



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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IN OTHER NEWS....

The Local Authority are keen to get a sense of the out-of-school (wrap-around) childcare needs of families in Kingston and Richmond. Please use the QR code and complete the google doc.



Headteacher's Update:

Dear families,

We come to the end of a week of sunshine and showers – with lots of muddy puddles! We hope our Year 2 families enjoyed today's spectacular assembly. It was a wonderful showcase of the knowledge, skills, creativity and confidence the children have developed over this term. Next week, we look forward to enjoying Year 5's moment to shine!

This evening we hope to see lots of you at our PTA quiz night. This is a fun and social evening of questions and food, giving you the opportunity to meet new people and take the title of quiz champions!

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children have the option to come to school dressed as a book character. This is not obligatory and there is no expectation that families will buy outfits for this day. I know how creative the children can be so please do not feel that you need to spend money on this! As part of the day, we will be organising a book swap. If you have any pre-loved books of good quality, please give them to your children to bring into school on Thursday. These will be put into the book swap and the children will have the opportunity to choose another book to take home.

Don't forget that next week we are holding our Parent / Carer meetings. If you haven't booked your appointment, please do so. You will have the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and look through their books and see the fantastic progress they have made since the beginning of the year!

And finally – please can everyone check their children's scooters this evening! A large, blue micro scooter belonging to a Year 4 child went missing at the end of the day today so it's likely it has been taken by mistake!

I hope to see lots of you this evening at our quiz night but if not, please have a wonderful weekend – let's hope the sun stays shining for us!

Laura Brooks

Some musical highlights

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of our Year 3 children last Thursday when they attended the *Bright Sparks* Concert given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The children joined in with singing songs accompanying the story '*Stan and Mabel*'. As ever, they represented our school beautifully.



Some sporting highlights

On Friday 8th March, The Russell School will be taking part in the Girls' Biggest Football Session; an initiative organised by England Football. All girls from Years 1 to 6 will take part in some activities run by Lee, our football coach. Please can all the girls in Years 1-6 wear PE kits to school on this day and bring football boots if they have some (optional)



We have had lots of sporting events happening the last two weeks-unfortunately the rain has meant some were cancelled but we still managed two netball matches: a girls' football match and a Year 3 / 4 girls' football tournament.

Netball

The Russell 7-9 Meadlands

The Russell 4-0 St Richard's

Girls' Football

The Russell 3-2 St Richard's

The Russell 7-0 St Elizabeth's

Congratulations to the girls' team who have remained unbeaten this season!

Year 3 / 4 girls' Football tournament:

The girls came home victorious having won the plate final!

Unfortunately, the tag rugby match had to be cancelled but we hope to play some friendly matches soon.



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Some words from Year 6...

Coming Up!

For Year 5 they have an exciting class assembly coming up. This event occurs on the 9th of March, introducing their new Egyptian topic.

World Book Day!

This month is very exciting because of World book day!

This fabulous day is on the 7th of March 2024 and remember to dress up as your favourite book character (optional)!! There are many books to choose from *Like P and at the door*, *Sophie's Lucky* and *Jed's really useful poem*. Or if you are a little bit older, you might like Michael Morpurgo and his books like *Listen to the moon* and *Alone on the wide wide sea*.

Sport!

On Tuesday 27th of February, the girls' football team won their match 9-0 while playing St Elizabeth's. We were delighted to play with a range of year groups from Year 4 up and they all played amazingly well, especially Nelly, as she got player of the match, and our newest team member Aurelia who scored two goals for Russell and was well congratulated by our team!

Written by Aneya and Maya

Look What We Have Been Learning...

Nursery

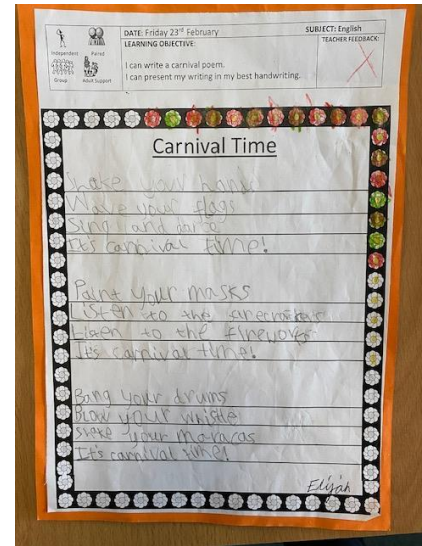
We have loved looking through and sharing the children's holiday journals with each other and talking about all our fun activities over half term. In cooking we made crumpet pizzas and enjoyed learning to grate the cheese. In phonics we have been learning the sounds 'e' and 'h' and enjoyed playing our 'What's in the Box?' game, making sure we can hear and say the sound correctly.

We have been practising our counting, singing the song '5 speckled frogs' and other singing rhymes. In Jigsaw, we have been thinking about how we keep active and how this makes our bodies feel. We have enjoyed sharing photos of the children riding bikes, walking and swimming with their families.

Look What We Have Been Learning...

Year 2....

Bolt Class have had an excellent start to the new project immersing themselves in carnival fun! We have been studying poetry and we have written some excellent descriptive carnival poems. Everyone is working on trying their best with handwriting and presentation of writing. We have enjoyed preparing our assembly and learning to samba. We hope that you enjoyed all the different parts to our castles/carnival assembly!



Look What We Have Been Learning ...

Year 3 and 4...

This past fortnight in Nightingale Class has been a busy one. We have been busy writing our own retelling of the first chapter of *Stig of the Dump*, focusing on using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and direct speech. In Maths we have been learning and practicing our 4- and 8-times tables and some of the corresponding division facts to go with them. In History we have been becoming archaeologists, looking at artefacts from the Stone Age and thinking about what they may have been used for and what they may have been made of. Well done - a fantastic week Year 3!

Hello from Jenner Class! This week Year 4 have been continuing to develop their stories in English. We have been focusing on senses, thoughts and feelings to help deepen their stories. We have been using some adventurous and dramatic vocabulary inspired by our new topic, Potions. We have gathered our vocabulary through play scripts (Macbeth), stories (Alice in Wonderland) and our guided reading book (George's Marvellous Medicine). We have also been looking at depth in art, whereby we have been using different materials and have focused on enlarging a section of the image. This has helped us to develop our skills in size, shadows, fading etc.

Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Year 5 and 6...

Year 5 have started the new term with the wonderful Ancient Egyptians topic. We have been locating Egypt on a world map and creating an enormous timeline dating back to the early civilizations! We have been finding out about their beliefs in different Gods and about the afterlife, coupled with the all-important mummification process! Our independent research has helped, in preparation for our class assembly next week, and we look forward to sharing this with you.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had an immersive day of costumes, baking and art to kick-start their WWII topic. All children entered into the spirit and took to their roles with gusto!



Community News...



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7:00PM - 10:30PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

TICKETS: £15.00 each

GROUPS (MAX 8) AND INDIVIDUALS WELCOME

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM:

<https://friends-of-strathmore-school.sumupstore.com>

PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY - NO CHILDREN UNDER 16

STRATHMORE @ ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CAMPUS,
Station Road, Twickenham, TW1 4DQ - Parking Available

Petersham Horticultural Society Evening Talk



By James Power on 'How to Encourage Wild Bees into your Garden and The Mystery of the Petersham Bee'

7th March 2024

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start

St Andrews Church Hall
Church Road, Ham
TW10 5HG

Within an easy walk from Ham Common bus stops
Free bike & Car parking is available

£10 on the door
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A glass of wine/refreshments are available

*Membership is £7.00 an Adult or £10 a family
purchase with cash/card at the door

POP . ROCK . JAZZ . MUSICALS

SING!

BE A PART OF OUR CHOIR

We're excited to confirm that the RMT Choir is back! Weekly rehearsals will start in the Summer Term, and we are offering two free taster sessions in March.

FREE Taster Sessions - attend one or both:

- Thursday 7 March
- Thursday 21 March

4.30 - 6.00 pm

The Exchange, Twickenham

Year 5 - Year 7

**For more information &
to sign up, click here**





NOTICEBOARD

1.3.24	PTA Quiz Night
5.3.24	Parents / Carers' Eve
7.3.24	Parents / Carers' Eve
8.3.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.00am
12.3.24	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
22.3.24	Year 6 Holly Lodge
28.3.24	Last day of term
15.4.24	INSET day – school closed to children
16.4.24	Children return to school

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.

Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.

Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!