

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Outdoor Learning

In Y3, we have been making the most of our fabulous school grounds to enhance our maths learning. We have been investigating patterns in the times tables and looking at the relationships between them.



Today, we used our x4 tables to help us with our x8 tables. Some of us even took our learning further to work out our x16 and x32 tables!



Netball Tournament

As you may already know, on Thursday evening, the netball team (Lily N, Isaac, Bo, Cara, Nevaeh and Hattie) took part in a junior tournament at Shobnall Leisure Complex. We competed against several teams in four matches and won one game with only 1-0! The four teams we competed against were Rykneld, Needwood, Richard Crosse and Shobnall. Needwood was the unlucky team who we defeated. Neveah (GK) passed to Isaac (C) who passed to Bo (GD) who passed to Hattie (GA) who took the shot. Unfortunately, she missed, but Lily (GS) was quick to get the rebound and took the shot. She scored the only goal we got! Sadly, we didn't make it into the finals but we learnt a lot from the experience and are hoping for another opportunity to practise our new skills.

Lily N and Hattie

We were incredibly proud of our netball team. They were superb ambassadors for our school and showed excellent teamwork skills, communication and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who took the children to the event and stayed to support us throughout the tournament.

Mrs Vardy and Mrs Rollins.



The Woodland Trust & Thomas Russell Junior School

We are really looking forward to our tree planting at Tucklesholme next week. Children can be collected from school at 1:30 on Monday 28th March or Thursday 31st March. Tucklesholme Nature Reserve is just the other side of the A38 on the way to Walton. You will be met by a member of staff from the

Woodland Trust (and Miss Press on Monday). 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.

PE Update

As we move towards the Summer Term, we will be continuing to allow children to attend school one day per week in their Outdoor PE kit. Please could we ask for parental support in reminding the children that this is **not** a non-uniform day.

Children should be wearing **plain, dark colour leggings or tracksuit bottoms**, alternatively they may wear black PE shorts/skort as the weather warms up. They should be wearing a **house colour T-shirt and dark sweatshirt / hoodie**. **Trainers** should be well fitted and designed for sports, not fashion.

We are seeing a considerable variation in children's choices, moving away from attire designed to practically and safely take part in sport, towards more casual and fashion led choices. Platform trainers are very likely to lead to twisted ankles when we begin athletics and sports on the grass in the coming weeks so should be avoided.

Parent Governor

We are still on the lookout for a Parent Governor to join our dedicated team.

If there is anyone who would be interested in contributing to the further development of the school, then we would love to hear from you.

Perhaps you have experience in education or curriculum and would like to support in this way. Maybe your experience lies in buildings, leadership, health and safety, finance or HR...

If you have a few hours spare per term and are interesting in making a difference within your community, then we would love to hear from you.

Applications are open now and close on Tuesday 26th April at 9:30am. See form attached.

For more information, contact Mrs Sharpe on questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk, speak to one of our Governors, or e-mail them on governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Spring is in the air...

We have seen a wonderful improvement in the weather this week, and it is lovely for us to be able to begin using the field more, eating lunch outside on blankets in the sunshine and generally enjoying the feeling of wellness that the sunshine brings.

Please could we ask that children have sun hats / caps in school for hot days, wear sun cream (or keep a small bottle in their locker once required) and ensure they have a water bottle in school every single day.

Finally, if you are shopping for shoes for the summer, please could we request any sandals are closed toe to avoid some very painful injuries. If possible, please also avoid the thin fabric ballet pump style - these offer little support or protection and lead to very soggy feet on rainy days. Thank you.

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

Y6 PGL Residential

If your Y6 child would like to join us on the PGL residential this year, remember to check the letter sent home for information and payment details.

Don't forget the clocks spring forward this weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe