



Royal Russell Junior School



Newsletter

Autumn Term
20th September 2019



Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks I have noticed how much of an effort so many of our girls and boys are making with their personal presentation. This was especially evident on Monday and Tuesday as pupils came in prepared for their photographs. From our Year 6 veterans to our newest arrivals, everyone was excited to strike a pose and capture a moment to remember as the academic year settles into its stride. Taking time to capture moments and to reflect on all that has happened is important. I've challenged myself to build in moments of reflection, both in my personal and my professional life and to reflect, as a community, on all that we have achieved over the course of a week.

There were three really positive moments of reflection this week, all happening on Friday. We started the day with our Upper Juniors celebration assembly in which several children received certificates for using their Russell Powers in their learning. The Russell Power of 'originality' was obvious in the two monster poems that were shared by two of our Year 4 pupils. We also ended the day by celebrating all the wonderful achievements of our Lower Junior boys and girls. Roary the Lion has found a home in Nursery this week as they collected the most tokens. Sandwiched in the middle we had our Harvest Festival lead by Reverend Kirk. Your generosity has been overwhelming, thank you. Your donations will make a real difference to the people who are in touch with the Salvation Army and Purley Food Hub. As the choir sang 'Harvest Moon' we took a moment to reflect on how lucky we are and how an act of kindness can make all the difference to someone else's life.

Reflection is important, as is planning for the future. Year 4 pupils and parents will be busy packing for the trip to Juniper Hall on Monday. We wish them fair weather for their exciting trip.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mrs. Watkins has also been planning for the future and she will leave Royal Russell at the end of this Autumn Term. We are thrilled that her move will allow her to spend more time with her family, however, we know that she will be hugely missed here by the whole community. Recruitment for an Upper Junior teacher is underway, and I look forward to sharing news in the near future.

My very best wishes for a fantastic weekend.

Warm regards,

John Evans

Junior School Headmaster

Year 6 Trip to Kingswood, Isle of Wight



Last week, the Year 6 pupils and teachers embarked on an adventure to the Kingswood Centre in the Isle of Wight. Everybody had a fantastic time embracing the exciting, sometimes daunting, activities.



From the 3G Swing to the Balance Bream, Nightline to Orienteering, the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges they were faced with, and it was wonderful to see the children's confidence blossom over the week.

They had a lovely time playing on the local beach as well as exploring the Island, and learning a little more about it's history.



The staff were so impressed with the children's admirable resilience, as well as the kindness, empathy and support they offered to each other. **WELL DONE YEAR 6**



Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 27th September

On Friday 27th September we will be supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day'. We are inviting the Junior School to don their denim to help support the half a million children in the UK who are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder.



If your child would like to support this brilliant cause, they may **wear their own clothes** including an item of denim to school. We would like to ask for a suggested donation of £1 on this day. For more information you can go to <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>

Second Hand Uniform Sale



If you need any items of uniform...



Or your children are simply growing out of everything...

It's worth checking out the Second Hand Uniform Shop

Friday 27th September 3pm to 4.15pm



Silver Star Awards

Zac B and Tom B *For*
being extremely kind and
caring when looking after
a friend in need.

Harry S *For kindly*
buying a friend a hot
chocolate after their
ice-cream fell on the floor.

River H *For kindly offering*
to buy another child a snack
after their ice-cream fell on
the floor.

Joshua W *For showing great*
kindness, patience and guidance
when volunteering to teach a
younger child how to play chess.



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