## Thomas Russell Junior School

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# Newsletter



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Congratulations to three of our pupils:

Chloé B, Chloe W and Orla L

who are to become published writers!

They joined Junior Jotters with Miss Murfin last term and

worked on a 100 word story – learning techniques to engage the reader and really add pizazz to their writing. Clearly their efforts have been rewarded and we are really proud to have TRJS pupils' names in print.

### Y5 Bikeability

Watch out next week for a large number of children bringing their bikes into school on Thursday and Friday for Bikeability. Helmets and coats are a necessity; gloves are suggested as it can be very cold cycling for an extended period of time. Children are allowed to wear sensible warm sports gear and trainers on both of the days.

5R - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 9.00 - 12.15 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - 12.45 - 3.30

5S - Thursday 15th February - 12.45 - 3.30 Friday 16th - 9.00 - 12.15.

It is possible for a limited number of children to leave bikes on site at school overnight if transporting them to and from school on both days will be difficult – please drop us a line to let us know if this would be helpful.

**Y6 Maths Masterclass** – we are aware that this falls on a TRJS INSET Day next month. Children are still requested to attend where possible and are asked wear their school uniform.

#### Extra-Curricular Clubs - Archery

As you will recall we announced our Extra - curricular clubs for this term in the first week of January. At that time, we didn't manage to fill either Archery club and therefore we combined all of the children into one club. They have attended each week through this first half term and had an absolutely wonderful experience. We would like to try again to fill Archery 2. The club runs from 4:15 - 5:15 at Rosliston Forestry Centre on a Wednesday evening. Dates 14/2, 28/2, 7/3, 14/3 and 21/3. The cost to attend the club is £15 if all places are filled.

Please e-mail <u>questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk</u> if you wish to attend this second club.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Clarinet lessons - Parents of children in Y5 will know that we are currently providing K2M music tuition for the children which includes giving all children a clarinet for the year and providing weekly whole class teaching. We are also able to provide 1-2-1 and small group teaching on musical instruments. We currently have vacancies for a beginners / early players group on clarinet. Children without an instrument will need to consider hire costs. If we can fill a group, then lessons will run on a Thursday from 3:30 – 3:50/4:00. We ask for a commitment to learning for a minimum term so the cost for a weekly lesson for the remainder of this academic year would be £80. At the end of the Summer Term all lessons are reviewed and parents given the option to continue or not. Please let us know if your child would be interested (via <a href="mailto:questions@">questions@</a>) so we can arrange a trial for them and provide you with more information if required.

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#### PUBLIC SESSIONS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10:30 until 12:00 **EVERY** day Public sessions - £1.50 per person

#### UNDER 5 SESSIONS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9:00 until 10:00. Under 5 sessions - £2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2 children

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Under 3 years old need one adult per child. Maximum 35 people at one time.

The pool is also available for private hire - contact us via the email below.



@BartonAquadome BartonAquadome@hotmail.com

#### JTHS - All Shook Up!

TRJS Choir have an opportunity to support JTHS students who have been working hard since last September on their Y7, 8 & 9 performance of All Shook Up! We were really proud to hear many of the main roles have gone to ex-Thomas Russell children and look forward to joining them. If choir members wish to attend, then we will be looking for them to commit to all 3 performances. More information will follow closer to the time.

There will be 3 performances – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and 7pm.

If you wish to come along to see the show, then tickets are available on Parent Pay at a fixed cost of £3.60 per seat (child / adult / concession).

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe