

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Enterprise Project

We are pleased and proud to hear about children's continued efforts as this project draws to a close.

Just a little reminder from Newsletter 27 about:

What happens at the end of the project?

It would be really superb for us to be able to share the children's hard work on their projects. We'd love to create a display so would be grateful if parents could send in any photographs, completed project diaries, accounting sheets or even presentations about the different business ventures the children have undertaken.

These will be looked at in classes during the week 24th – 28th June.

We will have a Special Awards assembly on Friday 5th July where we will share some of the projects with the whole school, announce total funds raised and present children with their certificates.

Every child who participates in the project will receive a **certificate** and be entered into a **prize draw**.

We will be awarding individual prizes such as:

Most Inventive Project

Best Business Presentation

Profitable Business Prize

Creativity Award

TRJS Junior Entrepreneur of the Year

We will also award group prizes such as:

Finest Joint Company Initiative

Highest Fund Raising Year Group

There will be a range of prizes for the above awards, including vouchers for activities such as cinema trips, family days out and passes for activities including tobogganing and craft sessions.

We will be asking families to return any money raised via Parent Pay during May and up to 27th June. For joint companies, please return the amount raised via one Parent Pay account, listing all children involved in the initiative. Thank you so much for your incredible support – we are really grateful.

Sports Day – Friday 24th May

Congratulations to Clinton who were victorious in Sports Day again this year, and well done to Jervis, Bassett and Anson who were gracious in defeat!

The weather was kind yet again, the parental support was fantastic and children's effort were superb.

Overall a really pleasing event and a lovely way to start the holiday.

Duathlon

Unfortunately, the weather was not so kind to us on this day! We were keen to go ahead if possible since all the arrangements were in place: the course set up, marshals briefed, competitors eager and even the burgers and sausages were cooked – however despite the forecast saying the rain should have passed over, it seemed pretty determined to hang around. Many thanks for your understanding and support around the decision to cancel with short notice. We are currently looking into the possibility of being able to re-schedule at a later date, so please bear with us while we look into the logistics of this.

Parent Forum

We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th June at 9am, where Miss Branson and I look forward to meeting with parents, alongside a selection of Governors, to discuss issues pertinent to school. Meetings start at 9am and usually last about an hour - they are a great chance to meet with other parents, discuss current events and developments as well as share any feedback.

You may have seen recently in the news that the government is introducing compulsory Relationships Education from September 2020. We are very excited to be incorporating this new guidance into our already comprehensive PSHE curriculum and assemblies starting this September (2019).

It presents a great opportunity to support the wider work we already do in school: putting into place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships; fostering our children's positive physical and mental wellbeing; developing resilience and character that are fundamental to our children being happy, successful and positive members of society in the future.

Sex education will continue to be non-compulsory in primary schools and parents retain the right to withdraw their child. The government has put together FAQs about Relationships Education, which can be found at: [gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs).

We know that parents and carers have the primary role in developing their child's personal, social and moral character, and that the work we do in school provides a useful starting point for further conversations with you at home. If you would like to find out more about how we will be teaching Relationships Education at TRJS, including discussing our updated policy on Relationships and Sex Education, please come along to the meeting.

If you are not able to come along, but would like to raise an issue for discussion, then please do so via 'questions@' and we will add it to the agenda.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe