



# THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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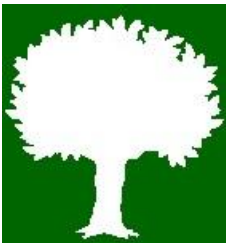
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## Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

At last, we have reached the end of January and we are half way through the first half term of 2025!

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for the Smartphone Free Childhood workshop on Wednesday eve. It really was an eye-opening evening and I know, as a parent, how empowering I found it. Next week I will be sharing a range of resources from the evening and I really do urge you to look at them. Our children's access to technology, and therefore their childhood experience, is so different from the environment in which we, as adults, grew up and with this in mind, the information is really powerful and informative. Please do follow this link if you would like to join the smartphone Free Childhood Whatsapp group for The Russell School. Please note – this is a parent-run group and no members of school staff will be part of it: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IHf7VCOEK6P7IzxpYlOHRR>

I am delighted to tell you that Camp Beaumont will be running holiday clubs in school for both weeks of the Easter holiday. Below is a link directly to their booking page and if you use the discount code TRS25, you will get 10% off. Marketing will be shared in the wider community as well but please do let any friends / family / neighbours know.

<https://www.campbeaumont.co.uk/our-camps/the-russell-school>

Our Year 6 children are off to The 02 next week to take part in The Young Voices. This is a wonderful experience, linking up children from across the country!

As you know, we welcomed Sophie McGeoch into school last week to conduct a safeguarding and wellbeing audit. I'm delighted to tell you that it was a really positive experience, affirming what we already know. With safeguarding in mind, I will continue to remind parents and carers to park safely and courteously in the streets around the school. I also need to remind families that the car park is for staff and for the use of Strathmore vehicles. It is vital that Strathmore have priority and there have been occasions when their vehicles have struggled to maneuver, due to inconsiderate parking by others.

And lastly, I want to encourage all parents and carers to come to our PTA quiz on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm. This is a great evening full of fun and with a healthy dose of competition! Further details are below.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

*Laura Brooks*

# JOIN US THIS EASTER!

Day Camps from **£40** per day

★ **Camp Beaumont**

**Book Now!**

LIMITED TIME OFFER



QR code to  
purchase tickets!

## Parents Quiz Night - Friday 28 February at 7:30pm, doors open 7:00pm

Year 1 are hosting a quiz night for parents (adult friends of parents are welcome too) on Friday 28 February at 7:30pm in the school hall.

**Come on your own, with a partner or friend or as a team of parents and get your thinking caps on!**

Quiz Master **Markus Reule** is back for a second time and will challenge and entertain you with a series of quiz questions - will your table be knowledgeable enough to win the big prize?!

Catch up with or meet other parents over a glass of wine (or two) and a range of tapas from the bar.

**Tickets are £7 per player (excl. food and wine)**

All adults welcome - if you'd like come on your own we can allocate you to a friendly table of fellow players.



# Update from Sport Captains:

Wow! Another brilliant week for The Russell School in sport. The girls' and boys' football teams both had their rescheduled matches against Deer Park School. Both matches were filled with cheers, excitement and nerves. Whilst the final score for the Boys was 2-1 for Deer Park, the Russell boys performed well and are focusing on their next match. The Girls' team had a very successful and exciting game resulting in a huge win- 3-2 to The Russell. Both teams are very excited and determined to keep up the wins!

## Reception

In Reception, we celebrated Lunar New Year! As it is the year of the snake, we had lots of snake related activities in the classroom, watched the special lion and dragon dances and read lots of books about the festival, including The Magic Paintbrush, a Chinese folk tale about a paintbrush with magical powers! We thought about what we might like to paint that would help others in the hope that it becomes real, just like in the story. Examples include umbrellas so we could stay out in the rain all day, a bench for people who can't walk and a unicorn for people who want to fly! How kind Reception.

## Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard and using all of their phonics knowledge to write instructions for how to make a potion for a magic hat! They have also been working hard on their grammar. They been changing questions into commands. It's trickier than you think!

## Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been writing biographies all about David Attenborough's life. In Maths we have enjoyed exploring 2D and 3D shapes and learned some new mathematical language. Another highlight was learning about how exercise is good for our bodies in Science and recorded our heart beats!

## Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard on column addition and subtraction. They have been solving problems with missing numbers. They have also been researching Egyptian foods – all ready for their DT project!

## Year 4

Over the last two weeks, year 4 have been very productive! They completed their published newspaper articles in their orange books all about *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne. The children have really engaged with the book, and made some very interesting predictions informed by the imagery in the book. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of multiplication to apply the distributive law when multiplying unknown equations. Well done Year 4, keep up the hard work!

## Year 5

These last couple of weeks in Year 5, we have been thinking about our school values and trying hard to work together. We have been finding ways to encourage each other and ways to show random acts of kindness. In English, we have been thinking about the use of determiners in our sentences and recognising and using 'Modal Verbs' and 'Adverbs of Possibility' to write about things that might happen in the future, whilst thinking about our own hopes and goals as we begin 2025. We have been learning about other cultures and the celebrations surrounding the Lunar New Year

In maths, we continue to use our times table knowledge to solve division calculations, using the bus stop method. Finally, the highlight of the last couple of weeks was our visit to the British Museum. Thank you again to all our parent volunteers for your support on the day – it was very much appreciated.



## Year 6

Fanshawe class have been very busy this fortnight, particularly in English. The children have been exploring the picture book, *Rose Blanche*, with powerful illustrations depicting life during WWII. The children have finished their own narratives inspired by the book, using figurative and emotive language. Continuing with their knowledge of WWII, the children have started to build their Anderson Shelters, based on their own designs. In maths, the children continue to deepen their understanding of fractions as we move to multiplication of fractions. Finally, Year 6's football teams performed brilliantly during their girls' and boys' matches with Deer Park School.



## NOTICEBOARD

### Upcoming dates

3.2.25	Mental Health Week – Know yourself, Grow yourself
5.2.25	Year 6 singing at O2
7.2.25	Year 2 class assembly 9am
10.2.25	Year 5 singing festival at Meadlands School
14.2.25	Number day! Final day of half term
24.2.25	Children return to school. Gates open 8.30am, all children in class by 8.45am
28.2.25	PTA Quiz night
6.3.25	World Book Day
18.3.25	Book Fair
18.03.25 / 20.03.25	Family/Teacher Meetings

### 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!**