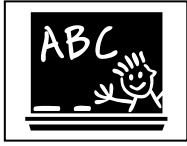


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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I am delighted and overwhelmed to tell you that our Spring Fair, which was held on Wednesday after school, raised just over £1,200!! This is an absolutely amazing achievement.

Our Year 6 children were a credit to us - they worked in groups to create some fantastically weird and wonderful games and competitions. The organisation and team work was the best we have ever seen with every single child taking part and excellent support of each other from within the year group. In total, our

Y6 pupils raised over £600 ☺ As a token of appreciation from the Friends, all Y6 children have been given a jar of sweets today and the winning team, making the most profit (£82!!) have won Red Carpet Cinema Tickets.

Thanks to your generous donations on our non-uniform day we had a huge bottle and chocolate tombola - which was very well attended all evening. We also received some marvellous cake donations and were pleased to offer a lovely range of delicious refreshments throughout the evening.

This is an incredible total which I know will be well spent on wonderful resources for the children. We already have two huge donations coming into school for a trolley of 16 Lynx laptop computers and a sizeable contribution towards our Sensory Garden which the children have planned and designed.

Look out for more information on both coming soon.

Finally, on a personal note, I need to tell you that by the time I went home on Wednesday my face ached from smiling so much. For many parents, it was the first time I had seen them face-to-face since the publication of our Ofsted Report and your kind words of support, appreciation and recognition were very welcome. Thank you.



Pick up time



We have had two incidents this week where children have been taken from outside of school by other parents. These children had been given clear instructions on what they should do at the end of school, but had unfortunately forgotten. I am absolutely sure that on both occasions, parents did this with the very best intention and to be helpful to school & children. However, when children go missing it causes a significant amount of stress to both staff and parents. I must reiterate that it is vitally important that any child who cannot find a parent is returned to a member of staff at the gate, back to their classroom or to the school office. This will help us to resolve issues much more quickly. Thank you.

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Please be aware that next week there will be NO CROSSING PATROL at the top of Gilmour Lane.

I am pleased to inform you that this week marked the start of our annual programme of First Aid teaching. This is something which we started at Thomas Russell Junior a number of years ago and has happened regularly since.

Our children learn about a whole range of concepts throughout their time in school, including choking, how to treat head injuries, safety, poisons, recovery position, treating minor cuts, allergic reactions and whole host of other topics.

We know our First Aid training is effective as we currently have two children in school who have saved siblings from choking incidents, handling the situation in a cool, calm and collected manner.



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe