

# Russell Street School

## Newsletter



Spring Term 1 2022



## Message from our Headteacher

We all hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas & a very happy New Year.

Our new Nursery has opened and is absolutely fabulous. We are so happy that our youngest children will get such an amazing start to their educational journey. All of the Nursery children were incredibly settled today, and we all agreed with them when they said that they loved their new Nursery!

The rooms Nursery occupied from September up until now have been converted into a Key Stage One Art Suite, a Music/Dance/Drama Studio and a Library.

Please see the photos below.

Our COVID Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan have been updated and are once again on our website. The only main change to note is that if your child is required to isolate, they may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the school improvements being introduced across the school this term. Everything we do is always fully explained on our website and we post weekly photographs/messages on Twitter (@school\_russell).

Kind regards  
Mrs Robinson

Our new Nursery.



Key Stage One Art Suite



Key Stage One Music/Dance/Drama Studio



Library



IF YOU CAN  
DREAM IT,  
YOU CAN  
DO IT.  
- WALT DISNEY

### Make Your Dreams Come True Day – 13<sup>th</sup> January

We know that listening to other people's stories of success can inspire us to reach for our own dreams, so on 13<sup>th</sup> January we are going to do some research and find out who has had to work hard to make their own personal dreams come true and see if their stories inspire us all.

**Closing Date for Reception and Year 3 Admissions – 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
[Starting primary or junior/middle school in September 2022 - Milton Keynes Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)

The Citizens Portal opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 for parents and carers to apply online for a primary or junior school place. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (national offer day). This includes Nursery parents who are applying for a Reception place.



### National Handwriting Day - 24<sup>th</sup> January

We will be carrying out a variety of fun activities to strengthen the children's grip and improve their fine motor control such as dough disco, pen disco, weaving and threading.

### Garden Birdwatch weekend 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January / Big Schools Birdwatch

We will all be counting the birds on our school grounds on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. You can take part by counting the birds for one hour in your garden and submitting your count. To find out more visit:

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#) | [The RSPB](#)



### National Storytelling Week – week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> February.

Making up our own stories is an important part of storytelling week. Every child in school will have the opportunity to let their imaginations go wild. We will be looking at the amount of different ways that stories can be told.

### Chinese New Year – 1<sup>st</sup> February

We will be celebrating the Year of the Tiger in school. Children are invited to wear red items of clothing or traditional Chinese clothing to celebrate.



### Safer Internet Day - 8th February

All children will be learning how to stay safe online and be SMART.

#### Remember to Be SMART

**Stay Safe:** Never give your name, address or passwords out to anyone online. They may say they are the same age as you but they could be lying!

**Meet:** Never go to meet someone you have made friends with online. If an online friend wants to see you, talk to an adult. Remember that they might not be who they say they are!

**Accepting:** If someone sends you a photo, or a file, ask an adult before you open it. It could have a virus! Don't accept it!

**Reliable:** Remember that you can't trust everyone who uses the Internet. Not everyone is kind. They aren't reliable.

**Tell:** Tell an adult if something online upsets you or makes you worried.

### Random Acts of Kindness Week

Children will spend time this week recognising the kind qualities of others. They will also be writing 'you were caught being kind' vouchers to the children in their classes who will be trying extra hard to demonstrate kind qualities.

Random act  
of kindness



### Year 2 Production

We are very excited to announce that in the second half of the spring term (just before Easter) Year 2 children will be performing Oliver as their class assembly for their parents/carers.

This involves learning many songs and the use of an actual theatre script. We are sure you'll be hearing the songs sung at home!