



Royal Russell Junior School

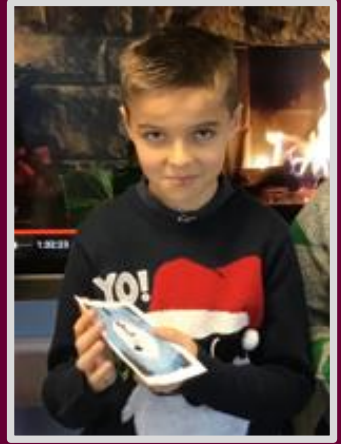


Newsletter



Autumn Term

16th December 2020



Dear Parents and Friends,

Our Autumn term has ended in a whirlwind of visits to Father Christmas, delicious lunches, the giving and receiving of gifts and quite a number of cream pies hitting me in the face in the warm up to the children's pantomime this year.

Beyond the wonderful activities and all of the Christmas cheer, all in our School community have continued to work hard to keep themselves and each other safe. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing efforts to look after the wellbeing of everyone on site.

In our final assembly of term, we thought about how many winter festivals centre around light and the important role that light in the depths of winter would have played in these celebrations. As we turn our thoughts away from the excitement of School to the joy of Christmas at home, I have asked the children to be the light that brings joy to others at this important time of year.

Following a wonderful and action packed term, I have asked my colleagues to prioritise time with their families and loved ones over the course of the Christmas break. The School will be completely shut over the holidays. This means that any urgent correspondence should be sent to reception@royalrussell.co.uk This email address will be regularly checked until the 23rd December and then again on the 4th January 2021. We look forward to welcoming the children back to School on Thursday 7th January 2021.

The Upper Junior Carol Service was shared on Firefly last week and can still be found here:

<https://royalrussell.fireflycloud.net/music/christmas-2020/upper-junior-carol-service>

The Lower Junior and Early Years Extravaganza is now ready and I hope that it will bring you and your families a lot of joy. The video can be found here:

<https://royalrussell.fireflycloud.net/drama-2/lower-junior-christmas-extravaganza-2020>

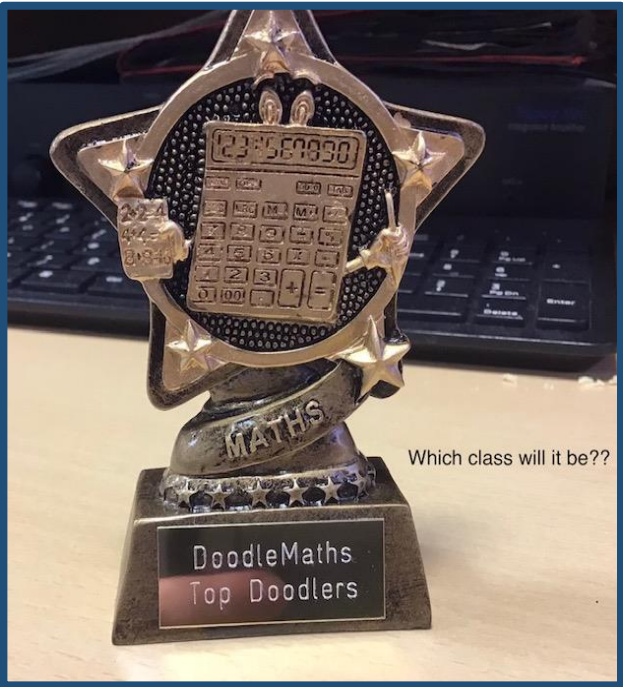
As we approach a slightly unknown festive season this year, I hope that you all manage to stay happy and healthy over the break. On behalf of all of us at Royal Russell Junior School, I hope that you have a joyful, peaceful and magical Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Best wishes,
John Evans
Headmaster, Junior School



Maths Corner

We have started awarding our Top DoodleMaths class each week our ‘Top Doodlers’ trophy. Congratulations so far to Mrs Dapson’s, Miss Oak’s and Mr Urie’s maths classes! Keep using DoodleMaths and see if your child’s class can top the charts!



How can you help your child with timetables?

Did you know Alexa can help? Just ask: "Alexa, open Times Tables", or, "Alexa, open Times Tables for five," or, "Alexa, open Times Tables and start a mixed test."

Your child can use a times table grid until they gain confidence in their rapid recall of multiplication facts.

12 X 12 Multiplication Table													
X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	0	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	0	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	0	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

The Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in an exciting initiative called The National School Games Santa Dash, organised by School Games. The children thoroughly enjoyed joining lots of other schools all over the country, running at exactly the same time and date, Friday 11th December. [#santasmiles](#) to see how popular and inclusive this fantastic fun event was and look out for Royal Russell Junior School!



4th - **Exeter**
3rd - **York**
2nd - **Durham**
1st - **Canterbury**

The results were attributed to House Cross country results.



**ACTION SHOTS
THIS WAY**





Bebras – Computational Thinking Challenge

What is Bebras?

Bebras introduces Computational thinking skills to students. It is organised in over 50 Countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about Computing. The pupils at Royal Russell performed brilliantly but we would like to congratulate the following children on their amazing performances this year.



Year 3

Astrid Harari
Alfie Davidson
Molly Netherway



Year 4

Max Clements
Arseniy Tšertkov
Sofyan Ghuwel



Year 5

Rubie Locke
Margaret Kawa
Henry Hayden de Carbonnières



In Year 6 we would like to say a special well done to the following pupils who finished in the top 10% of the Country. They now move on to to take part in the **Oxford University Computing Challenge** in February.

Ava Barton
Arabella Howard
Nicholas Thurbin
Izehi Obusuyi

A Christmas snapshot of RRJS

Please enjoy a selection of photographs, capturing the spirit of Christmas which has been soaring through the corridors, classrooms, offices, lobbies, dining rooms and the grounds of Royal Russell Junior School.



6T Making sparkly, sequin Christmas decorations



6KE celebrating Christmas Jumper (mufti) Day



Year 6 Virtual Pantomime in the Performing Arts Centre. Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!



Christmas Lunch Time



A BIG thank you and a round of applause for our fantastic Catering Team





Santa inspired Year 6 and Year 5 Netball Club

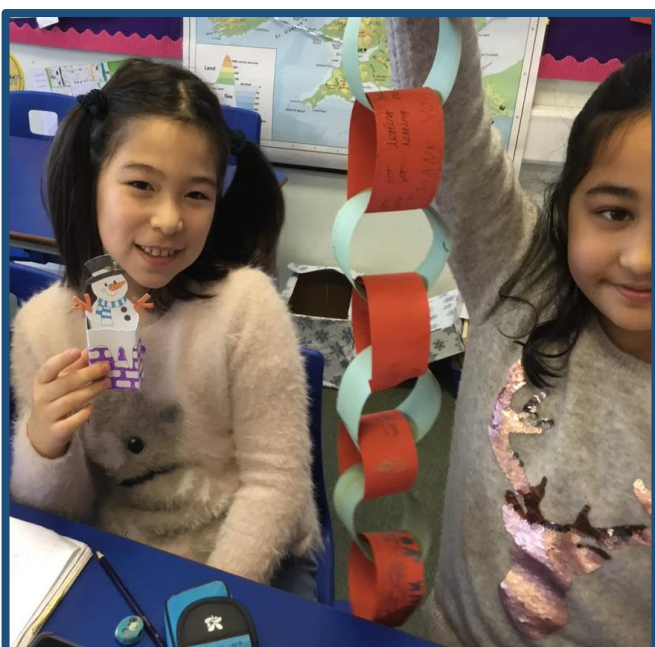




5P Get Creative



In Year 3, the children made paper chains, pop up Christmas cards and decorated baubles.



A lot of fun has been had! To add to their festivities they came in their Christmas jumpers and generously donated to the charities.





Nursery met Santa in his Grotto, sitting by his fire, along with his little helper the Elf.

**BACK IN
STOCK**



**BLUE BOBBLE HATS BACK ON
SALE FROM 7TH JANUARY 2021**

Mr Hudson begins his 5 Day Challenge with the 'Ben Nevis climb'... We wish him Good Luck!



Our very own Head of Boys' Sport, Mr Tom Hudson is completing a series of challenges in December to raise money for 5 charities and has raised £2,000 to date. The 5 charities are Meningitis Now, MIND, Cancer Research, British Heart Foundation and STEPS (lower limb condition charity).

The challenges are as follows:

Day 1 - Climb the height of Ben Nevis on a step climber

Day 2 - Row the distance of the channel

Day 3 - Complete 1000 press ups/bench press, sit ups and squats in a day

Day 4 - Cycle 100 miles

Day 5 - Run a marathon

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TomHudson5DayCharityChallenge>

If you would like to support Mr Hudson in his challenges, please click on the link or visit the page on the virginmoneygiving website.

And there's still time to if you would like to support Mr Swann's cause, SENSE



Our Running Club and Basketball Coach Mr Graham Swann recently completed the first exciting virtual version of the London Marathon.

Thank you to those who sponsored Mr Swann. Unfortunately he is a little short of his target, so if you would still like to support his chosen charity, Sense, please visit his page on justgiving.

20%

£350

raised of £1,700 target
by 17 supporters

Give Now

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/graham-swann2020>