

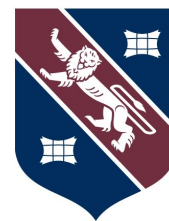


# Royal Russell Junior School

# Newsletter

## Spring Term

## 7th February 2020



Dear Parents,

8000 is a big number. It is an even bigger number when you are looking at over 8000 young people filling an entire side of the O2 Arena singing as one choir. The number feels even more significant when you hear 8000 children scream in appreciation for a number of popular singers and dancers. Where it started to feel overwhelming was when the loudest scream of the evening was reserved for Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet fame. My night at the Young Voices event this week was an unforgettable event in a number of ways. It will be unforgettable for the pupils involved and a true testament to the power of collective endeavour. As the host of the evening said, our children walked a little taller, felt a little more confident and participated in something truly momentous. My thanks to Mrs Summers and the team who worked so hard to get the pupils' performance ready and involved in such a great event.

From 8000 to 5. You might be forgiven for thinking that you don't get much for £5 these days and that may be true. Unless, of course, you are a Year 4 pupil in Surrey Street Market. If Lord Sugar's 'The Apprentice' is still limping along in a decade's time then, judging by the bargaining prowess of our pupils on display, there will be no shortage of contestants. For £5, each group came back laden with exciting fruits and, more importantly, an experience of market shopping that links with their Geography topic of St. Lucia. The follow up activity was designing and making delicious fruit salads as part of a food tech project. If, like me, you are an online shopper, I can highly recommend a family shopping trip to the market and delving into the exciting world of pomelos, papayas and custard apples.

In exciting news, I am happy to let you know that the Couzins household is expecting a new arrival; Mrs Couzins is expecting her first baby in the summer. Mrs Couzins will be with us until the end of the Summer term and we wish her and the family well over the coming months.

This week's newsletter is packed with interesting and exciting events from another busy and purposeful week in the Junior School.

Very best wishes to you and your families for a great weekend.

Best wishes,

**John Evans**  
**Junior School Headmaster**

## Collaborative Clay Project

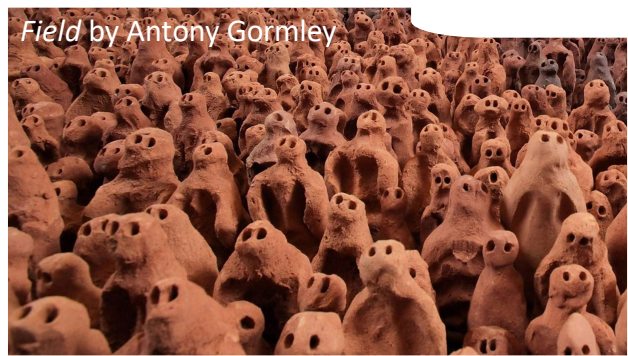
On Thursday 30th January and Thursday 6th February Year 3 pupils welcomed staff and pupils from the Senior School Art Department to collaborate on an exciting project inspired by Antony Gormley's art installation *Field*.



"100 people worked with lots of clay and made these



*Field* by Antony Gormley



"It took 100 people a week to make all of them....They were hand sized sculptures. Their eyes were deep and close together." Lulu



"I like it because it is like an audience." Zayan

"I really like it because it is awesome the way they all look the same." Xavier

"Antony Gormley made *Field* for the viewer to feel like they are in charge of the world and the future." Max

The workshops began with introductory talks and demonstrations by Ms Lewry (the Senior School Art Technician), Eryk T and Eric Z (Year 10 GCSE Art pupils). We discussed Antony Gormley's artwork *Field*, and our project

brief; to make clay figures to create our own collaborative clay installation at Royal Russell School.

"The senior school were inspiring." Elijah



"I didn't know that the sculpture has to be thick so it doesn't break." Vivienne







Following the same brief that Antony Gormley gave his helpers, we sculpted our figures out of clay.

"I like this project because I really like playing with clay." Isa

We learnt how our clay figures need to dry and then be fired in the kiln before they can be installed outside.



"We worked hard and used the Russell Power *Collaboration and Communication*. I loved the lesson and want to do it over and over again" Bella

"I learnt how to make the correct proportions of the body." Raaj



Look out for our collaborative clay installation at the Senior School as it is due to 'pop-up' for Royal Russell Day.



# BOOMWHACKER Club

Boomwhacker Club is a very popular club for Years 1 and 2, running on Wednesdays and hosted by our very own Head of Music, Miss Fox.

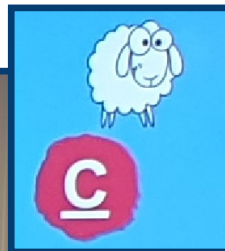
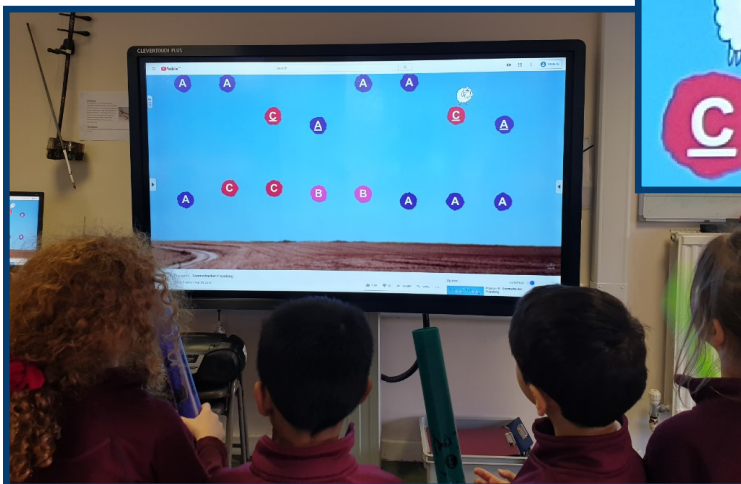
## What is a Boomwhacker?

A **Boomwhacker** is a lightweight, hollow, color-coded, plastic tube, tuned to a musical pitch by length. Boomwhackers are used as musical instruments in the percussion family and they were first produced by Craig Ramsell in 1995.



The children have one each and they learn to play their note at the right time and on the beat!

The note is shown on the Interactive Board and the icon jumps along and the children have to time when to play. The children seem to particularly like the woolly sheep and bird icons but there are lots to choose from.



**Form: A A' A' B B A A' :||**

**A**

**A'**

**B**

The children are introduced to Boomwhackers in their Music Lessons during the week, so this is a great opportunity to fine tune their skills and enjoy more playing time.



I really like following the different characters on the board.



I just love the sound the Boomwhacker makes.





# Share a Book Anywhere Project

We are asking the children to think about the most exciting place that they can share a book with others.

Over Half Term, please take a photo of your child sharing a book with you in a strange or unusual/unexpected place.

Please could you either e-mail this picture to your child's class teacher, or upload it to the picture task on Firefly so that it can be added to the school display.

**Due date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.**

## Dressing Up Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Each year group has chosen a specific book to share with the school in our whole school assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Class teachers will share with you what book your child's year group is sharing and the children will dress up as a character from that book.

Prizes will be given for the best year group as a whole for their costumes.

## Book Week 2020

Sharing  
Books



## Sharing books with others

Each year group will be paired with another year group and children will have the opportunity to share a book with others.

### Timetable:

Monday – Reception with Year 3

Tuesday – Year 1 with Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2 with Year 5

Thursday – Year 3 with Year 6

Friday – Selection of readers to share with Nursery

## RR Book Fair

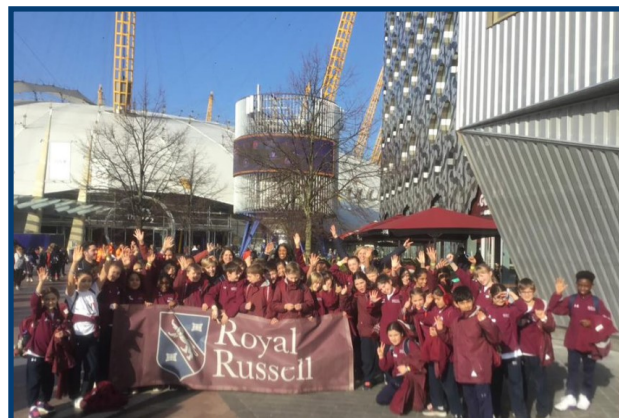
Each class will be able to visit the book fair so if you would like your child to purchase a book, please complete the Book Fair Consent Form on FIREFLY by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

(Please note that World Book Day Tokens **cannot** be used at the RR Book Fair this year)

# Young Voices 2020 Concert at the O2

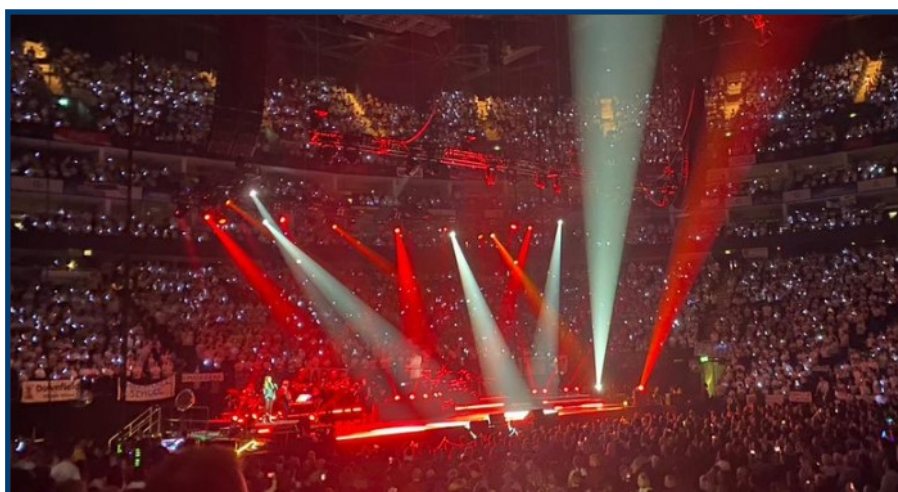


Young Voices has been running for 24 years inspiring children to live their dreams and 'go for it' whilst raising money for good causes.



This year they were raising money for the **Teenage Cancer Trust**.

Royal Russell had their debut at the O2, London performing with 8,000 other children from other schools alongside *The Voice* winner Ruti, The Shires and *Spandau Ballet*'s Tony Hadley - PURE GOLD!



As well as singing their hearts out, the children performed street dances alongside *Urban Strides*, we hear the parents were also up on their feet, thoroughly enjoying the party.

It was an incredible experience for everyone present, but especially the children who will no doubt, never forget their first performance at the O2.

A huge thank you to all the children for representing Royal Russell so beautifully with both their performance and behaviour and for struggling in this morning, after an exciting, but late night!

Thank you so much to Mrs Summers and everyone else involved in helping to organise this amazing trip and to all the parents and family members who came to support.



# Year 4 Trip to Surrey Street Market



On Wednesday afternoon, year 4 went to Surrey street market because our geography topic is St Lucia so we went to buy some tropical fruit.

We got arranged into groups and went off to buy different fruits. Each group had £5 to spend. We bought things such as: Coconuts, grapes, mangoes, sugar cane, melon, oranges, limes, blueberries, grapefruits, pears, papayas and much more!



In design and technology we have been focusing on food technology and we will use the fruit on Thursday to create juicy fruit salads.

Report by  
LJ and Evie



Thank you to all our parent volunteers, who were able to report back that some of the children's negotiating skills could be likened to the *Wolf of Wall Street*, many of them striking up a great bargain!





On Thursday we had so much fun creating delicious fruit salads from all the shopping we had done at Surrey Street Market. Some of us used the skin or shell of the fruit as the dish for the salad, they looked good enough to eat!



## Silver Star Awards



**Jasper 2D** For being extra kind to a Nursery child at Breakfast Club

Tickets available for £15 from 'Eventbrite'

Royal Russell Presents

# JAZZ

An Evening with  
**Claire Martin OBE**

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

**Thursday 29 April : 7.00pm : Auditorium**



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# Junior School Sports Snapshot



## Royal Russell hosts the Croydon Schools Trampoline Competition

Hosting the exciting Junior Croydon Schools event last week, proved to be a great opportunity for some of the team, new to competitions, to compete in a relaxed atmosphere. The pupils all did their very best and well done to our first time bouncers and those who used their somersaults for the first time.

In the U9 Girls Novice event Betty finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> with the A team of Betty, Lucia, Evie and Kaya winning the event and the B team of Amy, Ava, Abi and Hannah in silver medals position. In the U11 Boys Novice event, Max took the title using a new voluntary, Mitchell was second and Milo 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with Freddie they were also team champions. In the U11 Girls Novice section, Izzy was the winner with Maria in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Maisey in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The A team of Izzy, Sarah, Bella and Maria were the winning team with the B team of Ari, Maisey and Ava coming second and the C team of Annie, Sarah and Danni securing the bronze medal.

Competing in the Elite section, Oneli finished as runner up, Nina came 3<sup>rd</sup> and along with Isabel, the girls won the team competition. Great work and huge progress can be seen from all the hard work.



Destined for  
great things?



# Junior School Sports Snapshot



## U9 Surrey Schools Floor and Vault

The U9 gymnastics team travelled to Croydon High for the Surrey Schools Floor and Vault Competition. Mrs Lloyd was extremely impressed by the complex skills the girls included in their sequences; there were backflips, walkovers and beautiful bridges and splits! The girls all performed brilliant floor sequences with huge smiles showing how proud they were.

The team also had to vault and did so fantastically well, showing lovely shapes and spring off the springboard!

All the scores are added together to give a final total.



U9 Gymnastics Team: Rubie, Amy, Hannah, Margaret and Georgia

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