



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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IN OTHER NEWS...

Year three joined a virtual event showcasing this years SPARK books and talking to one of the authors who's book has been nominated for the SPARK book awards.



Headteacher's Update



The final term of the year has snuck up on us (we are just waiting for Summer weather to appear now!) The children have all come back rested and raring to go and have settled into the new term. This term sees our statutory testing taking place. Year six were absolute superstars this week when taking on their practice SATs. They all faced them with positivity and persevered even when the questions got a bit tricky. They are more than ready for the real thing in two weeks' time. We are so proud of their efforts and how far they have come.



Our first two trips of the term happened this week, year three ventured out to Richmond High Street to explore the wonders of our fabulous local area. Where the children were a bit shocked by all of the things they don't usually notice when they are not specifically looking. Some had forgotten how close we live to such a famous river! Year two trekked to Holly Lodge to bring their 'Wriggle and Crawl' project to life.

The children have been and are continuing to re-plant our allotment with various seeds that they are hoping to harvest as the year progresses. If you have any donations please add them to the planting bin by the allotment shed.

Speaking of plants I hope lots of you managed to get your hands on some of the fabulous plants our PTA were selling yesterday. If you didn't then not to worry there will be another sale in May.

Next week will see our celebrations for the up-coming Coronation, don't forget to get your tickets to the Ball and to wear something regal or red, white and blue on Friday.

Have a lovely long weekend

Miss James



HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

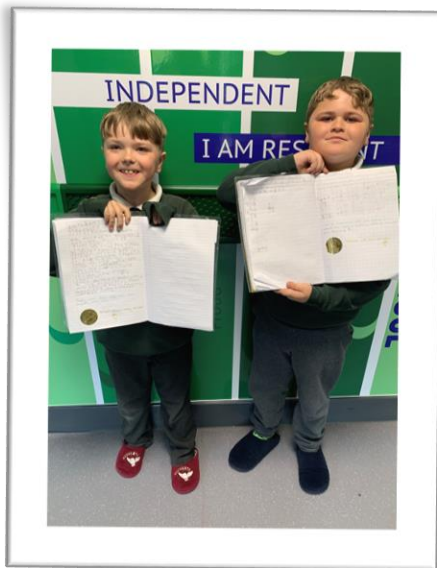


Ralph came to me last week with a fabulous descriptive piece of writing all about hedgehogs. He had written it independently and was very proud.



Pui Sze wrote a brilliant piece of writing based on the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. She had thought very hard about the way the characters would speak throughout her piece, it read very well. An author in the making!

Audrey decided that she would like to make a rubbish truck. She created it all on her own with an area for the rubbish and the recycling and she even had people in the cab at the front to drive it!



Teddy and Luca came to see me this week. Teddy had written a fabulous recount all about his trip into Richmond and Luca had been working so hard on his column addition. Both of the boys were so proud of their achievements as was I!

Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Donaldson Class (Nursery)

The children have all settled back into the nursery after their holidays and we have enjoyed sharing some of their 'Holiday Journals'. If you still have yours at home it's not too late to send it back. We continued learning our phonic sounds, we have focussed on f, l, v and j. The children have loved practising making the sounds correctly and finding objects around the nursery for our sound box. We have been reading 'Supertato' and have been talking about all the vegetables we love to eat. This week in cooking we made carrot muffins and we have been naming fruits and vegetables we like at snack time. In music we listened to the sounds the rain made and made rain sounds on a drum. We have also been learning the song; 'Lucy Locket had a pocket'. We have been singing 'Five Speckled Frogs' and practising our counting up and back from five. The children are working well together in their play and building outside! The photo shows good team work building a house.

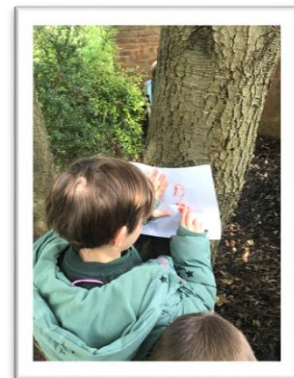


Brownlee Class (Reception)

We love the Summer Term in Reception, it's such a busy time for us, full of lots of celebrations! Recently we explored Earth Day, which is a time for us to reflect on how we care for our home. We learnt all about rubbish as one of the main themes of Earth Day was about litter. It turns out that rubbish doesn't just have to be thrown away though, lots of it can be recycled. We explored the different materials that can be recycled as well as tracked what does happen to the things we put in the bin, we were surprised to find that it gets buried, yuk! This inspired us to make some rubbish and recycling trucks using our own recycled junk. Can you spot the different bins on them?

Singer Class (Year One)

Singer Class have settled back into school brilliantly. They are all very happy to be back and are enjoying our new topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland'. This week, they have been learning all about trees. With the support of a tree identification sheet, the children went on a hunt around the school to see how many trees they could identify. They also looked at the leaves to help them. Some children used pastels to do rubbings of the tree's bark as well! Additionally, the children explored the difference between a deciduous and an evergreen tree. This term's phonics is all about reviewing Phase 5 sounds. Please ensure that you are completing the sheets that are being sent home with your children as these will really help to consolidate them. Many of you are already doing this so thank you! Singer Class have engaged very well with this topic so far and we are all really looking forward to doing some more outdoor learning as the weather (hopefully) gets warmer!



Goodfellow Class (Year Two)



Goodfellow Class have enjoyed a minibeast hunt around our school gardens and pond to kick off our new project 'Wriggle and Crawl'. The project is giving us lots of new ideas for writing descriptions comparing features of animals. We are very excited about our class caterpillars and amazed at how quickly they are already growing - when will they be butterflies? What colour will they be?

The class are such great artists - they have enjoyed using all their knowledge to draw accurate pictures of minibeasts hiding in gardens but enlarged through a microscope. There are excellent pictures up on display.

In maths we have been working with money and now fractions and are busy doing lots of revision in number ready for our upcoming tests, everyone is really showing us their best effort.

We are getting used to logging onto our laptop computers here at school and accessing different sites to practise skills through maths shed, spelling shed and times table rock stars. We hope you are encouraging your child to do the same at home.

Zephaniah Class (Year Three)

Zephaniah Class have had a brilliant start to the Summer Term. The children have been keen and eager to share their knowledge and experiences of their local urban area as part of our new topic, Urban Pioneers. This week, we had a great morning walking and exploring what Richmond has to offer on our door step, focusing on key urban features, places of interest and even hunted for some urban art to inspire us in our art lessons. The children got to compare the difference between rural and urban as we walked passed Petersham Meadows and along the banks of the River Thames, which will help us with our geography skills and map making later on. We have already got stuck into a new class novel, *The Hodgeheg*, By Dick King-Smith which led us to discussing, how do nocturnal animals see at night and what different light sources are available in urban areas and rural areas? We also had a great time meeting one of the authors from this year's Spark Awards, the children have been enjoying reading the book 'Einstein the Penguin' by Iona Rangeley in their own free time and got to ask her questions about the book in a live meet and greet!



Angelou Class (Year Four)

There's a Yeti on the loose! Angelou class have started their new class novel, *The Abominables* by Iva Ibbotson, and we're seeing a whole new side of these mysterious creatures from the Himalayas. Our topic for this half term is Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers, and we have spent our first two weeks following the journey of a river from source to mouth. We've been learning about how the landscape changes between the upper, middle, and lower courses, and the features that distinguish each section. This has brought on some interesting discussions about why the water is different colours in different sections of the river, and the difference between a delta and an estuary. To support our understanding of how rivers are formed, we have also begun to learn more about how the water cycle continuously recycles water around our planet. We were amazed to learn that the water we are using now was around during the time of the dinosaurs! In art, we have begun looking at landscapes and comparing the styles of different painters. We noticed how artists from the same period used similar shades and techniques, taking inspiration from each other, but enjoyed the brighter, bolder colours of later artists. Over the next few weeks we will be using our own unique perspectives to create landscape paintings inspired by our local area.



Nicholas Class (Year Five)

A lot has happened, as usual, since returning for the Summer term. Many of us enjoyed a wonderful day at Kew representing the school at the football tournament. Some great performances and lovely to hear how the children all worked as a wider to support each other throughout the ups and downs of the day. Whilst at school, we managed to prepare our allotment and planted some potatoes. We are hoping for an improvement in the rainy weather before attempting to plant our seeds but have carefully marked out our plot! We visited the pond and found lots of new life beginning to blossom. 'Lizards' which turned out to be newts and a lone tadpole - just some of the creatures we managed to discover. We had a busy week planning and presenting our assembly, bringing our fun Egyptian topic finally to a close, which we hope you enjoyed. We have begun to explore the Tudor period and discover the historical events surrounding Henry VII and his famous successor. This led us to write some very interesting riddles using our own fashioned quills!



Coelho Class (Year Six)



Year 6 have had a busy start to the new term! We have started our new learning project 'Blood Heart' where we learn all about the human body and the circulatory system. We have been practising finding our pulses and working scientifically to predict what happens to our pulse when we exercise compared to when we are resting. Our class novel is called 'Pig Heart Boy'. It is about a boy who needs a heart transplant, but the only available donor is a pig! We are completely hooked by the book and can't wait to find out more. We have been thinking about what we would do if we were in Cam's shoes and have done lots of drama activities and persuasive writing together.

This week, we have been working hard practising for our SATs tests. We are all so proud of how well we have done and are actually looking forward to the real ones now to show off everything we have learnt! As well as the hard work, we were lucky enough to start our cricket coaching this week. We learnt how to bowl and bat correctly and really impressed our coach with our skills!

Russell School Sports News

The boys and girls year five football team took part in the 'Battle of the Boroughs' tournament. In the group stages, after four matches, the boys got a total of seven points and the girls got a total of three points. The boys got through to the cup stage and the girls to the plate.

Sadly, the boys got knocked out by Latchmere in the quarter finals. It was a tough match for them. The girls won by penalties in the quarter finals and Aneya made some pretty amazing saves. A three-nil win blasted the girls from the semi-finals to the finals. The boys were the best cheerleaders for the girls. The match ended one all and went to penalties. It was very stressful for both teams. After some amazing penalties and saves unfortunately the girls lost and came in second place. Everyone had a great day and we were all very proud of ourselves and each other.





NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 1/5/23 | Bank Holiday |
| 2/5/23 | Possible Strike action |
| 4/5/23 | Coronation Discos (4pm-5pm YrN-2 5:15pm-6:15pm Yr3-6) |
| 5/5/23 | Coronation Day |
| 8/5/23 | Coronation Bank Holiday |
| 9-12/5/23 | Year 6 SATs |
| 10/5/23 | PTA Plant sale 3:15pm |
| 15/5/23 | Nursery and Reception Stay and Play |
| 16/5/23 | Learning look Years 1-3 2:30pm |
| 17/5/23 | Learning look Years 4-6 2:30pm |
| 18/5/23 | Year 5 parent and children introduction to Grey Court |
| 19/5/23 | Year 6 War Museum |

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.

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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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