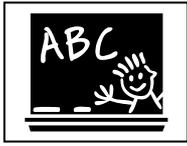


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Y2-3 Transition

What a brilliant visit Y2 children enjoyed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, spending time in their new Y3 classrooms, getting to know



some new faces and beginning to learn some new routines. We are super proud of TRJS Years 3, 4, and 5 who were excellent role models throughout the day and the photos show just a snapshot of fun, sunny playtimes.



Learning the TRJS famous 'Boxes' game.



Facing the challenge of the Adventure playground.



Enjoying a game of chess in the sunshine.

### County Tennis Finals

Congratulations to the team of tennis players who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the County Tennis finals this week. The children had a wonderful time and represented the school brilliantly.



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### **John Waterhouse – a local artist came to visit our Y4 children on Wednesday.**

Mr Waterhouse introduced himself and explained that he didn't find lots of subjects easy at school but that he did have a bit of a flare for art. He also told the children that 4V used to be his classroom and showed them where he used to sit! He talked the group through a number of techniques:

- How to draw things with greater symmetry
- How to use negative space to create an image (creating a white image by using shading around a space)
- How to use a pencil as a measuring device to help draw objects to scale
- How to use shading to make an image look 3D.

He also gave the children a number of handy tips like creating a little paper viewfinder in order to practise drawing small sections of objects which have different textures and that they should experiment and give things a go.

He explained that all of his work was based on light and dark and it is this that essentially creates the 3D effect of his 2D images.

The children were really engaged throughout, they loved trying out the different techniques and were dumb-struck at his paintings (some of which he showed them briefly from his book). One child even asked for his autograph.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all!

### **'Y6 Ready' Meeting**

Thank you to all of the parents and children who braved the roasting heat to join us for the Y6 Ready meeting – a great chance to feel well informed about the coming year. We hope you found it useful. The PowerPoint used on the evening will be sent to all Y5 parents.

### **Musical Showcase - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 2:15 - 3:15**

*We were really proud to see over 120 children all take part in our musical showcase, demonstrating the progress made in learning a musical instrument during the year and singing beautifully. Again thank you to parents who braved the heat to enjoy a wonderful display. For many of these children it will have been their first ever public performance on a musical instrument - a daunting prospect. Well done to all involved and thank you especially to Mrs Williams who does a stunning job each week with our musicians.*



*Remember to return the letters to us if you would like your child to continue to play next year - please note the offer for K2M whole class teaching applies to Clarinet only for Y5.*

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*