

# The Russett School Newsletter

## Spring Term 2022

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope our newsletter finds all of our families well this week. Unfortunately we have seen another spike in Covid cases across the Academy, in spite of this we have still have so much to share!

It has been lovely to see our children and young people getting out in the outdoors, we have started our work for the Arley Gardening Competition with pupils tasked in preparing our flower beds. Other celebrations have included British Science Week, Wheelchair Rugby, Careers and Red Nose Day; we have been very busy thinking about how we can help others.

Of course the 'Russett Ducks' have been a huge success with pupils (and staff!) it has been a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about growth and new life...



Our new sign is up in 'The Orchard' we are enjoying using our new space and hope to plan more events for Parents & Carers very soon.



### News from Classes....

Room 10 have really enjoyed science week. The theme this year is growth, so we have been very busy in the gardening area preparing for the Arley Garden Festival! We have also loved meeting the baby ducklings and watching them grow over the week.



Room 11 students attended another taster session at Petty Pool Vocational College on Tuesday.

The careers focus this week was the catering and retail business. All students enjoyed the experience, and it gave them another opportunity to think about their futures.



In Room 3 we have been looking at money this week. Today we opened our sweet shop and we took it in turns being the shop keeper and being the customer.



This week Room 9 pupils have had lots of fun engaging in different activities. We have made bread; worked as a team to construct a tower made from straws; planted seeds; made potions; watched the ducklings grow and explored ratio.



Room 7 have enjoyed wheelchair rugby delivered by Sale Sharks; using the laptops in a communication session; making paper cup 'telephones' and handling the ducklings.



Room 2 enjoyed their Forest School session this week. We explored the outdoor area, including the daffodils and rope swing. We also had the opportunity to learn about fire safety and we even toasted a marshmallow on the fire. We had lots of fun!



In room 8 we have been looking at growth as part of science week, we have been very lucky and had some ducklings hatch in school and have been able to see them grow and measure their progress as well as practicing looking after them and holding them carefully. We have also been exploring water and different vessels as part of science week. The syringes and squirting water was a big hit!



Room 6 have had a fantastic week exploring the signs of Spring in our environment. The class had a great time in our Forest school session making smores!



Room 5 have been working together and have enjoyed our Sale Sharks session last Friday. We all had lots of fun and enjoyed playing wheelchair rugby. In Maths, we have been learning about money and set up a class shop to buy and sell foods. Keep up the great work everybody!



### National Careers Week

During National Careers Week 2022 we brought together Local Employers, National Businesses, Local Colleges and Careers Advisors to give our pupils an important insight into the World of Work and Further Learning. The pupils really enjoyed taking part in the different Workshops, Careers Talks and Events.



Room 7 & 8 used Coding and technology in a Network Rail Workshop. Room 9 challenged gender stereotyping with the Job Centre Plus. Rooms 10 & 11 learnt about food waste from Northwich Community Support.

### **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](mailto: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](http://pcfcheshirewest.org) by Phone: [0161 255 5634](tel:01612555634) or Email: [contact.pfcwac@gmail.com](mailto: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 \(therussettlearningtrust.co.uk\)](http://Calendar | The Russett School (therussettlearningtrust.co.uk))

### **Key Contacts**

School office: 01606 853005 or via email [admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**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.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

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

Jaidon, Oscar, Joshua, Tyler, Jessica, Reggie, Harley, Liam, Harry, Mason, Lucas, Tom, Lucas and Jacob James.

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

Hopefully the sun is here to stay!

Kindest regards,

Emma

Mrs Emma Leach - Executive Headteacher