

# Newsletter



## Spring Term

15th January 2021



Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to congratulate the whole community for their wonderful efforts in making the first full week of term so successful. These congratulations are offered in the knowledge of the many challenges that families are facing in balancing all aspects of life during this lockdown period, including your children's online learning.

I remain grateful for your support at this time and very grateful to all of you who have reached out with messages of support for the School and my colleagues.

My congratulations extend to our wonderful pupils who have excelled themselves in their participation, enthusiasm, collaboration and dedication to their learning this week. I have been lucky enough to join some wonderful sessions and share in some very impressive learning across the year groups. A special congratulations to all of our Nursery children (and colleagues) and especially our new starters who have had a fantastic week here on site.

As we develop into the rhythm and the patterns of the term, it is important to keep ourselves focused on our goals. The theme of our assemblies this term is 'Hopes and Dreams' and, in order to achieve these, we must make sure that we are planning for success. Setting ourselves targets is important, setting ourselves the right targets is even more so. In Monday's Assembly I discussed how we might go about setting ourselves up for success, and what might happen if we did not. If your children have not had the opportunity to view the assembly, it can be found on our Firefly Assembly page.

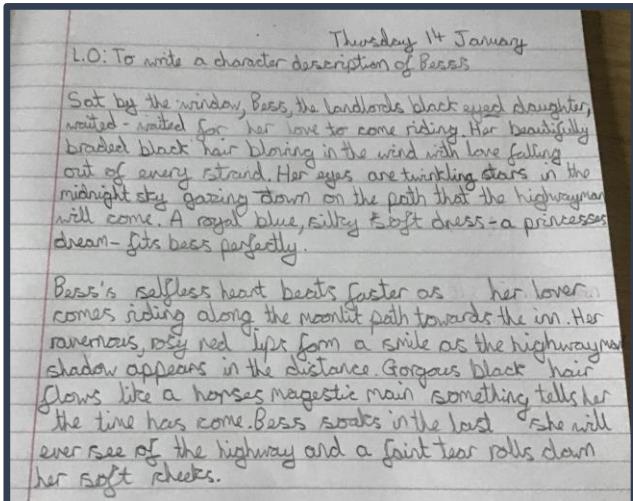
I hope that you enjoy seeing the exciting elements of learning that have been taking place across our School in this week's newsletter. As challenging as it may be in our current circumstances, I encourage you to get outdoors wherever possible. With this in mind, Miss Ciccone has organised a fantastic photography competition that involves celebrating 'Our World'. All of the details can be found in the newsletter, it would be wonderful to receive lots of entries from across the School.

My best wishes for a safe and relaxing weekend.

**John Evans**  
Headmaster, Junior School

# We are Royal Russell Junior School

During the current Lockdown period, we will continue to demonstrate the resilience of our Royal Russell Junior School pupils by presenting some of the exceptional work produced by them under the challenging circumstances that we find ourselves in. We couldn't be more proud of all the children and we wish to thank our parents for their incredible support.



In English, Ava (Year 6) submitted a beautifully illustrative character description of Bess, from the poem, *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes.



This masterpiece was painted by Henry (Year 6) which earned him the award of Artist of the Week.



Seren (Year 1) drew a well-being picture to portray three things that make her happy.

Look out for the 'Junk Robots' made by Year 3. These ones were made by Oliver and Tommy.



Tommy



In English, Mayan (Year 3) was tasked with creating a word list using all the senses after looking at the view of his garden.

See	Hear	Smell	Touch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Black birds</li><li>- Dewy grass</li><li>- prickly bushes</li><li>- brown, wet bench.</li><li>- grey, roughhearing stones.</li><li>- Dullard gloomy atmosphere</li><li>- leaves on the trampoline</li><li>- trampoline mucky</li><li>- water trickling in the ditch.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cars on the motorway in the distance.</li><li>- Birds singing.</li><li>- Pheasants tapping on our window.</li><li>- rustling in the trees.</li><li>- branches cracking in the trees.</li><li>- airophane soaring in the sky</li><li>- trickling rain water in the ditch.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- cold breeze</li><li>- wet mud</li><li>- wet, dripping flowers.</li><li>- bonfire burning</li><li>- food in the oven</li><li>- fuel from the cars on the road</li><li>- BBQ's from down the road</li><li>- roasting marshmallows</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- wet leaves</li><li>- get flowers</li><li>- bogy trampoline.</li><li>- little flowers windmill.</li><li>- green washing line</li><li>- brick fence</li><li>- white garage door.</li><li>- brown soggy bench.</li></ul>

# 'Gingerbread Week' in Nursery Ducklings.

The children have explored all things '**Gingerbread**' in Nursery Ducklings this week.



We have our own role play bakery.



We managed to incorporate the Gingerbread theme into Maths.



We created our own Gingerbread people.

We have been retelling the famous story in our 'Small World'.



It even smelt delicious as we baked our own Gingerbread Men.



We shared different versions of the story with our friends.



**Run, Run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread man!**

# Police Dog Demonstration

It has been a great honour for us to be able to accommodate The Metropolitan Police by sharing Royal Russell's vast and beautiful grounds to train their Police Dogs recently. On Wednesday, they were kind enough to treat our Nursery children and some of the children of our Critical Workers to a demonstration.



The children lined up quietly before the dogs came out to meet them.



The Police Officer explained that the dogs are trained to keep us safe by sniffing out dangerous items.



This is Scooby. His handler put something in a bag and hid it in the playground. Scooby was brought out and released and he sniffed out the bag in seconds. He was incredibly fast.



The Police Officer put on the blue flashing light, much to everyone's delight.



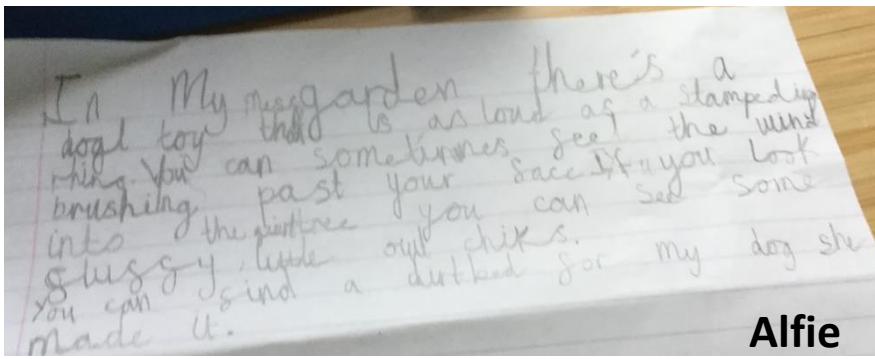
# Year 3's Busy Week

In Maths, Oliver created a monster using given measurements.



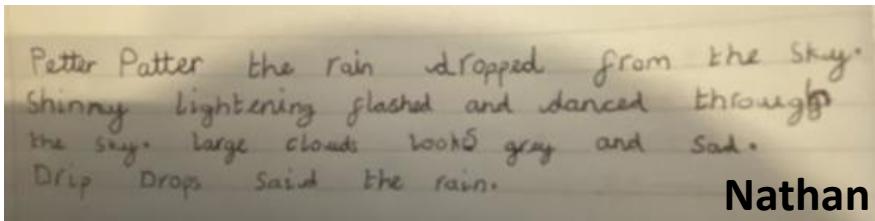
In English, Year 3 were focusing on using great description. They transformed some boring and plain sentences into super, splendid, scintillating sentences!

- 11/01/2021
1. Quietly the fluffy ginger cat sat on the colourful wall looking at people.
  2. Angry my magical marvellous mum shouted NO! to my sister.
  3. My sister Emily got a colour book from my mum.
  4. Tiredly I walked down to the sweet shop.
  5. Happily a tiny cute bird fluttered to a cherry blossom tree.
- Astrid



Alfie

This demonstrates how Alfie and Nathan used their knowledge of great description to describe what they could see outside of their windows.



Nathan

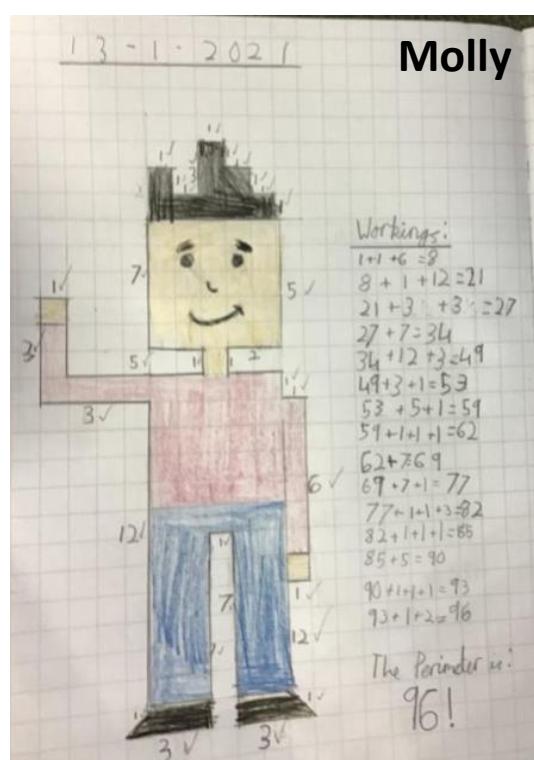


Kayan

Year 3 have also been learning about the perimeter of shapes.

They created their own perimeter people, measuring the lengths of their sides and working out their perimeter.

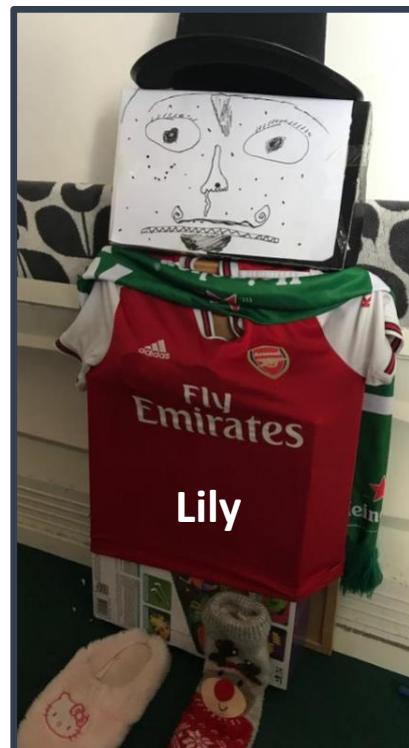
Here are Kayan and Molly's Perimeter People.

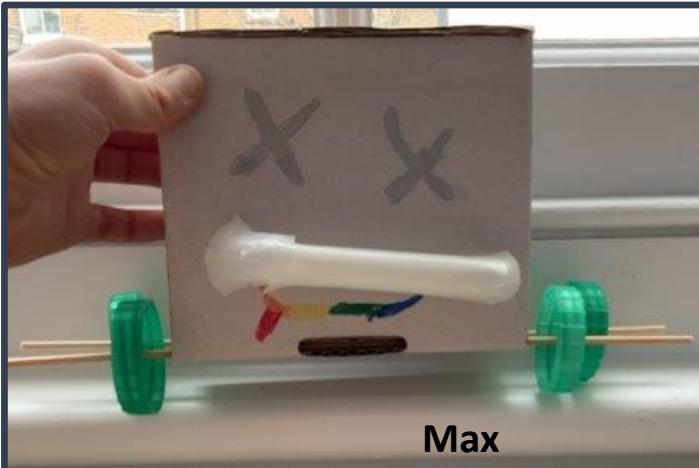


# ART: Recyclable Junk Robots

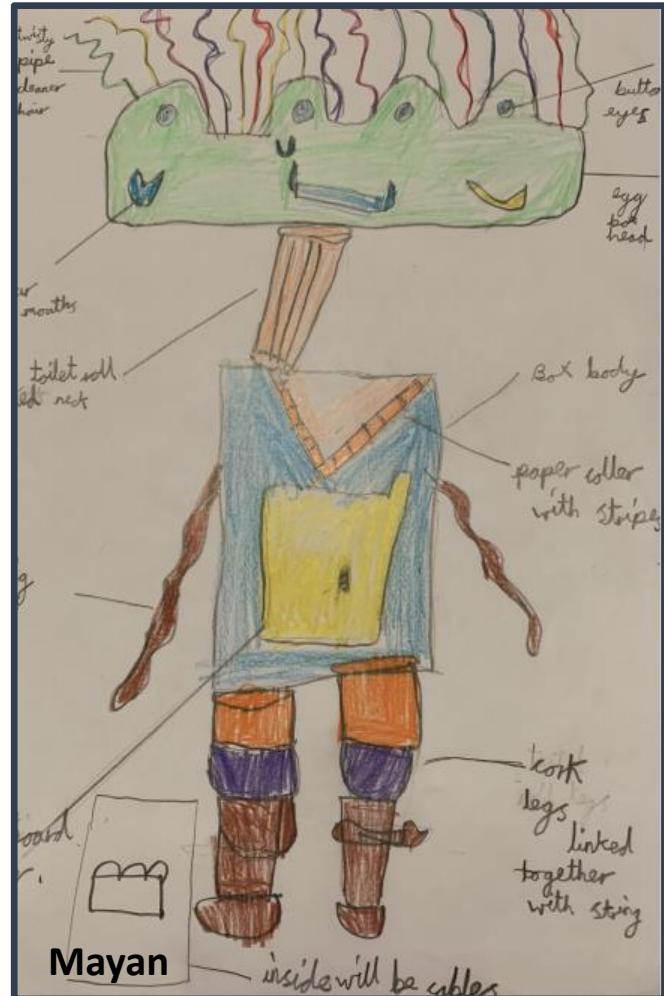
Year 3 have also been exercising their creative flair making Junk Robots, using their initiative to collect and assemble recyclable materials to make a range of brilliant robot sculptures.

Miss Ciccone has been so impressed with their ability to design and build using objects found either at school or at home. Each robot has its own special personality. Well Done Year 3!





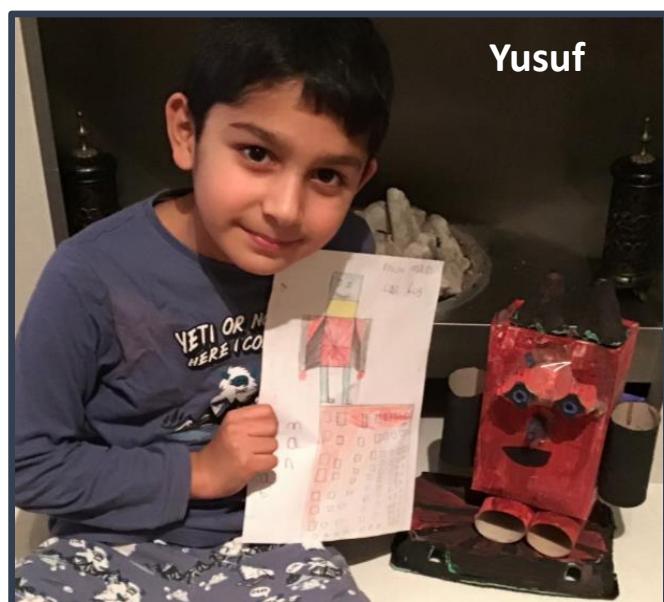
**Max**



**Lucas**



**Yusuf**



**Daniel**





# OUR WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE



Following on from the amazing artwork being made remotely, we are launching a new Photography challenge on the theme of 'Our World'. We have so much to celebrate in 'Our World', from nature and animals to our favourite hobbies, people and places.

Take on the challenge of creating a photograph to share with our Royal Russell community and show us where you are finding inspiration whilst working remotely.

The Photography challenge is an opportunity to build on our Photography skills and to get creative in our home communities. You could take your photo in your house, in your garden or at your local park - working safely nearby to your home. All photographs will be shared in an online gallery.



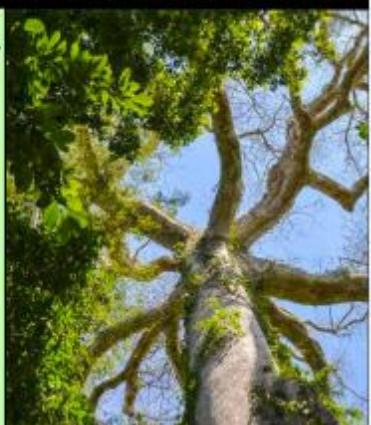
*Art Tip - Upload your photograph at original size for best quality.  
Aim for sharp, clear photos!*



All entries must be uploaded to Firefly by **Monday 22nd February 2021** or emailed to Miss Ciccone [cciccone@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:cciccone@royalrussell.co.uk).

We will have a winner in every phase.

Good luck, everyone!



# Fund Raising Updates



**£496.75  
RAISED FOR  
Croydon Nightwatch  
Meningitis UK**

*Thank you*

**On Christmas Jumper Mufti Day**



We have received a certificate and a big thank you from the Anti-Bullying Alliance for the money we all raised on **Odd Socks Day** on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Thank you for supporting this charity through our fundraising.

## FUNDRAISING HERO



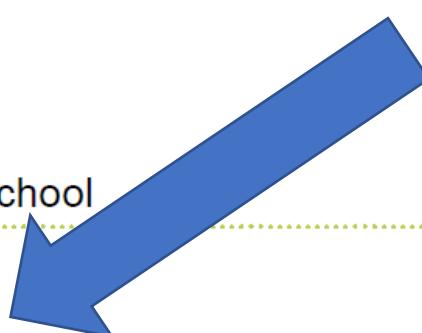
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Royal Russell School

RAISED A FANTASTIC

£ 219.50

TO HELP STOP BULLYING



A BIG  
**THANK  
YOU**

from all of us at the  
Anti-Bullying Alliance



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# Mr Hudson's Update on his 5 Day Charity Challenge



I wanted to let you all know that I successfully completed my charity challenge over the Christmas break. It took me about a week to recover but it went well and so far, I have raised over £6000 for 5 charities: Meningitis Now, MIND, Cancer Research, British Heart Foundation and STEPS (lower limb condition charity).

I certainly didn't break any records but I completed each day in the following times:

- Day 1 (Climb the height of Ben Nevis) - **5 hours 55 minutes**
- Day 2 (Row the channel) - **8 hours 37 minutes**
- Day 3 - **Completed 1000 press-ups, sit ups and squats**
- Day 4 (Cycle 100 miles) - **6 hours 5 minutes**
- Day 5 (Run a marathon) - **5 hours 25 minutes**



*The photos are of me finishing the challenge!*

If anyone would still like to donate please click on the link:  
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TomHudson5DayCharityChallenge>

Thank you to those who have donated and to everyone for their support.

Have a great weekend.

Tom

**Mr Tom Hudson**  
Head of Junior Boys' Sport