

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Kwik Cricketing Champions

On Tuesday 6th June, two teams of cricketers went to John Taylor High School to compete in a Kwik Cricket Tournament against four other schools. We were greeted by the Sporting Ambassadors, who took us to the field. It was lovely to see that so many of the Sporting Ambassadors are ex-TRJS pupils. Our Y3 team were fantastic, especially as the other teams were all a year older! They competed brilliantly and showed great teamwork.

The Y4 team triumphed and won the whole competition by winning both of their matches! It was a long competition and the children showed great determination and excellent cricketing skills.

The final results were:

- 1st Place: Thomas Russell 1 (2 wins, 69 run total)
- 2nd Place: Needwood (1 win, 1 loss, 58 run total)
- 3rd Place: Walton (1 win, 1 loss, 57 run total)
- 4th Place: Thomas Russell 2 (1 win, 1 loss, 40 run total)
- 5th Place: Rangemore (1 win, 1 loss, 33 run total)
- 6th Place: Shobnall (1 win, 1 loss, 14 run total)



Congratulations to all of the children involved and a huge thank you to Miss Senor and the Sporting Ambassadors for running the event. Mrs Vardy



WE NEED YOU!

Dear Parents, Carers and Extended Family,

I am writing to appeal for some volunteers to come and hear children read in the afternoons from September in all year groups. As I prepare for the role of SENCo, I am keen to create as many opportunities as possible for TRJS pupils to read aloud.

Reading fluency is essential for children to be able to access almost every area of the curriculum. If you could spare an hour a week (between 13:15 – 14:15 or 14:30 – 15:20) or know an extended family member who might be interested, we would really like to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing me at krollins@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk to ask any questions and let me know your preferred day and time.

I would like to ask that you are able to commit to a seven-week period (a half term) but would also welcome a longer-term commitment.

Kind regards

Katie Rollins

N.B. Thomas Russell Junior School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care and as such, any volunteer in a role working with children is required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure check. Further details regarding this check are available from school or by visiting www.crb.gov.uk

Enterprise Project

Firstly, I must apologise for the typo in the e-mail addresses that I circulated - most of them had a missing letter, so some messages haven't got through to teachers. If you have sent something and it has bounced back or not reached school, then please forward it again to questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and we will ensure it makes it to the right person.

We have absolutely loved hearing about the huge variety of activities / projects that children have taken part in during their Enterprise Project - we've seen some gorgeous photos and wonderful presentation, as well as videos, project booklets and hand crafted posters about the project - all of which have conveyed great enthusiasm and enjoyment. We are incredibly grateful to children and families for their support.

I am delighted to tell you that the total raised is now nearly £9,000. Please do keep sending your money in if you have taken part in the project, or send your £1 back if you thought you'd like to do it, but haven't had chance.

Reading Plus Awards 2023

Following the introduction of Reading Plus to our school and home reading curriculum this year, we are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the Reading Plus Awards 2023!

We have been delighted to see the positive impact of Reading Plus on our pupils' enjoyment and engagement with reading - and we know that these super results are largely thanks to the children's hard work and enthusiasm. As such, we want to celebrate and showcase their fantastic achievements!

We will be entering a total of 9 award categories, as follows:

School Awards - a TRJS team effort!

- Most Words Read on Average As A School
- Most Average Reading Lessons (Most Usage)
- Most Progress Achieved (Average Level Gains)
- Reading Plus School of the Year

Individual Pupil Awards

- Reading Plus Star of the Year (KS2)
- Most Effort on Reading Plus (KS2)
- Best Home Usage (KS2)
- Vocabulary Star of the Year (KS2)
- Most Words Read By a Pupil (KS2)
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Pupil nominations will be made based upon individual data from the Reading Plus system and children have until **Wednesday 28th June** to boost their online reading profiles!

All winners will receive a personalised certificate, trophy and a £25 Amazon voucher.
So get reading and best of luck! 😊

Miss Murfin
English Lead

#LionessesDownUnder – Women's World Cup

Staffordshire FA are running a competition in support of the Lionesses trip to Australia and New Zealand this summer for the Women's World Cup 2023. They are asking schools to join in with the competition #LionessesDownUnder, which will see the winner presented with a brand new England shirt! To participate, all you need to do is create your best England Lionesses poster, with your pictures and messages of support along with incorporating elements of Australian and New Zealand culture. We want to see your best kangaroo and didgeridoo!

Entries are open until Monday 17th July, and you can either email them in to support@staffordshirefa.com (Subject – Poster Competition) or post/drop them off at Staffordshire FA, Dyson Court, Stafford, ST18 0LQ.

Good luck!
Miss Marston



This weekend... hug the ones you love a little tighter.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe