



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,

I can't believe we're at the end of our first spring half term! It may have been short, but there has been so much going on - from trips to assemblies to music performances to sports events - a short but jam-packed half term! In this week's newsletter, a summary of some of these events will be shared by some of our Year 6 children.

We have some progress on the reading hut to share with you all. Our local branch of *GoodGym* are going to use a couple of their sessions to lay a gravel path for us in late March / early April. Once this has been completed, we can stock the hut and get it up and running!

Our PTA are working very hard on a number of fundraising projects, with our quiz night taking place on Friday 1st March. Please do get your tickets!

Please can I remind everyone that school uniform is compulsory, unless your child has PE or a special event. Trainers are not part of the every-day school uniform. Wearing the uniform not only looks smart, but it gives everyone a sense of belonging and purpose.

You will be getting information about our upcoming Parents / Carers evenings. Booking information will be shared in due course.

Finally, thank you for all your kindness and well-wishes. I really appreciate your support, words of positivity and encouragement.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Laura Brooks

Year 6 input...

In KS2 we have many upcoming events including: tournaments, matches (girls and boys), morning clubs and much more!

Our first chronological event would be our girls' football match which took place on Monday 5th of February. We are pleased to tell you that our team won 3-1 against Meadlands. Well done to Nelly and Emily, our goal-scorers

We also had the Netball try-outs on Wednesday this week....

We have picked a netball team for our approaching netball tournament on Wednesday 21st February (mixed genders) and we have a netball match on Thursday 22nd February.

What's on?

Today our lovely Year 3s are doing a class assembly for us.

Also for our Year 3s, they have a wonderful music gig in the Royal Festival Hall on the 22nd February.

By Aneya and Maya

Gala

On the 6th of February some children from years 4,5 and 6 competed in a swimming Gala held at Pools on the Park. These children represented our school and performed brilliantly. On behalf of the school, we would like to say thank you to all the parents, that helped transport the children to this event as we would not be able to do it without your help. Finally thank you to all the children for all your best efforts.

By Maya and Lara

Drumming up a storm!



Thank you to our drumming teacher Carlo and his students for a fabulous demonstration of their skills on Wednesday afternoon during our drumming concert. Years 2 and 5 attended and were amazed at their skills! Thanks to Parents and Carers for supporting too.

Look What We Have Been Learning...

Nursery and Reception

This term we have welcomed lots of new children into the Nursery. It has been a busy few weeks settling the new children and thinking about how we can share and take turns. This week we have been reading a book called 'Kindness makes us Strong'. We have thought of all the ways we can be kind in the nursery including taking turns in a game, playing together, sharing crayons and cheering each other in a race! In our phonics games we have been thinking about lots of new sounds including 'g' for goat, 'o' for octopus and 'c' for cat. We have also loved doing our daily 'Dough Disco' to develop our fine motor skills.

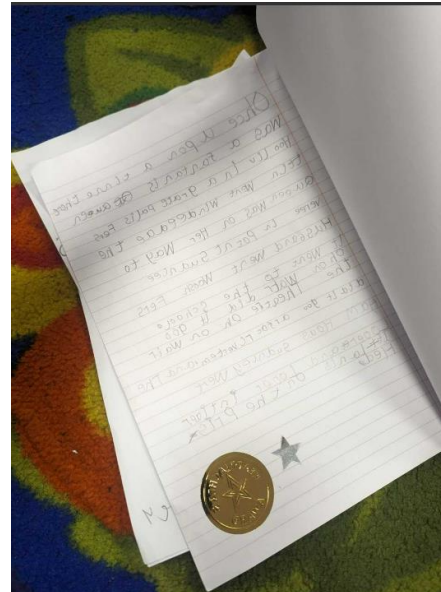


As we reach the half way point for the year, the children have been working incredibly hard on their phonic knowledge. They have been recognising phonemes by playing bingo, practising their letter formation and exploring where each letter starts and playing lots of games to help them read. We have been learning to spot the digraphs, trigraphs, tricky words and double letters in sentences by playing matching games and reading lots of silly questions. There has also been lots of time to explore the alphabet and become more familiar with letter names and what each letter looks like when it's a capital. Don't forget if you would like to find out even more about what your child has been learning in Nakate Class and how you can help them progress in their learning outside of school, check out the Nakate Google Classroom every Friday.

Look What We Have Been Learning...

Year 1 and 2....

This half term, Year 1 have been working incredibly hard and have been exploring all things London. Our English text focus has been 'The Queen's Hat' and we have been working towards innovating our own version of the story. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to create their own story and have been incredibly imaginative. To end the half term, some of the children have spent their time creating their own book. I hope you have a lovely half term and I look forward to hearing all about your adventures after the holidays.



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle with such a beautiful sunny day to wander around and learn all about the features of a castle. Highlights of the day were watching the changing of the guards and being able to go inside St George's Chapel to see where Queen Elizabeth II had been buried. The rooms showed just how fabulous the royals live with painted ceilings, gold chairs and four poster beds. It was a super day out and there has been some great learning from it.



Look What We Have Been Learning ...

Year 3 and 4

We hope our Parents and Carers enjoyed our assembly today. We loved sharing all our knowledge about natural disasters. We have learned so much and we have used our learning as a stimulus for some pretty amazing artwork, stories and poetry as well!

Hello from Jenner class! We have had a very exciting few weeks; from our historical-based trip with Thames Young Mariners, our class assembly on 1066 as well as our work in literacy and maths. The children have been very creative and imaginative in their writing this week as they created an ending to a story. The children have worked hard to multiply and dividing numbers by 10,100 and 100! The children are also excited about our new travel journal as the children will have the opportunity to take Frank the flamingo on wild and fluffy adventures and shares these stories with the class.

Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Year 5 and 6....

Year 5 have had a wonderful day on-board The Titanic. We all enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea whilst dressed in amazing costumes. Some of the bravest amongst the class put their feet into an ice- bath and we used our scientific skills to explore buoyancy.

On Monday 29th January, Year Six travelled to the Greenwich peninsula in London to perform with over nine thousand other children from schools across South East England in the O2 arena. It took us over one and a half hours to get to the O2 arena by coach because there was awful traffic. When we arrived, we saw lots of other schools, who were also singing in the young voices choir. We only had a short amount of time to eat our lunch because the traffic was so bad and it had cut into our lunch time! While we were eating lunch, we heard a reminder telling us that rehearsal was about to start. We all went into the arena, where we took our seats and rehearsal began at 2.15pm. We ran through all the songs and by 5pm we were ready for a break. After dinner, the concert began...It was a late night for all those who were involved but it was worth every moment. The singing was mighty and the music was wonderful.

Written by Wallis and Wai-Sze

Community News....



A week of hands on, fun and creative activities for families at the Museum of Richmond!

FAMILY WORKSHOP: LOVE IN RICHMOND

Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 February, 10am to 12noon

Discover some of the great love stories in Richmond then get creative and make some love tokens and cards to take home, in a workshop led by our Museum Expert.

£6 per child, adults are FREE! Places are limited, book here: <https://www.museumofrichmond.com/families/workshops-at-the-museum/>



GET CRAFTY: FREE VALENTINE'S CARDS CRAFT

Available from 1pm each weekday and Saturday the Museum is open. No need to book, just drop in. Everything you need will be set out for you, including instruction sheets and materials.

Please note: these activities are self-led and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



FREE TRAIL: LOVE IN RICHMOND

Discover some of the great love stories in Richmond, solve a puzzle and win a prize! Available everyday the Museum is open in February.



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7:00PM - 10:30PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

TICKETS: £15.00 each

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TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM:

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NOTICEBOARD

19.2.24	First day back to school
22.2.24	Year 3 Royal Festival Hall
22.2.24	Netball Match 3.30pm
27.2.24	Girls' football match 3.00pm
29.2.24	MMR immunization catch-up session
29.2.24	Tag Rugby Tournament 3.15pm
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!