

The Russett School Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter.

This week we have enjoyed celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, the chosen focus was 'Growing Together'. During the course of the week classes have taken part in a whole school art project which will be displayed in our hall. Our school council suggested their idea of a cinema afternoon which pupils thoroughly enjoyed – especially the popcorn!

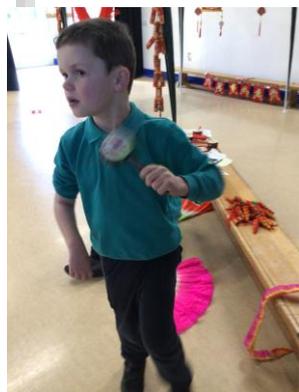
We also experienced the chosen focus and concept of 'growing' through the Cress Head Challenge, we are hoping for successful results!

Our final celebration was our 'Dress to Express' day. Children and staff were invited to wear something colourful as a way to express themselves.

On Thursday we also had a visitor into school in celebration of Chinese New Year. Pupils were encouraged to explore through a variety of creative learning activities including puppets, songs and dance, please enjoy our pictures below.

News from Classes....

In Room 2 the children enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. They explored the meaning behind Chinese New Year through story, song, and dance. The children really enjoyed getting under the Chinese Dragon and moving around the hall. They also had chance to explore lots of other resources such as Chinese musical instruments and fans. Some of the children even had a go at using chopsticks!"



Room 5 have been working hard this Spring term and having lots of fun. Our highlights have been swimming and physical yoga this week. We have enjoyed celebrating Childrens Mental

Health Week and learning all about 'growing together'. We have also learnt about Chinese New Year and had a fantastic time at the workshop yesterday. Well done Room 5!



In Room 1 we have been working on number in maths, and identifying numbers on the fish. We have used our fingers to make marks in different materials and explored how seeds grow by planting our own too.



Swimming



The pool will be in use for one more week. We have thoroughly enjoyed being able to offer this opportunity for pupils to engage in a new learning experience. We have seen pupils improve their fine and gross motor skills, and independence and dressing skills. We have

also seen many confident learners! We are in the process of scheduling sessions for pupils to swim in the summer term.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Those parents of pupils who receive free school meals should have received a voucher from Asda in the sum of £35 which covers the half term break.

Reading Den Competition

This year to celebrate World Book Day we challenge you to build your own cosy den to read in with your family. This can be made from blankets, duvets, sheets, chairs and lots of other things around your home. You can decorate your den however you like, but make sure it's a comfy and cosy place filled with your favourite books. When you have finished den construction don't forget to send us a picture via Facebook, email or Evisense by Monday 28th February 2022. There will be prizes for the best reading dens. Good luck.

Student Voice...

Here is what our children and young people have said about us or shown us this week!...

- Yoga really helps me calm down – Adam
- I liked going to the hall and loved looking at the Chinese resources – Grace

Independent Advice and Support Service (IASS)

SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers a confidential service which gives parents/carers, children and young people impartial advice and information to make informed decisions. Young people aged 16 to 25 can also access the service directly.

For more information visit:

<https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/1279>

Telephone: 0300 123 7001 Email: iasservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Parent Carer Forum

The PCF are a group of voluntary group of Parents & Carers in Cheshire West & Chester who have children / young people with special education needs and/or disability (SEND) and represents families of children and young people with SEND.

They support parents/carers by:

- Gathering information from Parents and Carers.
- Attending meetings with services in our area – Education, Health & Social Care.
- Sharing collective views and experiences of Parents and Carers with the Local Authority and Health Services.
- Feeding back information and news to Parents and Carers.
- Networking with other organisations and groups in our area.

- Sharing what we learn at events and on-line

The Parent/Carer forum has developed a website to assist parents/carers which can be accessed by the [link](#) attached to pcfcheshirewest.org by Phone: [0161 255 5634](tel:01612555634) or Email: contact.pfcwac@gmail.com. The PCF are currently conducting a [survey](#) which can be accessed by this link or on the website and are always keen to hear your views.

Dates for your diary – please see our school website [Calendar | The Russett School](#) (therussettlearningtrust.co.uk)

Key Contacts

School office: 01606 853005 or via email admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk- please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

- Executive Headteacher- Emma Leach
- Deputy Head of Academy (Lower School) Jess Dennis
- Deputy Head of Academy (Upper School) Kathryn Richardson
- Transport Co-ordination: Cheshire West 01244 973377 Cheshire East 01270 371489
Please note that parents are asked to contact transport if needed, transport is not run by school.

Pupil Absence: Please ensure you ring the school office to report any pupil absence. It is important that we have a reason for any absences.

Covid 19: Please refer to the email sent out to all parents and carers earlier this week.

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about The Russett School. Please follow the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/link-to-us> and support your academy.



This month we would like to wish a very happy birthday to...

Jimmy Dean, Grace, Rohan, Sam, Charlie and Leon.

Wishing all of our pupils and families a safe and happy weekend.

Kindest regards,

Emma

Mrs Emma Leach - Executive Headteacher

