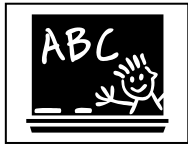


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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We cannot even begin to thank parents and children enough for the absolutely stunning work on the Young Enterprise Project. The range of ideas has been incredible, but the amount raised is breathtaking. You have now raised just over £4,216! Congratulations to Y5 - the highest fundraising year group, making over £1,500. Awards were given out in assembly yesterday for Most Profitable Businesses, Most Innovative Projects, Finest Joint Company and a selection of Prize winning Businesses. Young Entrepreneur of the Year was awarded to Oliver G - Y6 for his 'One Smart Cookie' project. Thank you so much to all of the families who supported the project so enthusiastically, increasing their knowledge of maths and money along the way.

On Wednesday this week Angie from Barton Library came to talk to the children to encourage them to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge through the Library. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for children to keep their brains ticking over with Literacy and Numeracy tasks right throughout the holiday. As adults we know how daunting it can be to sit at our desk the morning after a fortnight on holiday when everything feels alien and we can't even remember simplest things like passwords and file names. Imagine the panic for a child sat at their desk after seven weeks without reading, writing and simple maths activities.

We have sent home jigsaws providing a variety of ideas to entertain, challenge and enjoy.



We are still receiving positive compliments regarding the brilliant duathlon and again wish to thank you for your support. We raised over £750, which will be put together with the Young Enterprise Money to help fund the Giant Captain Mannering Play equipment (with double bumpy slide!) which was ordered on Wednesday and we hope will be installed early in the Autumn Term.

Look out for further improvements over the coming term as we resurface our playground which we hope will make it a much safer surface on which to play.

We hope to create different zones and games with specially selected markings and line painting.

Let's keep fundraising!

Receive Newsletters by e-mail, or ask a question: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

In the news...

Three pupils from TRJS visit JCB to take part in a 'Women in Engineering Day. Lucy S, Hannah C and Holly R had a thoroughly enjoyable day. To read more follow the link to Burton Mail:

<http://www.burtonmail.co.uk/CAREERS/story-26793113-detail/story.html#3>



EcoWarriors

Eco Warriors is a club for 7-11 year olds elected by their school mates. Eco Warriors do a lot of jobs around school including recycling and planting.

This year they have grown the widest range of fruits, vegetables and plants (thanks to Mr Harper's help with watering). Maybe next year you would like the chance of being part of our Eco Friendly Club - I would definitely recommend it as it is very enjoyable.

By Abbie T

Electronic Newsletter

This is our final paper Newsletter. From September, the Newsletter will be available electronically every Friday. If there are any parents who would like a paper copy this can be collected from the office.

Goodbye, so long and fond farewells

This morning we were treated to an emotional and entertaining Leavers' Assembly from our wonderful Y6 children. We were so proud to see the children and staff enjoying laughs right to the very last day. Thank you to Mrs Cartwright for recording the DVD. Our children are heading off in many directions next year, whether it be John Taylor High School, Denstone College, Paget, Trent College, Queen's Croft or anywhere else, we wish you luck. We are confident each and every child that joined now leaves us a young person ready for the next step in their adventure. As your song said: we've taught you well, so have no fear!

Miss Marshall and Mrs Vardy (TA / Lunchtime Supervisor) also leave us, off to new pastures.

Mrs Fowler and Mr Hill both leave us today and we wish them a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing them all the very best.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

Pupils from Science Club visited the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 8th July for the official opening of their wildlife pond.



For more pictures follow the link to Burton Mail:

<http://www.burtonmail.co.uk/Pupils-Barton-Needwood-school-attended-official/story-26864387-detail/story.html#1>

Inventions

Bikes, lights and high flying kites;

Meals on wheels and show jumping seals.

The human race has come so far
From the chocolate bar to the solar powered car.

Da Vinci, Edison, the Wright brothers too!

They're the men that inspire me to do.

A thought, an idea; from something that's near.
With hope for the future, I start to up my gear

To my future I've found the key,
moving on to JCB.

Tractors, trains and lorries too,
This is what I want to do!

By Benji W