



Royal Russell Junior School



# Newsletter

Autumn Term

18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our second full week has come to an end and we continue to enjoy all of the exciting moments of school being open and full. With this excitement we must continue to guard against the element of complacency and follow all of the appropriate guidance. I would like to say thank you to all our families who are working so carefully with us to keep our community safe. Thank you for adhering to the pick up and drop off times and procedures that we have shared. Thank you for waiting in your cars, walking long routes around the school and for your patience. Thank you for being mindful of each other as we move around the site and as you respect social distance guidance.

Sadly, we are still unable to invite parents on to site to watch sport clubs and other activities, whether they are outside or inside. May I also ask you to keep children off the adventure playground and other playground areas on your way in and out of school as we have allocated these to specific year groups to avoid cross contamination.

## **Prefects and Heads of School**

This morning, we had the joyous occasion of awarding our ties and cravats to our new Prefects and Heads of School in our Upper Junior Celebration Assembly. I am not including those names now, just to make sure that those pupils can share their news themselves. I will, however, look forward to introducing our new team next week and ask them to share their views on what it means to hold one of these important positions.

## **Parents' Consultation Evenings**

We are excited about hosting our first virtual Parents' Consultation Evenings. Mrs Bannon has shared further details in a separate communication with information on how you can book a slot on one of the available evenings.

## **Open Day**

Considering the current guidance, we have decided to not ask current pupils to attend Open Day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. I know that many pupils will have wanted to attend and proudly show their school to prospective families, however, the safety of our community is at the forefront of our minds. This has been a difficult decision as we know that our pupils are always our best advert. We will undertake a thorough cleaning and 'fogging' of the whole school following our Open Day so that we are ready to welcome our pupils back on the following Monday.

With my best wishes to you and your family, all the very best for a wonderful weekend.

John Evans  
Junior Headmaster



# An Amazing Start for our Nursery Ducklings



The Nursery children have been getting to know their teachers and each other, building new and positive relationships.



They have shared stories, explored our outside area, collaborated as they have used our construction and enjoyed our fantastic sunshine.



They have thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst exploring their new surroundings and learning new routines





The mud kitchen has been very popular. We love our Mud kitchen as it can encourage the children to talk about what they are doing, whilst the excitement of getting messy and playing outdoors often enables them to feel even more confident about speaking and sharing their thoughts.



The children have really enjoyed having PE with Miss Heasman.



# Our Drama-tic World

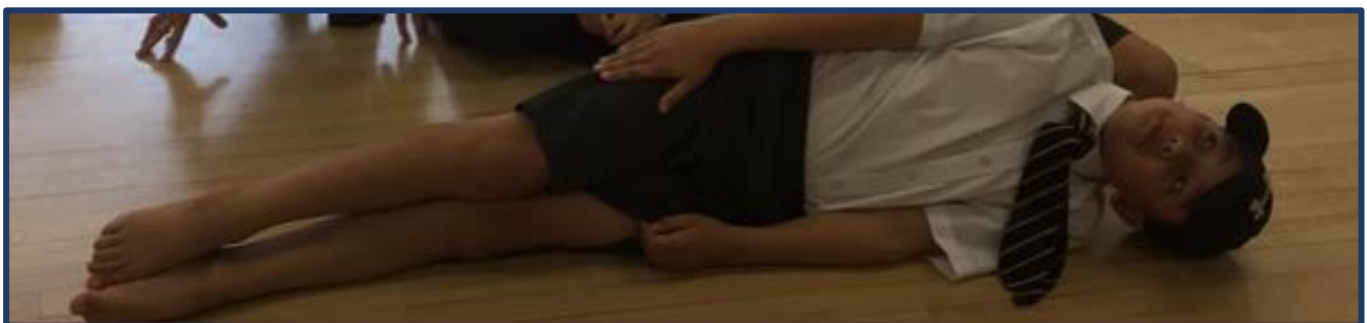
The Drama department has hit the ground running this term and all year groups have been able to take part in a variety of different lessons.



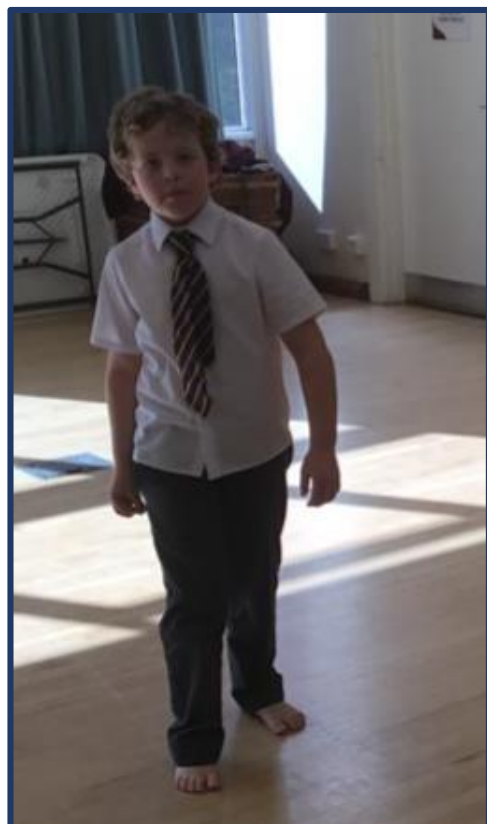
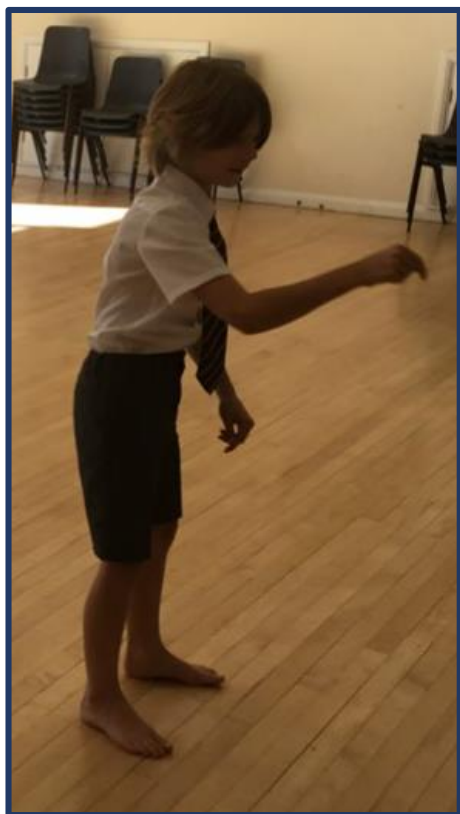
It has been lovely for the children to use their collaboration and communication skills and work together after such a long time apart. Some particular highlights of the week have been in Year 3 and Year 5.



In Year 3, the children have been introduced to Marcel Marceau and have been creating stories through the use of mime. Year 5 have been looking at evacuees, linking with their History topic of WW1 and WW2.



They were deciding what objects would need to be packed in the evacuees suitcases, as well as creating still images from the story 'Away From Home'.





# RRJS Safeguarding Corner



Welcome to a new addition to our Junior School Newsletter. As you will be aware, this year I have taken on a new role as Deputy Head – Pastoral. I am really excited about the opportunities that this role presents in developing our pastoral care for all pupils in the Junior School. Every fortnight, a safeguarding corner update will be included in the newsletter, providing information on a range of topics.

We pride ourselves at Royal Russell for the outstanding pastoral care that we are able to give to each individual child. The whole school community is committed to providing a safe, secure environment and we have a well-established culture of safeguarding. All staff fully recognise our responsibilities for child protection and safeguarding, with the well-being and safety of each child paramount.

As a School we always seek to act in a child's best interests and will be pro-active in addressing concerns wherever a child's wellbeing could be compromised.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the whole school is Mrs Nathalie Hart (Senior School Deputy-Head – People). In the Junior School, I work closely with Miss Fox and we are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Our responsibilities cover all Junior School pupils including the EYFS. We are contactable via email ([spain@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:spain@royalrussell.co.uk) or [sfox@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:sfox@royalrussell.co.uk)) or via the school office on 0208 651 5884 should you wish to speak with us about your child's well-being.

Please click on the link to our [Safeguarding Policy](#).

Mrs Sarah Pain

Deputy Head – Pastoral