

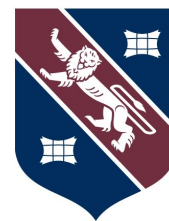


Royal Russell Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term

31st January 2020



Dear Parents,

Another exciting week has passed and it is amazing that we are at the end of January. A huge amount of activity has taken place and children have engaged with a fantastic range of opportunities.

Thinking back to last week I was lucky enough to watch some budding skiers take to the dry slope in Esher to gain some experience before the ski trip itself. Lots of bravery, a bit of technique and no injuries cemented a successful trip. I'm sure all involved are looking forward to hitting the slopes in the Easter break.

On Saturday, Royal Russell hosted 16 teams from a wide range of schools in the U11 Hockey tournament. It was a very successful event. Hockey is a new area for me to immerse myself into and I found that it was a morning filled with drama. There were moments of heroics, fantastic victories and narrow defeats. The progress the players showed over the matches was excellent. My thanks to all of those involved and especially the team at Royal Russell who supported and organised the day itself.

I was delighted to see so many of our parents at the Elevate Study Skills session on Tuesday evening. Of course, public examinations are still a very long way off, however, acquiring good habits for learning and studying can never start too early. The discussion around self-regulation and the motivation to put mobile devices away are pertinent for many of our pupils in the Junior School.

Two polite reminders from me this week. Please do not allow your children to run around in the car park at the front of the school. We work hard with our pupils to reinforce thinking of others and for many of our Upper Juniors lessons are still going on. It is also a working car park and is open to the busy road at the top. May I also request that you do not take pictures or film of pupils or colleagues on school grounds without prior written consent from the school.

This week's newsletter contains exciting contributions from our Lower Juniors, the world of sport and an insight into some exciting clubs. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful weekend and hope that Wales get off to a strong start in this year's Six Nations.

Best wishes,

John Evans
Junior School Headmaster

Year 2 - a window into our week!

In **English** this week we have been looking at zoo maps and how they help visitors. On Monday in small groups we created our own imaginary zoo in the school grounds and made a map to show all the different areas and animals. We then thought about what information the visitors might need and then wrote our own visitor information to accompany our maps!



In **Science**, we continued with our topic 'Plants'. This week we learned about the life cycle of a sunflower plant and we measured the seeds and bulbs that we planted last week which we recorded in our plant growth chart.

We will continue to measure them over the coming weeks then create a bar chart to record the overall data. At the end of the lesson we played some relaxing music and then pretended to be a seed, germinating then sprouting out of the ground. We then grew tall towards the sun and then once the plant died became a seed that fell back onto the earth.



In **Maths**, we have been exploring money! We have worked on recognising the value of all the coins and notes and combining these to make different amounts.

We were challenged to investigate and find as many different ways as we could make a particular amount, using a finite selection of coins. We also learnt about how to find change and practised this practically in our 'School Shop' in pairs.



We really enjoyed handling the money and got particularly excited when we spotted some real coins in the mix!



In our **Topic** lesson this week, we looked at life in the 17th Century and considered what it would have been like for the people living in that time. We discussed the similarities and differences to life as we know it and we compared the jobs that people had then to the jobs that we have now. We looked particularly at how firefighting has developed and improved over this time period. At the end of the lesson the children voted pretty strongly in favour of living in the 21st Century...



Musical Accolades

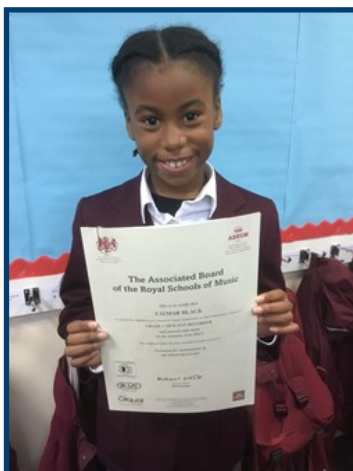
Galvanising Guitarists

Congratulations to five of our young guitarists who passed their recent guitar exams with Distinctions. Sebastian, Maisey, Alister, and Akein passed their Initial Grade whilst Nicholas passed his Grade 1.



Pioneering Pianists and Resounding Recorder Players

The results are back from the recent Music Exams and we are delighted to announce that Isabella H passed her Grade 1 Piano Exam and Kaya, Taymar and Isabella W passed their Grade 1 Descant Recorder Music Exams all with a Merit. Congratulations to all for these excellent results. Another step on their musical journeys!



Silver Star Awards



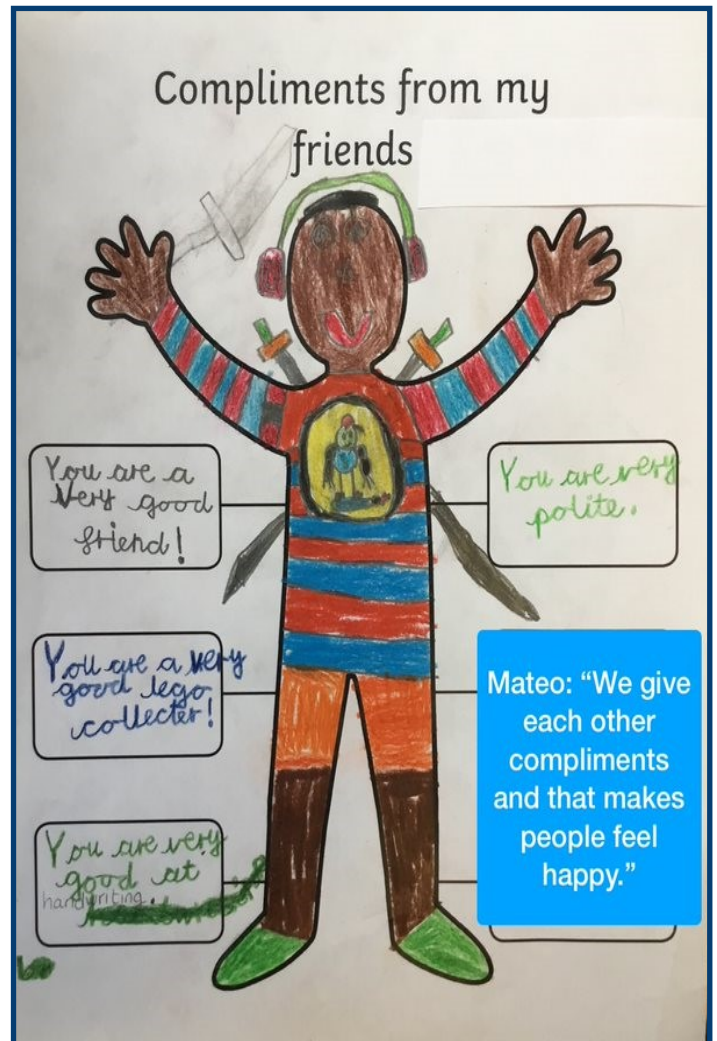
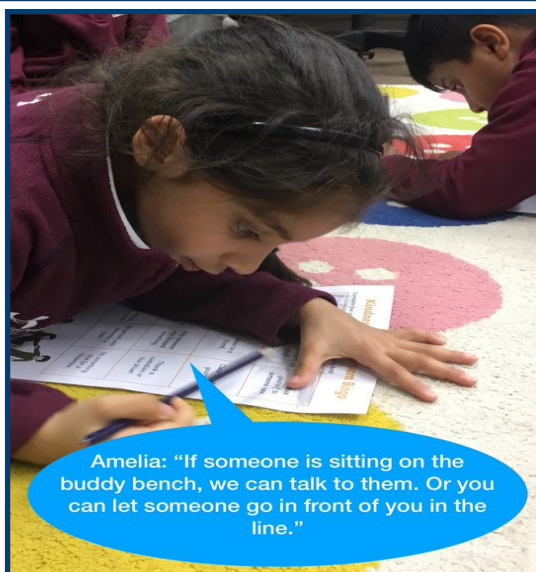
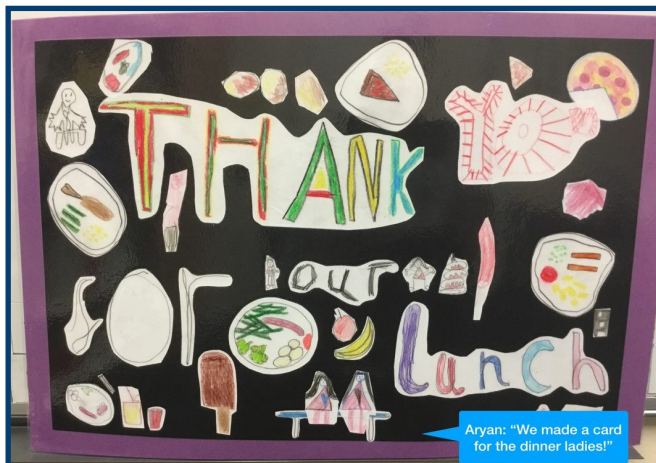
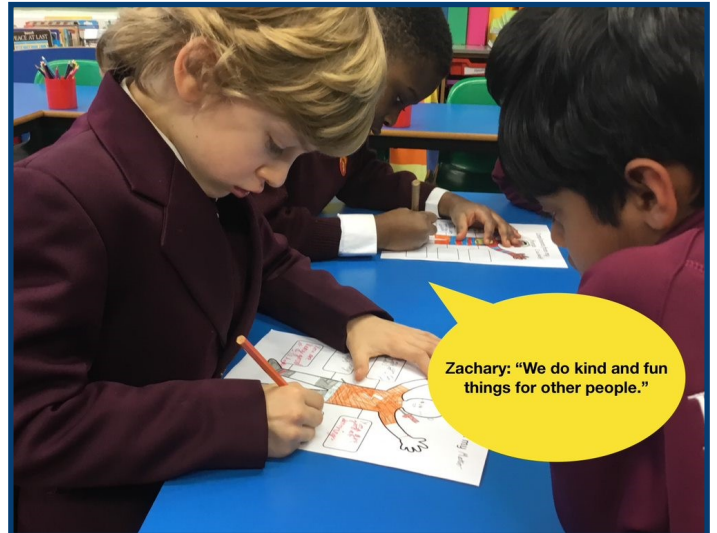
Lauren	1T	For going above and beyond in her writing using conjunctions and encouraging her group to do the same.
Rohan	6E	For kindly picking up all the coats on the UJ playground and giving them back to the children without being asked.
Annalise	6W	For kindly collecting another pupil's belongings after tea and returning them to the office without being asked.
Lauren	1T	For showing kindness when helping a friend who had hurt themselves, walk

Acts of Kindness Club

In Acts of Kindness Club for Year 1 and Year 2 we learn about how we can be kind to each other and make people feel happy by doing a small selfless act, without expecting anything in return.

The children have come up with great ideas and each week we try to complete as many as possible.

Have a look at some of the activities we have done.



Not only did we find out that we use our Russell Power of Empathy during this club, it also links to our School's motto 'Non sibi sed omnibus' (Not for oneself but for all).

Acts of Kindness Club hopes to spread lots of Kindness this term, both at school and at home!

Junior School Sports Snapshot



Royal Russell Win Overall at Croydon Schools Swimming Gala Heats

On Wednesday morning, 35 Junior Russellians headed to South Norwood Swimming Pool to compete against eight other schools in the Croydon Schools Swimming Gala heats. There was excitement and nerves felt, but determination was in the air.

This turned out to be a more formal competition than some of the children had experienced before, but Royal Russell rose to the occasion, doing absolutely brilliantly and winning the gala overall. Some of the children were competing for the first time, having worked their way up through the Squads.

The boys also won overall in the competition, with the girls closely behind with second place. The children have been swimming during morning sessions, HRF classes and after school and their commitment shone through. A fantastic result for everyone who took part.

We will find out just how many get through to the Finals before half term, when all the other heats have taken place.



U11 Royal Russell Hockey Tournament Plate Winners!

On Saturday we hosted a 16 team hockey tournament, Royal Russell had 4 teams out and in the group stages they played some great hockey. The U11A team won their group and progressed into the cup competition, the U11A girls and U11B teams all went into the plate competition. The B teams played with great enthusiasm and made great progress throughout the day, however, were unfortunately knocked out in the semis. The U11A boys were 1 up against Whitgift and looked like it was our day, however, with a short corner converted it was down to penalty shuffles. Harvey did a great job in goal until unfortunately a stick and ball caught his knee and Joe stepped in for the final penalty. Whitgift scored and were through to the cup final. The U11A girls drew in their semi so it was shuffles for them too. Arabella stepped up and did a great job, Nina converted 2 to take the girls into the plate final. The girls dominated the final and won the match and therefore the plate. Well done and thank you to all the parents for your support it was great to have so many spectators! The hockey coaches did a great job assisting with the organisation & coaching and thanks to Mr Hudson for his hard work organising the event.



One more week to purchase your tickets for the **1853 Quiz Night** on Saturday 8th February

* Only £10 a ticket and teams up to 10. Enquire 1853society@royalrussell.co.uk or mel@bruguier.net

* You can bring your own drinks, alternatively there is a licenced bar

* Doors open 7pm at the Great Hall. 7.30pm start



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JAZZ

An Evening with Claire Martin OBE

With the Nikki Iles Trio - A Tribute to Tony Bennet and Bill

Thursday 29 April : 7.00pm : Auditorium

