so far! In maths, we have been finding percentages of amounts and solving multi-step problems – practising our reasoning skills whilst finding equivalent fractions and decimals. In science, we have been using our working scientifically skills to find out which solids dissolve in order to create a solution and we have been investigating the processes we can use to separate mixtures. In art, we created reversible portraits and we have been trying hard to write with a makeshift quill. The final week of the half term already upon us – time flies when we're having fun!



Year 6

Year Six have had lots of highs and lows!

We have had SATS, doughnuts and we even went to the Park!!!

We are really excited for the Isle of Wight bazaar and we are looking forward to running all of the stalls.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN on Thursday the 23rd of May at 3:15

Thank you to all the people that helped us with SATS and to Mrs McCann and Miss James.

By Maya, Sham and Lara



**Come along to
Russell's First Annual Music Festival**

Friday 14th June 5pm - 7pm

**Adults £7 Children £5
Family ticket: £20**

**Tickets include dinner provided by Diba Persian
Restaurant**

**Featuring performances from Year 5 & 6 Bands, Russell
School Orchestra & Choir, Ukelele Club, the Russell Parent
Band and a sneak preview of Oliver! by Grey Court**

**Plus ice cream, cold drinks, beer by Park Brewery,
face painting and more!**

**Buy tickets here:
<https://shorturl.at/CQQvt>**



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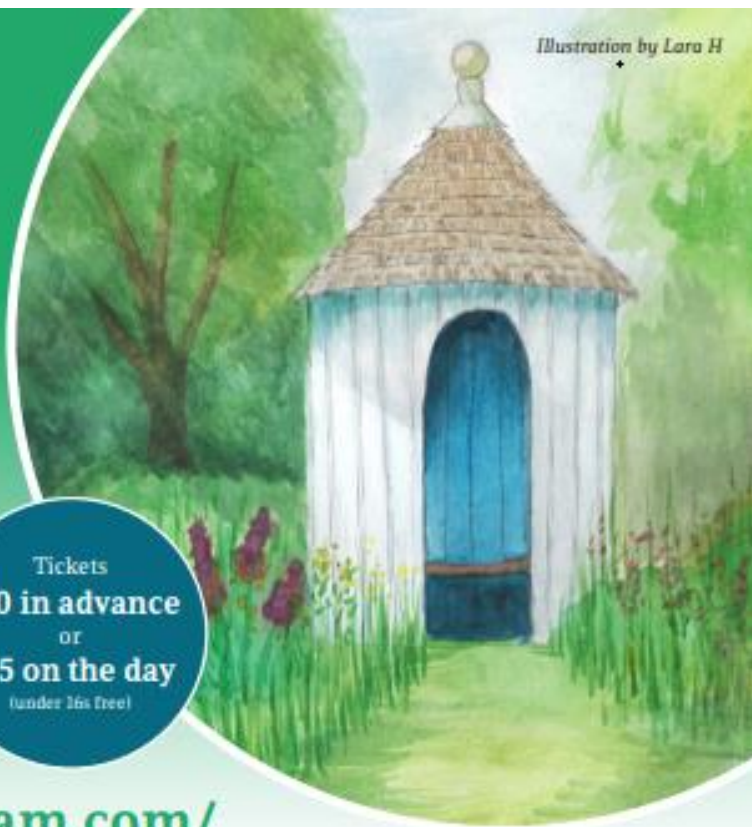
Sunday 19th May
12-5pm

Tickets
£10 in advance
or
£15 on the day
(under 16s free)

Tickets at:

[www.hamandpetersham.com/
ham-open-gardens](http://www.hamandpetersham.com/ham-open-gardens)

or on the day at Ham Pond



Barnes Children's Centre on Lower Richmond Road in Mortlake have just relaunched their ESOL session for families in the borough with children aged 0 - 5.

The course is run by Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College (RHACC), and it runs every Friday from 10.30am - 12.30pm. It is free to attend, and a professional creche will be provided for any children the families may need to bring with them.

All you need to do is drop in to the centre at 10.30am on a Friday to enrol yourselves on the course and any children in the creche.

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Volunteer with us

We know that time is precious, but just 2 hours a week could make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

Home-Start volunteers give children the best possible start in life by providing emotional and practical support to families when they need it most.

Our next volunteer training course starts on: 9th May 2024 in Hampton Wick. To find out more about volunteering with us, contact: volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk.

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NOTICEBOARD

20.5.24	Year 6 to The Rose Theatre – Barnes Literature Festival Reception Forest School Week
21.5.24	Year 5 to The Rose Theatre – Singing Festival
22.5.24	Year 2 to Holly Lodge
23.5.24	Class Photos Year 6 Isle of Wight Bazaar
24.5.24	Year 1 class assembly at 9am Last day of half term (school finishes at 3:15pm)
3.6.24	Children back to school Year 6 to Isle of Wight

Breakfast Club
<p>Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.</p> <p>Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.</p> <p>Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!</p>