

Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



Newsletter



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Burton Schools Swimming Gala

On Friday 23rd June, 16 intrepid swimmers set off for Meadowside Swimming Pool where they were to take part in a swimming gala for local schools. They took with them the Winners' trophy, which had sat proudly in our trophy cabinet since last year.

There was a sense of confidence and excitement about the team - a determination to bring home the trophy once more - AND THEY DID!

The team consisted of:

Year 6 - Libby P, Brodie H, Will L-J and Jacob C

Year 5 - Adam G, Walter H, Nancy B and Olive H

Year 4 - Ella C, Ruby C, Seb R and Logan B

Year 3 - Callum W, William M, Ada H and Iris B

Huge thanks to Mrs Owen and Mrs Hiatt for accompanying the team - it would not have been possible without you.

I received wonderful feedback about the event, praising not only the result, but also more importantly the attitude, ethos, behaviour, team spirit, support by the older pupils for the younger ones, positivity and performance ☺

Well done to you all. We are very proud.

**BURTON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**
Website: www.burtonasc.co.uk Email: info@burtonasc.co.uk

RECRUITING NOW !
**Would you like to swim with the
Burton Barracudas?**

**BASC welcomes all ages but are
keen to recruit ages 7, 8 & 9**

You need to be at stage 4
ASA Learn to Swim Awards or above

BASC swims competitively in the Leicestershire & Staffordshire
Leagues.



For more information or if you would like a trial
Please contact BASC Club Secretary
Suzanne Gates
on
info@burtonasc.co.uk or 07929042741

Enterprise Project

I could not be more proud and delighted to share with parents that the total raised by children and families is now a whopping £9,711. We initially hoped the project might help towards funding of our

final set of iPads, fulfilling our mission to provide a set of iPads in every single classroom one between two. The total far exceeded our expectations, so the iPads were purchased and are now in the Y6 classrooms, allowing them to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Mrs Preston has chosen two portable ovens, four hob rings and a selection of cookery equipment. This has received a very positive trial with Y6 Cookery Club and next year, every child will have the opportunity to cook with Mrs Preston during Golden Time.

We had a wonderful assembly on Monday where every child who took part received a certificate, pin badge, chocolate and sweets to thank them for their hard work.

There were prizes from Clip and Climb, Barton Steam Rally, Ten Pin Bowling and Sudbury Museum of Childhood. Every child who participated had their name placed on a giant wheel, which we spun in assembly and prizes went to Sophie G, Felicity E, Lily B and Ruby C.



The Highest Fundraising Year Group Award went to Y6 and the Highest Participating Class Award was presented to Miss Marston's class - 4M.

Our Highest Individual Fundraisers were:

Y3: Oscar O, Y4: Lacey-Grace O, Y5: William O and Y6: Owen P

And our Highest Fundraising Group: Mollie, Olivia, Georgie and Tilly

Staff throughout school had made nominations for various category prizes. Prizes were given for Creativity, Accounting, Finest Joint Company Initiative, Marketing and Promotions, Most Inventive Project, Top Business Presentation, Strongest Partnership, Thriving Family Business and Queen of the Cupcakes! (Imogen B)

We were very proud to present Owen P with **TRJS Junior Entrepreneur of the Year Award**

and we were pleased to award £10 Amazon Vouchers to winners and runners up.

If your child won a specific category award and you have yet to claim their voucher, please head to the school office.



Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!



Over the six week holiday, join the 'Ready Set Read' crew for the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge – register online NOW and in your local library from Monday 3rd July 2023!

Ready, Set, Read! is the name of the game and this year, the theme is sports and games – put simply, we're all ready to have fun and keep active. Are you up for the Challenge? Our superstar team – Naveen, Naomi, Noah, Sophia, Ollie and Alesha - are ready to go. So pick your fave and let's get reading this summer!

You can register to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at [Barton Library](#), where you can pick up a fun pack from 3rd July and follow Sophia's obstacle course with the team. Hidden along the obstacle course are six golden books. Each time the team complete an obstacle, they will collect a golden book – and to cross the finish line, you'll need to collect all six.

You can also sign up NOW online: https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal, you will unlock some digital goodies! On the website, you will also find [amazing books](#), awesome [author videos](#), and plenty of printable [activities](#) and online games.

So Team TRJS, let's work together to help transport our school to the top of the leaderboard for the coveted Burton District trophy - awarded to schools with the highest number of participants who successfully complete the Summer Reading Challenge! **Don't forget to check out and claim your certificate at the end of the challenge for your reading to count!**

We are also offering a first **Headteacher's Award** of the new academic year to all pupils who can evidence their involvement by bringing in their certificate in September!

Find out more at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>



TRJS FEST!



What? a fun-filled afternoon of activity, music, dance, games and more

Where? TRJS field

When? afternoon of Thursday 20th July

Who? all children at TRJS

We have an exciting afternoon of festival fun on the field planned for the last Thursday of this term, to celebrate another brilliant year and mark Mrs Sharpe's farewell. Staff will be running various games and activities for children to enjoy, including: outdoor disco, party games, skittles, chill-out zone, parachute games and a bouncy castle. We will take an ice cream break during the afternoon too ☺ when the ice-cream van will be visiting.

We will start TRJS Fest at lunchtime with 'The Big TRJS Picnic'. Children have the option of bringing a picnic from home, or Mrs Brammer will be making sandwich bags for children who would like to purchase a school lunch. School picnic bags include: Ham / cheese / jam sandwiches, carrot & cucumber sticks, crisps, shortbread, fruit and a drink. Please could we ask parents to follow the link below to indicate if your child will be bringing their own picnic from home, or if they would like a school picnic bag (inc. choosing their sandwich filling). Please complete one form per child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xYPZtREX9L>

Please note, all previously informed dietary requirements (gluten free, vegetarian, dairy free etc.) will be adhered to for the school picnic bags and the ice-cream van.

Leavers' Lunch – Wednesday 19th July.

Y6 children have voted for Chicken strips and Fries with Chocolate Brownie for dessert.

Vegetarian options, Jacket potatoes, salad bar and fruit selections etc.

Please indicate if your child would like to bring sandwiches, or join us for the Leavers' Lunch on the same form as the TRJS Big Picnic above. <https://forms.office.com/e/xYPZtREX9L>

Musical Showcase Invitation

Don't forget to reserve your tickets, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kbXELeRXym>

Wednesday 5th July – Y3 Keyboards, Peripatetic lessons – Strings & Keyboard

Tuesday 11th July – Y5 Clarinets, Peripatetic lessons – Woodwind and Clarinet Club.

Leavers' Events

Leavers' Assembly - Friday 21st July at 10am.

Don't forget to reserve tickets (Max. 2): <https://forms.office.com/e/DRfsbfZ6mZ>

Y6 are off to Standon Bowers

Watch out on Wednesday morning as our Y6 children will be heading in to school laden down with suitcases and rucksack as we head off for a few days in the sunshine at Standon Bowers.

We will return on Friday 7th at 3:00 - 3:15, so if possible, please keep the lane clear to allow the coach to back down and unload.

Early Birds and Night Owls

The ethos of our wrap around care is to provide a 'home from home' environment, rather than an extension to the school day. Our familiar and friendly staff nurture a feeling of family. Activities are plentiful and there is always an element of free choice, just as would be enjoyed at home. Children are encouraged to play together and many form strong cross year-group friendships. Children all sit down around a table to eat breakfast and tea together, where the art of table manners and dinner conversation are promoted.



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and is based around a range of sports, team games, construction activities & ICT.

Breakfast is provided and includes toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt and a drink of fruit juice, milk or water.

Early Birds costs £3.25 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Autumn 1 2023 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **syd57**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45

(Except last day of term - Christmas, Easter & Summer.)

Activities provided include a range of free play, construction activities, art & crafts, outdoor games and toy sheds.

Children receive fruit and drink at the beginning of the session, then a light tea just before 5:00. Tea includes a selection of sandwiches, toast, soup or hot dogs fruit, yoghurt or cake and a drink. We have a winter and summer menu.

Night Owls costs £8.75 per session.



Night Owls Bookings for Autumn 1 2023 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **bffk6**

We only guarantee availability for bookings made before 31st August 2023.
Please book early to support our planning for the new academic year.

Terms and Conditions

Bookings for all sessions must be made in advance via the online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code published in the Newsletter each half term. Bookings made via this system will be charged at the prices indicated above.

For safeguarding purposes, it is essential that a booking is made for each session before your child attends.

Bookings must be made every half term, even if you always require a regular pattern e.g. M, W & F.

All late bookings, additional sessions and cancellations must be made in writing to patrick@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and will be subject to a 50p admin charge.

Refunds will only be given where 48 hours' written notice is provided (with the exception of child illness, in which case a refund will be made on the second day of absence).

There is an additional charge for early drop off (before 8:00) and late pick up (after 5:45) at a rate of £5 per 5 minutes or part thereof.

You should ensure you have a second contact who will be able to collect your child in the case of emergency if you are unable to collect from Night Owls before closing time.

Payment should be made in advance via ParentPay for all sessions used and any admin charges as a result of changes.

If you wish to pay by Childcare Vouchers, please register this with the school, then wait until you receive your invoice at the end of the half term before making any payment. Once your invoice is received, please pay the correct amount via your electronic Childcare Voucher account.

We reserve the right to refuse future bookings where the above terms and conditions are persistently disregarded.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe