

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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SCIENCE MORNING

On Thursday 17th March, the whole school took part in Science Morning to celebrate British Science Week. Working in mixed year group Houses, children completed a range of activities based on this year's theme of 'Growth'.



Year 3 and Year 6 children worked together to create a Robo-bug. They had to create a robot-inspired insect, which would help solve a given goal and help our planet 'grow'. The second activity gave the children the chance to go and explore our nature walk and create a 'journey stick' to retell the story of a journey.



Year 4 and 5 children worked together to design an animal that could survive on Mars. What would it look like? How could they help life to 'grow' on Mars? The second activity helped the children to understand that we 'grow' specific antibodies during an infection or after vaccination. They were able to use their origami skills to fold an antibody, build amazing virus-like sculptures with origami and celebrate science.



Thank you to the staff for making the morning a huge success and a big well done to all the children for working SO well together. We all thought how lovely it was to see them sharing good scientific knowledge and demonstrating excellent engagement, enthusiasm and behaviour.



Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March



We had more excitement today with our non-uniform day for Comic Relief. Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised a superb

£298.97

Thanks also to Mrs Brammer and the lunch ladies for a special treat menu for the day ☺



Big Bounce

Attached to the Newsletter you will find a flyer for Big Bounce at Shobnall Leisure Complex on Thursday 21st April. I have 2 few family tickets if anyone would like to e-mail on questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk to claim one.

Lunchtime Supervisor

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Da Rosa. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new job! I know there are quite a few of our children who will still see her each week at dancing.

We are now one member of staff short for our lunchtime team. Please do have a think if there is anyone who you know who may be suited to this role and we assure them of a warm welcome and some lovely children to look after at dinnertime ☺

Barton Community Library

We are delighted to announce that from Monday 7th March, the Library has new opening hours.

10am – 5pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday,

10am – 2pm on Friday and

10am – 1pm on Saturday

The volunteers are very much looking forward to welcoming you back.

Don't forget that we have a returns box at **Thomas Russell Junior**, so you are able to pop any borrowed books back in there and we will return them to the Library for you ☺ making it even easier to make use of this wonderful facility on our doorstep.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

		Next week	28/3	4/4
Science Club 2	M	Y	Y	Y
Coding Club 2	M	Y	Y	Y
Tennis (LS)	Tu	Y	Y	Y
Clarinet Group	Tu	Y	Y	Y
Cross Stitch	W	Y	Y	Y
Keyboard Group	Th	Y	Y	Y
Forest School	Th	Y	Y	Y
Tennis (US)	Th	Y	Y	Y
Choir	F	Y	Y	No



The Woodland Trust & Thomas Russell Junior School

We've had a super response to our invitation for families to get involved in planting free trees from The Woodland Trust at Tucklesholme Nature Reserve.

If there is anyone else who is still considering, I would definitely encourage you to take part. Children can be collected from school at 1:30 on Monday 28th March or Thursday 31st March. You should then take them to Tucklesholme Nature Reserve (just the other side of the A38 on the way to Walton). There you will be met by a member of staff from the Woodland Trust. If you could take a spade it would be helpful. Children do not need to return to school after you have completed your tree planting. Please could we ask that anyone else who would like to join in, e-mail us on questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk to let us know who will be collecting children and which day.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe