

Thomas Russell Junior School

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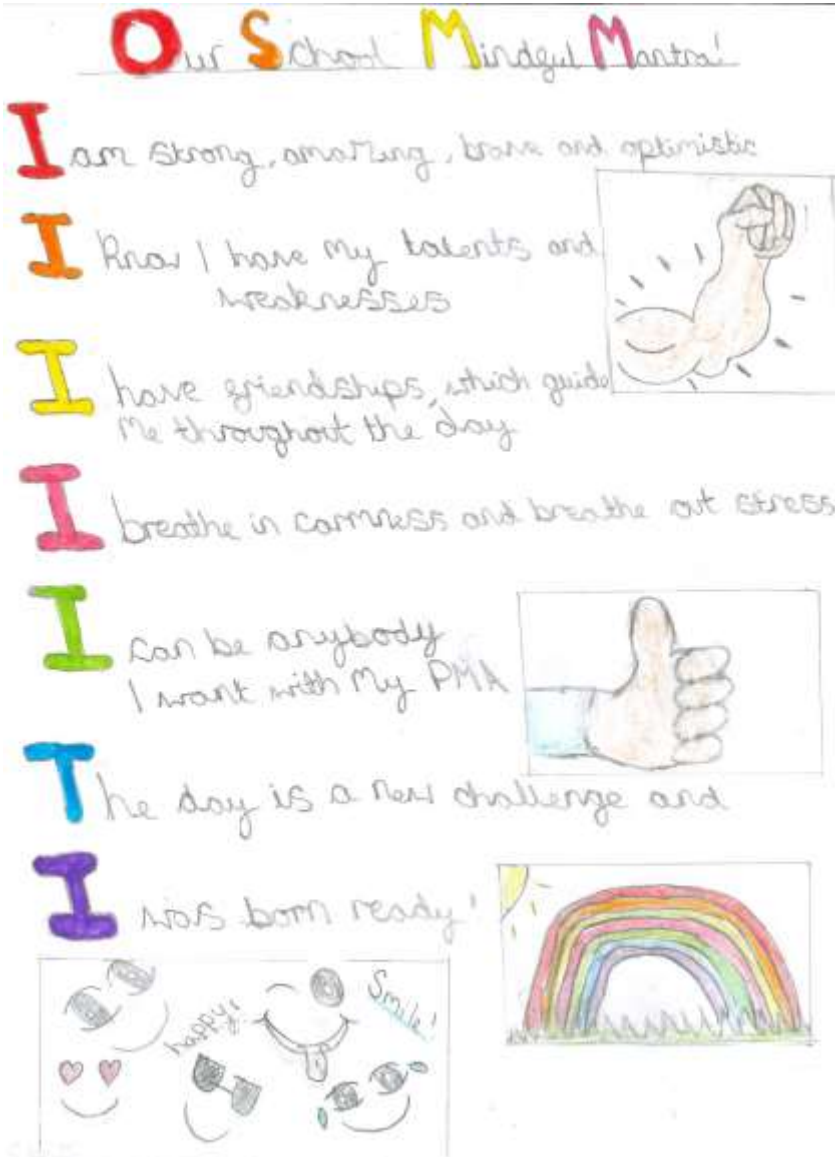
Newsletter



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This is our whole school Mindful Mantra.

Each week either during lessons or as a separate subject, we encourage children to focus on mindfulness:

- to think about how positivity affects the outcomes of the things they do.
- to celebrate achievements and to be able to learn from mistakes and overcome them rather than fearing them.
- to appreciate that we are all different with different skills and talents.
- to enjoy the little moments, and learn to let go of things so they don't ruin their day.

This poster is displayed in all classrooms and was beautifully illustrated by Siân G.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Normally at this time of year, we would be inviting parents and grandparents in to school to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning, but sadly in the current climate it is not possible to allow visitors in to school, or even to mix all of the children from different year groups for such an event. Macmillan have some great ideas about how to still get involved on 25th September '20 – I particularly like their suggestion of a run, walk or cycle coffee morning, I could also imagine a dog walking coffee morning would be popular around Barton – why not see if there's something you like the look of?

Individual Photos

We are pleased to confirm that we will still be going ahead with individual photos on Monday 5th October. We have a procedure in place to ensure this can happen in a Covid safe way for all children in school. Unfortunately we are not able to offer the facility for whole family groups to be photographed before school as we have in the past. If you would like a joint photograph of siblings who all attend our school, then we will do this on special request via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SzY8xE79bkWXpBSkxP4ktoM1cBYCQVpLrpPby5jTYoFUMkdPMopFOEVPRoFBQoIzNopFVzE3WEEdMTy4u>

We will not take sibling group photographs unless specifically requested.

Covid testing

We understand there are huge difficulties with accessing Covid tests currently, so thank you to those who have needed one over the last fortnight and persevered with a rather flawed booking system. Despite what you may have heard in the news, we don't currently have any tests that we are able to give to pupils, however we did order our 'priority allocation' as soon as we were able, and look forward to these being delivered. We will be allowed to offer these in exceptional circumstances to symptomatic pupils when there are significant barriers to accessing a test centre.



Our understanding is that only the person displaying Covid symptoms should be tested, however the whole family are required to isolate whilst the result is awaited.

Thank you for your very prompt response to our request to wear a face covering when collecting children from school. We feel it has made collection time much safer already and the continued use of the area of grass alongside the path will further support this.



Well done – we made it to the end of Week 3!

This one seemed a little more of an uphill struggle for some as a bit of tiredness seemed to kick it. Have a lovely rest over the weekend, enjoy family time together, make time to do those things you enjoyed together during lockdown – walks over the fields, baking cakes,



painting stones or why not get the children planting pansies, primulas and violas for a lovely splash of winter colour in your garden.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe