

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Football Reports from Year 6

#### Thomas Russell 1 v Alrewas 6

The first game of the season against Alrewas wasn't easy, as we lost 6:1 but their team have been playing together for over a year and TRJS is a new team and needs a little more time to gel. Overall, we played well. Charlie made some excellent saves and Freddie scored a good goal. TRJS showed excellent sportsmanship and resilience and never gave up, which are the skills team TRJS need to get through a long football season. By Sahaan

#### Mosley 0 v Thomas Russell 9

The game against Mosley was a great game and we are starting to connect well as a team. Some new additions to the team (Evie and Oli) played really well in midfield and in goal. The first half was fantastic with some excellent passing, attacking, and defending and Sahaan and Seb R scored, so we went into half time 4-0 up. In the second half we never took our foot off the peddle and continued to pressure the opposition. The second half saw Kian, Max, Evie and Sahaan score and the match ended 9-0. Again, we showed excellent perseverance and teamwork skills. Well done team TRJS. By Oli C

Thank you to Oli and Sahaan – budding sports journalists. 😊

### Year 7 Transition

Parents of Year 6 pupils are reminded to complete the application forms by 31 October. Please check TRJS Newsletter Issue No. 3 for further information about the arrangements for John Taylor High School, including the Open Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

## Y4 Trip to Packington Farm

This week Year 4 have been to Packington Farm to learn more about habitats and life cycles. During the morning, each class learned about the nests that different birds make before creating their own giant nest to fit their team into out of sticks and branches. This was followed by a woodland walk to collect natural materials for the afternoon's session along with a woodland quiz, identifying the different adaptations that animals have made to live in a woodland habitat. After lunch, Year 4 went pond dipping and were able to observe a wide variety of invertebrates including baby dragonfly, water boatmen, pond skaters and water snails – there were even a few baby newts. Our final activity was outdoor art, with each group using their foraged materials from the morning to create a woodland picture of a habitat or food chain. Year 4 had a wonderful day. Thank you to Jules and Roy at Packington Farm and to Mercers and the Farm Link Charity for their generous funding to make this brilliant trip totally FREE!



## Harvest Assembly

All parents are invited into school on Friday 27 October. The children will be performing some poems and songs all about harvest. We ask everyone to bring in some harvest produce, preferably cans and packets which are less perishable. Any donations of produce will be sent to the local charity HOPE which does vital work with homeless people. The assembly will start at 9.10 and last for 30-40 minutes. Booking for this event will be on School Interviews next week. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Parent Consultation Meetings

The meetings have been scheduled for the week beginning 23 October, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have changed the time of the Year 6 meetings on Thursday 26 October, so as not to coincide with the Open Evening at JTHS. The appointments are to meet with your child's morning teacher (in Year 4,5,6) so we may send a few parents a message to ask if we can slightly change the appointment. Thank you for your patience.

## A Creative Request

If you have any empty 2 litre plastic milk cartons, please bring them in as the school kitchen is planning something creative for Christmas.

## Early Birds and Night Owls

The booking system for Early Birds and Night Owls for next half term is now open. We ask all parents to book these sessions by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so the school can plan ahead to ensure the relevant staffing is in place. Places on certain sessions are limited due to the staff we have available, so please book early. Please be reminded we can only guarantee places if booked through this system. The codes for the clubs for next half term are as follows: *Night Owls – 6acx5; Early Birds – q63qz*



### **Karting Champion!**

The smart young man in the photo is none other than George House in Y6. He is an elite karting driver with a string of recent national and international successes to his name: George came 4<sup>th</sup> in the UK National Championships, 2<sup>nd</sup> in a European Championship and has now won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the LGM UK Championship!

George has demonstrated the highest level of skill, showing a steely determination and amazing perseverance. He has experienced the disappointment of mechanical failures in certain championships, but has never given up and shown great self-belief to come through to the top of the leaderboard in this prestigious UK Championship. Next step – the World Championships!

Well done, George; we are SO proud of you!

### **Y6 Information Meeting**

We are holding a meeting for Y6 parents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school hall, to outline important plans for the year ahead. We will cover information about Y6 in general, the preparation for SATs, Y6 residential and the transition to high school. Although this session is aimed at parents, children may attend with their parent, if they are prepared to sit quietly and listen to the presentations 😊. The meeting is scheduled to last about 45 minutes. Please let us know if you plan to attend by booking for this session, including how many people are planning to attend. with the code: **8gy5k now**

### **Dates for the Diary:**

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 24 October, Wednesday 25 October, Thursday 26 October

Harvest Assembly – Friday 27 October (9.10am in the school hall)

Half Term- Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November

Y6 Parent Workshop – Thursday 9 November 6pm

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

*J Emery*

