



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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IN OTHER NEWS...

Year Six celebrated finishing their SATs with a well earned play in Richmond park with Krispy Kreme doughnuts!



Headteacher's Update



Here we are at the end of another half term with only one more to go, time most certainly flies! Another range of exciting class projects have come to a close, from wriggly worms to Tudors the children have certainly learnt a lot. The last two weeks have been full of trips and experiences! Year six went on a fascinating trip to the War Museum which certainly brought their project to life, followed by our Orchestra heading to The Exchange in Twickenham to learn to play some pieces of music with other children from different schools on a range of different instruments. Year three spent a whole day at Walton Firs activity centre, where they had a brilliant time taking part in team building and risk taking activities. They even got to have their dinner together before heading home in time for bed! Thank you to all of the parents who gave the children lifts to and from school. Year five have also had their fair share of excitement with the Macbeth workshop coming into school for three days this week culminating in a fantastic performance for parents. What a brilliant range of experiences our children have had!



Today our almost youngest children were very brave and stood up in front of the whole school and performed their class assembly, they are definitely ready for year one! We loved hearing all about their learning in Reception and how excited they were to share it.

After half term Year six will be heading over the water to the Isle of Wight, excited is not the word they are way beyond that! Only ten more sleeps!

Have a lovely half term and see you all on the 5th June (year six we will see you at 7:15am on the 5th!)

Miss James



HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



Destiny wrote a brilliant autobiography managing to keep her writing in the past tense. Brilliant language and use of vocabulary.



Ruben, Harry and Mateo wrote some fabulous recounts all about year two's trip to Holly Lodge. Mrs Mead was also so proud of how well they represented our school when they were there. Bibi wrote a brilliant story all about minibeads and Charlie has been super ready to learn right from the beginning of the day! Well done year twos.

Daisy achieved not one but two awards! One for her wonderful piece of independent writing and one for her maths partitioning. She was able to explain both brilliantly to me.



Sadie wrote a very good piece all about the lifecycle of a frog with brilliant spelling and description.

James, Amarissa and Oren wrote their own amazing, independent story books. They were very proud of what they had achieved.



Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Donaldson Class (Nursery)

We have had a busy half term and it has been lovely to finally feel the warmth of the sun in our outside area. The children have been listening to the story 'Max the Brave' and have enjoyed talking about what it means to be brave and when they have felt brave. Toby felt brave when he collected crabs on the beach with his family and Ethem says he is brave as he is not afraid of monsters because they only exist in books.

We enjoyed welcoming many parents to our EYFS 'Stay and Play' session last Tuesday. The children loved showing their parents around.

This week we have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Selfish Crocodile' and thinking about the kind mouse and how we can show kindness.

In phonics we have been recapping all the sounds we have learned so far and also learning 'z' for zebra and 'qu' for queen.

We have enjoyed painting spring flowers in our creative area and making marble paintings.

Lots of the children have also wanted to make model aeroplanes using junk materials.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to more fun learning next half term.



Brownlee Class (Reception)

It has been time for Brownlee Class to get ready for their Class Assembly, our topic has been 'Just Look At It Go', which is all about transport. So far we have explored buses and boats so we decided it was time to move onto aeroplanes. We read 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' which is an around the world rhyming adventure. We explored what rhymes are and played spot the rhyme, writing rhyme lists before we created our own rhymes based on the story. We looked at aeroplanes, Emma Jane has a bi-plane and we explored this older kind of plane comparing it to the modern passenger jets we know. We designed and then made our own planes, developing our creative skills, and we wrote our very own song about a plane based on all the things we realised a plane needed.

We then built our own plane as a whole class, ready for our assembly. We explored the different countries Emma Jane visits, looking at the capital cities and the important monuments in them and we explored each country's flag, we also learnt how to say hello in the different languages. We hope that you enjoyed both coming in for our stay and play at the beginning of our topic and seeing all we had learnt in our assembly at the end. Now it's time for us to take a well-deserved break, in fact lots of us are going on a plane next week!



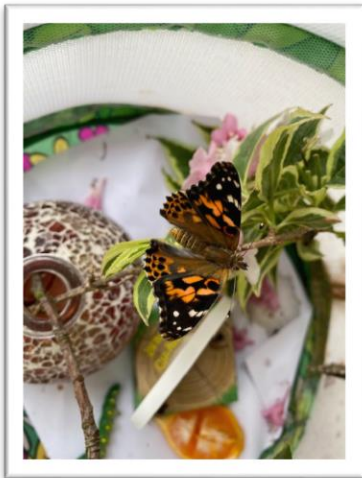
Singer Class (Year One)

What a brilliant term it has been for Singer Class! I am so proud of how hard they have worked. This term, they have learnt lots about nature. This includes, labelling the different parts of plants and explaining what their purposes are. They have also written amazing pieces about the lifecycle of a frog and can use the correct terminology when doing so. Singer class have been taking advantage of the lovely weather and planted some vegetables in their allotment. They are hoping to see some strawberries and tomatoes grow! Please make sure you are practising lots of phonics at home over half term as the phonics screening will follow shortly after the holidays. The sounds that need additional practice are; aw (paw), au (haunted), ue (glue) so please look at these at home with your children! You should all be very proud of how hard your children have worked this term. Thank you for all of your hard work to support them at home. Have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all when we're back!



Goodfellow Class (Year Two)

Goodfellow Class have been brilliant! They have all completed lots of tasks for the national SATs. There was even a little bit of excitement from some as they couldn't wait to do them! They all worked particularly hard in maths tasks to show us how much they understand and how they could apply their number sense to solve tricky problems. Along with all this hard focus time we have been enjoying the warmer weather and getting out to do some project work. There has been lots of science looking at lifecycles of different minibeasts and the stages they go through. Then we used our plastic minibeasts to make small homes for them thinking about what they might need to survive and have been learning about bees now there are so many flowers around and how important they are for our own survival. Our butterflies finally came out of their cocoons and have flown away in Mrs Mead's garden but thanks to Audrey bringing hers in, we could observe butterflies closely. There has been some fantastic art too with painting symmetrical butterflies and making clay minibeasts. Well done everyone for a great half term, hope you all have a good week off.



Zephaniah Class (Year Three)

As we come to the end of this half term, Zephaniah class have come to the end of another brilliant class novel, 'Emil and The Detectives' by Erich Kastner. The children have loved this book and have been eagerly anticipating the end of such an exciting adventure story. Zephaniah class enjoyed conducting their own research and reading about a different urban area, Berlin, and observed the cities similarities and differences in comparison to our own local area. The children have been using their chrome books to compose an informal e-mail to a friend or relative, as if they were travelling around Berlin. In science Zephaniah class have been investigating reflective materials, what makes them reflective and why they are helpful. We also had a wonderful day of outdoor learning, where the children did some sketches of all things natural in our school field and pond. We also have been doing some gardening in the allotment ready to do some planting next term.



Angelou Class (Year Four)

The bone-chilling wind sent flurries of blinding snow across the barren western slope of the mountain, dashing any hopes of spotting our prey, the elusive Himalayan Yeti. Angelou Class have been writing exciting adventures stories about their imaginary journey to find a yeti. There have been avalanches, frostbitten fingers and toes, and dangerous crevasse crossings, as well as daring stories of teamwork and surprising discoveries. We have also been learning how different types of mountains are formed and discovered that water is powerful enough to create a unique type of mountain called a plateau. In Math we have begun our exploration of mixed numbers, made of whole and fractional numbers. We took our learning outside and used real world examples to explain the different fractions that make up a whole. Then, taking advantage of the sunny, warm weather we went on a habitat hunt to discover the variety of organisms that call our school grounds home. We identified their possible food and water sources, as well as the shelter they use to keep themselves protected from any predators. The clear favourites were the centipedes and woodlice who shelter beneath the log seats of the gazebo. I wonder what adventure stories they would have to tell?



Nicholas Class (Year Five)

What an interesting end to an eventful term! We hope you enjoyed the magnificent Shakespeare 'production'. The children worked so hard and experienced a truly long lasting, memorable event. Hopefully, they will be enjoying and re-telling the story of Macbeth for many years to come! In maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions; adding and subtracting fractions with mixed numbers (and different denominators), and multiplying mixed numbers. In English, we have written our Tudor stories, including speech to move the story on, and writing a newspaper report to share the news of the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. We retold the key events using a storyboard, Hot Seated our 'characters' to bring them to life and generate some quotations: finally writing our newspaper article using our new ie/ei spelling rules! Wow! So much to fit in!! We're looking forward to our new topic 'Scream Machine' and hope you all have a restful half term. Thank you for all your support.



Coelho Class (Year Six)

Year 6 have had a very exciting couple of weeks! We celebrated the end of SATs by going to Richmond park, with Krispy Kreme doughnuts as an added treat! We are so proud of ourselves for working hard all year and trying our best in the tests.

Last Friday, we visited the Imperial War Museum in London. It was fascinating to see all the things we learnt about during our learning project 'A Child's War' in real life. We squeezed into Anderson and Morrison shelters, and walked through trenches, just like the soldiers did during the war.

In even more exciting news, straight after half term we will be heading to the Isle of Wight. We have been looking forward to this residential trip since the start of Year 6. We held the traditional 'Isle of Wight Bazaar' after school to raise funds for ice cream during our trip! We worked in groups to create games that cost 50p to play. These included: Beat the Goalie, Spin the Wheel, and Topple the Teacher! Which game was your favourite?



Russell School Sports News

Four Year five and six children were selected to take part in a Borough tennis competition at Grey Court School against other local schools. We finished in 3rd place overall so a huge well done to Lara, James, Ed and Lucy!

Three children from Years three and four played in our second tennis competition at Grey court. Very well played Emma and Jason and congratulations to Sofia who won all her games, great team work.





NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29/5 - 2/6/23	Half Term
5-9/6/23	Isle of Wight Year 6 residential
7/6/23	Borough Sports
10/6/23	Ham Fair (Russell Maypole dance 12:30pm)
8/5/23	Coronation Bank Holiday
12/6/23	INSET day
13-16/6/23	Healthy Eating week
16/6/23	Year 6 Class Assembly
20/6/23	Number Day
23/6/23	Sports Day
26-28/6/23	International days
26/6/23	Year 6 Bikeability (2 weeks)

SOUND STEPS

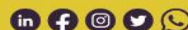


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AVAILABLE FACE TO FACE OR ONLINE!
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Pop-up book sale

at Ham House & Garden

3 June 2023
11.00am-4.00pm

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DOG SHOW

HAM FAIR Dog Show



SATURDAY 10 JUNE – HAM COMMON

- ❖ ENTRY £3 ON THE DAY
- ❖ PEDIGREE REGISTRATION FROM 11:00
- ❖ NON-PEDIGREE CLASSES REGISTER IN THE RING
- ❖ PEDIGREE CLASS JUDGING FROM 11:45

PEDIGREE CLASSES:

- ❖ A.V. PUPPY
- ❖ A.V. TOY
- ❖ A.V. SPORTING
- ❖ A.V. VETERAN 7 yrs & over
- ❖ A.V. NON-SPORTING
- ❖ A.V. OPEN
- ❖ JUNIOR HANDLING for 6 to 12 yr old children

NON-PEDIGREE CLASSES:

- ❖ RESCUE DOGS
- ❖ VETERAN
- ❖ PRETTIEST BITCH
- ❖ HANDSOMEST DOG
- ❖ DOG JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

Ham Fair is organised by volunteers on behalf of HPAAG (Ham & Petersham Association & Amenities Group) charity (112741), run with assistance from Ham School Group (LBB) and local business donations.

