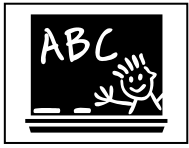


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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You may recall back in February we finished the half term having renewed our Dyslexia Friendly Status and informed parents that we would be working towards the Enhanced Status. I am pleased to update you that following assessment yesterday we have been successful in achieving the award. The assessor said we were "an outstanding example of Enhanced status" and we have no recommendations for further improvements.

We join a very elite group of only six schools in Staffordshire (out of 426) who have met this standard. Unfortunately as yet there isn't a new logo for the standard, but we've suggested this one would look nice! What do you think?!? Congratulations again to Mrs Haywood and the staff, but also to the children who spoke knowledgeably and confidently about the difficulties associated with dyslexia, triumphs of well-known people who have succeeded with dyslexia and also about the wider picture of child development at Thomas Russell Junior School that is supported through School Council, Eco Warriors and a whole host of work with teachers and TAs.

Forthcoming Events

I am aware that a rumour may have been inadvertently started that younger siblings were not invited to the Family Quiz and therefore may not be allowed to come to the Chocolate Bingo.

I can assure you that younger siblings were more than welcome to come to the quiz - had it gone ahead.

In fact Mrs Gahagan and I had planned a '**Mr Men and other characters**' round that many 3 or 4 year olds would have been resident experts in. The '**Playdoh - make it**' round probably would have gone down a storm with them too!

Just to avoid any confusion - younger siblings are definitely most welcome at the Chocolate Bingo.

Thank you to the person who queried the rumour so we were able to clarify ☺

World Challenge

Chocolate Bingo - Thursday 2nd April - 6:00 for 6:30 - £3 includes strip of bingo tickets.

Barton Bowls Club

Easter Family Disco - Friday 3rd April - 7:30 to midnight - £2 for over 18s, under 18s free.

Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 6th April - 12:00 - 4:00 (takes approx. 1hr) - £2 per child.

Just come along to the club, collect your entry form and follow the clues around the village.

Return to the club with the completed form and collect your egg. BBQ weather permitting.



Struggling to find suitable reading books for your child?

www.lovereadingschools.co.uk

This website has a suggested reading list for every school year. There is a wide variety of books on each list and you can even download an extract from the books to see whether your child likes it! The website also has suggested books for children with dyslexia or children who are reluctant to read. It is open to all parents and is free to sign up to. The website does give you the option to buy the books, however you can always use your local library!

Congratulations to the ten winners of our Science Poster competition, chosen from many excellent entries. (We had many brilliant posters, but unfortunately some couldn't be entered as they didn't meet the given criteria.)

Connor M, Monty C, Harrison J - 3G, Evelyn H, Freyja M, Henry D - 3M

Maisie R - 4E, Ewan R, Niamh J - 4M, Oliver H - 6D

These entries will now go on to the national competition.

Look out next term for photographs, posters and examples of the activities completed during British Science Week, which will be on display in the entrance hall.



CANCER
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Hi I'm Gary Price; dad of Holly Price in 4E. I'm running the London Marathon for the third time and raising money for Cancer Research UK. I ran my first marathon at the age of 50 and this will be my third London and fifth marathon in the last 2 ½ years. I am aiming for under 3:50 if possible. I am raising funds for this charity so they can establish the Crick Institute where 1200 scientists will be working to make Cancer a thing of the past. Most of us have been (or will be) touched by

Cancer in some way and I would like this to stop. More information is available on my JustGiving page for which I have attached the link below. If you would like to support me and this great charity, please give a donation; big or small.

Every penny counts! www.justgiving.com/gary-price5 Thank you – Gary, Claire and Holly Price

Good luck to all our parents who are running the London Marathon this Easter!

Art and Craft - We are having a great time in school using up all your unwanted wool, ribbon, buttons, beads etc. Should you find that you have any more of these crafty kinds of materials, they would be most gratefully received. Please send to Mrs Gahagan. Thank you.

We are back to school on Monday 20th April.
Dinner Money for the next half term is £50.40.
Breakfast Club is £2 per session or £43 for the half term.

Grandparents' Lunches

Wed 6th May - 5B, Wed 20th May - 5M,

Wed 17th June - 6D, Wed 24th June - 6S.

As Summer Term approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and children about our uniform expectations (taken from the School Prospectus on our Website).

Uniform consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or tailored shorts
- Optional school tie (with a formal shirt)
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- In the summer term a green gingham or green and white striped summer dress is permissible
- Children should come to school in sensible shoes, preferably black or grey with black, white or grey socks or tights. Trainers are not to be worn other than for Games.

We would strongly recommend that all items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with the child's name before they are brought into school.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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