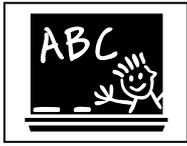


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

2nd October 2015



Parent Workshop

Tuesday 20th October

3:45 - 4:45pm

Sign up at Parent Consultations to secure your place and goody bag!

Objective:

- Learn how to access MyMaths

Outcomes:

- ✓ Be clear about how to support maths homework.
- ✓ Help my child enjoy maths at home as well as at school.
- ✓ Be more aware of methods and processes used in schools today.
- ✓ Enjoy maths more myself!

Reading scheme

You will be really pleased to hear that this week over £600 of children's reading books have arrived into school to replenish and extend our range of scheme reading books. Lime and Black & White striped books are the last two bands in our reading scheme, and as a result we have quite a lot of children wanting books from these levels. The new selection of books that we have chosen should give children a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry that will provide them with interesting and engaging books to nurture their love of reading whilst they practise their higher order skills.

Get Active!

In response to requests from the children for more active playtimes Miss Press is leading a team of Green Caps to make this happen. They are providing a range of sports equipment such as racquets and balls. There are also lots of other fun activities like stilts, skipping ropes, hoopla and bounce boards. We also open up the Toy Sheds at break time now as well as dinner time and there are lots of happy smiling faces, so children are clearly enjoying it.

Children are welcome to bring equipment from home, including tennis balls, small plastic, rubber or foam footballs (no leather), skipping ropes, etc. We ask that these are CLEARLY LABELLED to help us distinguish from school equipment and also to identify the owner should items be lost.

Last week two pupils from St Peter's at Yoxall came to visit us to look at our cycle and scooter park. They took some photographs and took away a number of ideas about how they could make it possible to cycle or scoot to their school. The idea of having a permit went down really well and our Y6 children did a superb job of showing the visitors around as well as explaining how the permit system works and helps to keep everybody safe.

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Year 6 World War II experience

On Tuesday 22nd September, Year 6 went to Barton Library to experience what it would have been like to live during World War II. Tom, who was from the Ting Tang Theatre Company, acted out scenes



from people's diaries, told us of their accounts as well as involving children in his performance. In addition, some children were lucky enough to hold a rifle, which was actually used during the war 73 years ago.

Throughout the performance, Tom was very funny, telling hilarious (but rubbish) jokes. At the end of the experience, he performed several magic tricks to explain how, during the war, entertainers were sent out to the front line to entertain wounded soldiers. Tom's final trick was very impressive!

It was the best experience in Year 6 so far!
(And it's only October! Yikes!)



Year 6 celebrate Roald Dahl Day - September 25th 2015



To help celebrate Roald Dahl Day, Year 6 children were invited to the infant school to read a variety of Roald Dahl stories to children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. Without hesitation, the children in Year 6 got themselves into small groups, chose a suitable book and created props to enhance the whole experience. The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone who took part and it was wonderful to see how well everyone interacted with each other.

We hope to visit again soon!

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

Governor Vacancy

Rev. Andrew Ridley has had to relinquish his position as a governor of the school due to the demands of his other community commitments. The school thanks him for his service to the school and wishes him well for the future.

There now exists a vacancy for a community governor. In making such an appointment the governing body has a duty to seek people with relevant skills. 'Relevant skills' is broadly defined and can, for example, mean the skill to learn.

On this occasion it is likely that the person appointed would be asked to serve on the Premises Committee, which meets jointly with the Finance Committee: applications from anyone with experience or interest in those areas would be especially welcome.

The governing body is not required to make an appointment from within the existing school community as it has a duty to appoint whoever it feels can best offer "the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school" but would encourage anyone interested to submit a brief statement providing details about themselves and their experience.

Please be aware that most committee meetings take place in the mornings at 8.00 am. All governors are also members of the Strategy committee, which meets in the evening at 6.00 pm, with meetings of the governing body in the evening at 7.00 pm. Meetings are held termly. Obviously, having the time to attend all (or at least most) meetings is an important part of being a governor. Please contact Mrs Sharpe for more details.

Best wishes, Terry Wells - Chair of Governors

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