

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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### Parent Consultations

We look forward to welcoming you to our face-to-face Parent Consultations next week. Don't forget we have some Y5 and Y6 Reading Ambassador / Entrepreneurs who will be running a Book Fair. All books will cost £3 - they are all brand new, but some are being sold much lower than their RRP as they may be ex-display - affectionately labelled Wonky Ones!

Please note that the playground will not be accessible during Consultations due to other activities, but children are welcome to wait in the hall where activities and supervision will be provided.

Due to Consultations - there will be some interruptions to After School Clubs. The following clubs will be on Mon - none, Tues - SoccerStars, Wed - Keyboard, Cross Stitch, LS Tennis, Thurs - none, Fri - Choir. Night Owls will continue to run on both evenings as normal.

### Karting Champ!

Huge congratulations to George H in Y5 who was selected as one of only two children to represent the United Kingdom in the Tillitson T4 Nations Cup.

Last weekend he headed to Valencia in Spain to compete against children aged between 8 and 11 years old from all over the world; including South Africa, Portugal, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Spain and Ireland.



As if this wasn't enough of an achievement, George only went and WON!

He is now officially the  
**Tillitson T4 Mini Nations Champion,**  
and we are incredibly proud ☺

**School Crossing Patrol** - You will find an advert attached to the Newsletter for anyone who you know that might enjoy this role. We do not currently have a crossing patrol and I have had concerns raised by a parent about the speed of cars turning into Gilmour Lane, so please do take care.



## Early Birds and Night Owls

Early Bird Bookings for Autumn 2 can be made via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: **bf3bn**  
Night Owls Bookings for Autumn 2 can be made via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: **bw4j9**



Booking is **ESSENTIAL**. We only guarantee availability for Autumn 2 for bookings made by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

## Harvest Festival

As you will have seen in the Newsletter a couple of weeks ago, our Harvest Festival is due to take place AT SCHOOL on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm. This is the day we break up for half term. Children will be allowed to leave with their parents after the event, however choir is still on, and I would appreciate children's attendance as we have lots to learn for Young Voices.

Due to fire restrictions, it is necessary to limit the number of parents in the hall, so we are offering ONE ticket per family to start with, if there is additional availability later, then we will text parents.

Please sign up for your ticket using information below:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: **m3dxy**

## Children's safety

*We take the children's safety incredibly seriously at Thomas Russell Junior and just wanted to let parents know about a couple of things that we have noticed.*

*The first is around the school gate in the morning. The gate opens at **8:40**, however there are a growing number of children arriving at the gate from 8:20, some of them are unsupervised. Our registers are completed between 8:50 and 9:00, therefore it could be nearly an hour between a child leaving home to being noticed as missing. Please could we ask parents to monitor the time children leave the house or get dropped off, so they arrive between 8:40 and 8:50. We always have capacity at Early Birds, so would ask parents wishing to drop off early to use this service. Children arriving at the gate too early and unsupervised may be placed in Early Birds for their own safety.*

*The second is concerning verbal messages – we love a verbal message ☺ and think it is a superb way of encouraging greater independence; however, we are receiving a growing number of children telling us that they will not be attending after school clubs they are booked in for (due to parties etc.) It is essential we receive written notice of absence or telephone confirmation from a parent, to ensure we are able to safeguard the children and ensure they are where parents expect them to be.*

## Mindful Mentor



Mrs Kerr-Delworth would like to thank all of the children who expressed an interest in becoming a Mindful Mentor.

We are delighted to announce the successful applicants are:

Y3: William M, Isabella A, Sammy N and Lily B.

Y4: Beau-Lea S, Millie H, Alice D and Orla S.

Y5: Scarlett F

Y6: Maisie C, Lucy G, Tia B and Ellie H.

The children have hit the ground running with helping to plan activities for our #Hello Yellow Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. **Don't forget** that children are encouraged to wear as much yellow as they can on Monday. Any donations can be brought in to school. We hope the children enjoy the selection of activities they will be taking part in which focus on Mindfulness and Wellbeing.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*



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Shobnall Leisure Complex - DE14 2BB

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Walsall Wood**  
Oak Park Active Living Centre - WS9 9BH

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Stourbridge**  
Crystal Leisure Centre - DY8 1AE

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Cannock**  
Chase Leisure Centre - WS11 4AL

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

BIG BOUNCE have added a NEW family ticket for larger families to help out, plus save **10% discount** on all other tickets using code **"SCH10"** (valid until 14/10/22) for parents to save in these difficult times

All tickets are available at [www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk](http://www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk)

Thomas Russell Junior School have two free family tickets to give away to the first two families who e-mail [questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) and state the date on which they would like to visit the BIG BOUNCE

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