

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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With only two weeks to go before the October half-term, I thought it might be helpful to have a run-down of what's happening in school:

Monday 14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yamaha Music Assembly• 3SH Trip to Packington Farm (don't forget a packed lunch, wellies and waterproof coat)• Y5 visit to the Library – please bring in any Barton library books you would like to change, and bring your library card if you can.• Last Netball Club and Last Board Games 1 Club.• Deadline for Young Voices forms and payments – please remember there can be no extensions.
Tuesday 15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bags2School collection – please bring bags to front of school by 9am
Wednesday 16 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Art Club and Henna 1 Club
Thursday 17 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Archery Club
Friday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Choir until 8th Nov• Deadline for Movie Night payments on Parent Pay
Monday 21 st October	
Tuesday 22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Consultations 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	
Thursday 24 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Consultations 4pm - 7pm
Friday 25 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:30 – Deadline for applications for Parent Governor post• 2:00 – Harvest Assembly• No Choir• Movie Night – 3:30 – 5:15• End of half term – Night Owls will still run.



I would like to remind parents that Parent Pay accounts for dinner money should be kept in credit.

Each child's dinner costs £2.39 or £11.95 for the week. We would be grateful if parents could check the balance of their account and add additional funds to cover any debts and also ensure enough credit going forward for dinners.

If your child has dinners every day, a credit balance of £23.90 will last them until October half term holiday.

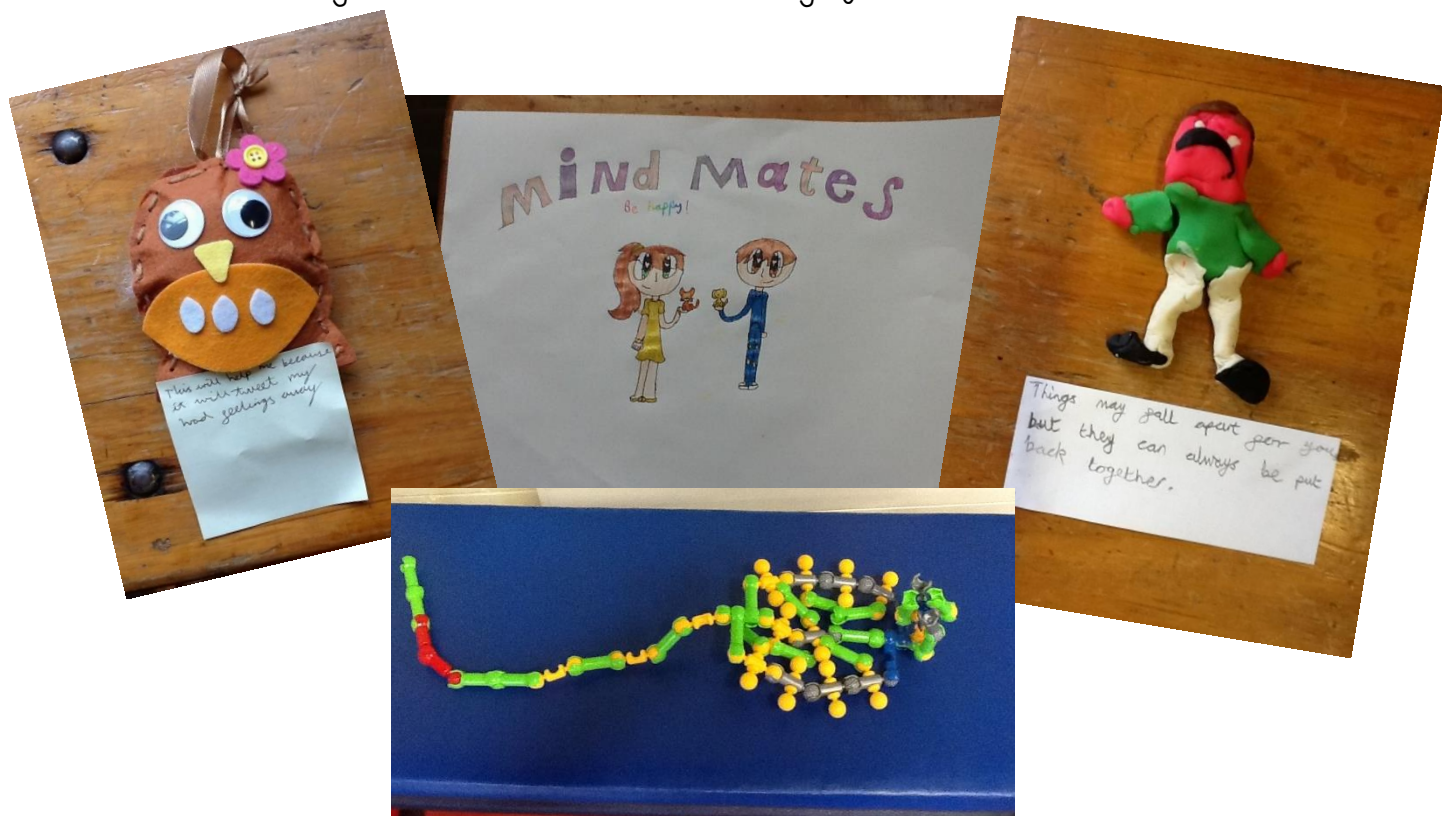
Early Birds and Night Owls - please continue to book any sessions you require via Mrs Patrick on lpatrick@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk. If you intend on paying for childcare using vouchers, then please ensure you have completed the necessary registration with the school and your chosen company. Invoices will be issued at the end of the half term then you have 7 days to log into your e-account and transfer the correct payment.

"Are you ok?"

Year 6 spent this morning working together on issues relating to mental health. We talked about asking someone, "Are you ok?" twice, as you are more likely to get their honest answer. We also shared our highs and lows and what makes us feel better if we are feeling down.

The children then created their own 'Mind Mate' - an animal or creature that could be their positive voice encouraging them when they are finding things difficult.

We were blown away with their mature and thoughtful reasons behind their 'Mates'.



Residential Visits

Each year we give Y4, Y5 and Y6 children the opportunity to attend a residential visit. We believe these are brilliant opportunities for children to develop a whole host of skills as well as try new activities and create memories that last a lifetime. However, we appreciate that they also come at a cost and we wouldn't be able to provide such brilliant experiences if it wasn't for parental contributions, for which we are really grateful.

Again, we have tried to look for opportunities which we feel provide the best range of experiences and activities, whilst also providing good value for money. Please note, in our attempt to keep costs as low as we can (and similar to last year), the school has subsidised each child's place to a similar value.

Today your child will have brought home the information relevant to their year group.

Y4 have a chance to go to Shugborough for 2 days - 23rd to 24th March 2020

Y5 have a chance to go to Shugborough for 4 days - 24th to 27th March 2020

Y6 have a chance to go to Standon Bowers for 3 days - 3rd to 5th June 2020

To secure your child's place on any of these visits, we are asking for a non-refundable deposit to be paid in the next 4-6 weeks. For each trip, it is possible to pay in £5 instalments from today - we hope this will help with saving as we understand budgeting for unexpected events can be tricky.

We come back to school on Monday 4th November.

Please remember to attend Forest School (M), Board Games 2 (M), Henna Club 2 (W) if you signed up, and return to Choir.

Clarinet and Keyboard group on a Tuesday and Thursday will run every week throughout the year unless you are specifically notified.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 4th October, Thomas Russell football team played a tournament at Shobnall Leisure Centre – the tournament was 7- a- side.

Our matches were all very tense, especially the finals.

During the group stages, our opponents were very tough and it consisted of: Rykneld A, Shobnall Primary B, Rangemore A. We beat Rykneld and Rangemore 3-0 and beat Shobnall Primary B, 1-0.

We then progressed onto the Semi-Final, beating William Shrewsbury B by 6-0.

In the finals, TRJS played William Shrewsbury A. It was all very intense throughout the game with some amazing saves from our keeper and theirs. We could hear the parents cheering for us as we played all the tense matches. The match finished 0-0 meaning extra time! During extra time, we went very tense (in our gameplay) and extra time also finished 0-0. Time for penalties! It was down to the penalty takers of Ethan J, Oliver F and Finley O. There was also a draw in the penalties so it went to sudden death, with the takers of Dylan C and Lucas J. Dylan took the first penalty: he scored his penalty and so did they. Now it was Lucas to take his penalty, and he scored. But they did not. We all celebrated as Seb made a fantastic save as it was going bottom right. We had won the tournament and were given a well-earned trophy and a medal to keep. We all knew we would have a great night's sleep and we were ready for the next tournament or match ahead.

BY DYLAN C AND FINLEY O .



Table Tennis coaching

On Monday 30th September, Oliver R-6P, Harrison L-6P, Ellisia R-6P, Holly B-6M, Silver T-J-5M, Seb J-5M, all went to John Taylor High School to have a table tennis session with the national, regional, county, professional table tennis player: Dan. A. Along with him was Mrs Berry, Miss Press and two other teachers from the other schools, all there to supervise all of us. There were two other schools along with us: Mary Howard and Mosely.

Whilst we were at the table tennis session, we played matches, although it was not a competition. First of all, the county player (Dan. A) told us to get into partners. After doing so, we stood beside a table tennis table and faced each other. Although there were not enough tables, we made it work. To make it work, we had to four people on a table- each in partners. We practised our forehand with our partner. We had around five minutes to practise this. Dan gathered us around onto a bench, then showed us how to play backhand correctly, as many of us were new to this. After this, it was the last technique to try: serving. He questioned us to see if we knew any rules for serving. We did not know many so he showed us how to serve. Some of the rules consisted of: We had around five minutes to practise this skill. It was drawing nearer to the end of the session.

We had great fun playing table tennis and most people (if not everyone) went home winning a game against another school!

By Ellisia and Holly



School Crossing Patrol

Two locations in Barton under Needwood: Efflinch Lane - Gilmour Lane - Short Lane

Salary: Variable hours and rates dependent on location (see below for more details)

Are you looking for a part-time job that gives you the chance to serve your local community? If so, we might have the ideal opportunity for you.

Staffordshire County Council operates a School Crossing Patrol Service to assist school children and pedestrians on their journey to and from school. We regularly have vacancies for School Crossing Patrols throughout the County and would be pleased to hear from you if you may be interested in doing this essential work. The duties are term time only and are therefore ideally suited to anyone who prefers to take school holidays.

Post holders will receive full training and uniform, and payment throughout the year.

The successful candidate will be required to attend a Health Assessment carried out by Staffordshire County Councils' Occupational Health Department.

We currently have vacancies for School Crossing Patrols, and Relief School Crossing Patrols such as: Local Relief Patrols - vehicle not essential, and Mobile Relief Patrols - vehicle and full driving licence essential.

School Crossing Patrols operate twice daily during term-time. Duty times usually fall between the following times: 8am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm, and each duty can last from 30mins up to 1 hours in length, but each crossing location is unique and has its own specific operating times (some locations may fall outside of these times, please check with the School Crossing Patrol team for individual crossing information).

Current Pay rates:

- School Crossing Patrols and Local Relief Patrols – Grade 3; hourly rate: £9.36 rising to £9.55:
- Mobile Relief Patrols – Grade 4; hourly rate: £9.74 rising to £9.94, plus mileage reimbursement and journey time:

Staffordshire County Council Current Mileage Rates

Casual Car User up to 10,000 miles per annum	45p per mile
Casual Car User above 10,000 miles per annum	25p per mile

Please be sure to indicate on your application form, which crossing location/s you are interested in by including the crossing prefix.

Burton-upon-Trent, Uttoxeter & Tamworth

E001 Branston Road/All Saints Road, Burton-upon-Trent

E021 Church Hill St/Eldon St, Winshill

E022 Wetmore Rd, Burton-upon-Trent

E048 Efflinch Lane/Gilmore Lane, Barton-under-Needwood

E212 Efflinch Lane/Short Lane, Barton-under-Needwood

E202x Chapel Ln, Rolleston-on-Dove

E205 Station Rd, Barton-under-Needwood

E206 Main St, Yoxall

E904X Harehedge Lane, Burton on Trent

Local Relief - Burton-upon-Trent

Local Relief - Uttoxeter

Local Relief - Tamworth

For more information about the role please contact: helen.barnes@staffordshire.gov.uk

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe