



## Sports Newsletter



Headteacher: Mr J Emery

September 2023 – July 2024

### Gymnastics - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

A team of gymnasts proudly represented the school at the DeFerrers Academy.

The team of Y3 girls were competing in the Y3/4 category and certainly impressed!

We are delighted to say that they came second over all for the age group!

### Dove Valley Friendly Football - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

What an evening of football! We were able to take three teams to our mixed boys/girls friendly event against other schools within the Dove Valley Association.

The children competed well and scored some cracking goals! We were incredibly proud of their sportsmanship and the enjoyment they showed throughout the tournament.

### Burton Albion Football - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

A huge congratulations to the team who won the competition and will now be competing at the next level tournament in Wigan later in the term.

### Dove Valley Girls' Football Tournament - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

We were delighted to take three teams of players to the competition held at Shobnall Leisure Complex. It was a cold and wet competition but the girls did not let that faze them! They faced some tough competition but played brilliantly. We were particularly excited to see how our Y5 team did as they will be able to enter again next year!

*A huge congratulations must go our Y6 team who made it all the way through to the final. It was a nail biting match, but in the end the victory went to John of Rolleston with a 2 -0 win.*

### **Dance at JTHS**



Well done to all the Year 4 children who went along to John Taylor High School to take part in the dance session organised and led by the JTHS Dance Ambassadors. All the junior school children were split into groups and were taught a dance routine by the students, which they then performed for



everyone to see. All the children from TRJS performed their routine really well and were super ambassadors for our school. Well done to all the children for their hard work and excellent behaviour. 😊



### **Burton Albion Brewers Cup Competition**

On Friday 1st December, two of the Thomas Russell football teams took part in The Brewers' Cup at Burton Albion. Both teams played exceptionally well against a range of teams from across Burton and really impressed with their teamwork and perseverance achieving the aims set out for the afternoon which were:

- Be ambitious - work hard and never give up on their goals.
- Be inspiring - set a great example to others.
- Be connected - work well with others and in a team.
- Be fair - treat people equally and think of others. One of the TRJS teams progressed all the way to the final, where they played Rykneld. The match ended 1-1 and was decided on penalties, which TRJS unfortunately lost. Well done to all the children who took part, it was a fantastic afternoon of sport.



## **Athletics Fun!**

On Wednesday, a team of year 5 and 6 pupils went to John Taylor High School to compete in an athletics tournament that was hosted by their Young Ambassadors. We did very well and won nearly every race! It was really fun; we all had a good time and hope to do it again. By Freya C and Lex B.



## **Dove Valley Football Tournament Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Well done to our two football teams who competed against schools within the Dove Valley Association. It was a tough competition and both teams played superbly.

Thank you to all of the parents for transporting the children to the Pirelli Stadium and to Miss Marston and Miss Wortley for organising and running the teams.

## **Dove Valley Netball Tournament**

*On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Miss Wortley, Miss Sinclair and Mrs Vardy took two netball teams to the Dove Valley tournament at Shobnall Leisure Complex. The competition was hosted by the Dove Valley Association, which is currently organised by Thomas Russell Junior School.*

*What a competition! The girls played fantastically well against some extremely tough competition. I am delighted to say that TRJS 'A' team were the overall winners! Look out for the trophy in our cabinet when you are next in the office! Thank you to Miss Wortley and Miss Sinclair for organising the teams, we wouldn't be able to attend competitions without you!*

## **Girls Football**

*Please see the information below if you are interested in playing football in Barton.*



## Barton Rovers FC



### Girls Football

~ Exciting opportunity to play Girls Football ~

Are you looking for a new activity or already interested in Football and looking for a local, friendly club?

If you are in School years 3 or 4, this opportunity could be for you!

Free taster sessions for you to try.

Other age group opportunities are [available](#)

For more information, please contact Claire:  
[girls.brfc@gmail.com](mailto:girls.brfc@gmail.com) or 07814 469858

### Football Match - Dove Valley Cup

TRJS played host to Rykneld in our cup match on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Well done: Seb, Jude, Rocco, Walter, Teddy, Evie, George, Kieran, Henry.

Thomas Russell B 9 v Rykneld B 0 (Cup Match)

We think that the team did well keeping possession and passing the ball well. We had a lot of chances and scored some amazing goals (including a superb free kick by Teddy). Our teamwork was excellent, and we communicated well as a team. Also, we didn't concede any goals thanks to Seb and the defenders Rocco and George. We now head into the quarter final where we will face Alrewas B. Well done team TRJS!

Reported by Evie and Walter.

### Karting Champion!

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 stop – the World Championships! Well done, George; we are SO proud of you!



### Football match - Dove Valley League

*The football team travelled to William Shrewsbury Primary School on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, for a Dove Valley League match.*

*Well done: Charlie, Max, Sahaan, Jacob, Taavi, Seb, Kian, Freddie and Alfie.*

William Shrewsbury 4 v Thomas Russell 1

Our game against William Shrewsbury was tough as we lost 4:1.

It shocked us a little because we managed to beat them last year in the cup and in the league. We played amazingly as a team; our chemistry was good, and our passing was great. Although we lost, our team gelled well, and we attacked and defended well on a very rainy evening.

Reported by Sahaan.

### *Playground Leaders*

*Children in Y5/6 have been invited to apply to be a Playground Leader. This involves setting up games and activities for all of the children to enjoy at lunchtime. Mrs Graves and Mrs Vardy were very excited to welcome on board our new Playground Leaders and to have our first training session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.*

*The children learnt all about the role and we came up with lots of games that we could play at lunchtime. They have also created a list of equipment that they would like, so watch this space!*

*Look out for our Playground Leaders, they will be wearing purple caps!*

*Year 5: Poppy, Mya, Millie and Scarlett.*

*Year 6: Harry, Elijah, Macy, Lex, Annie and Isabel.*

### *Football Match - Dove Valley League*

*On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Miss Marston and her football team travelled to Mosley Academy, Anslow to play a fixture as part of our Dove Valley league.*

*Well done: Oli, Max, Sahaan, Jacob, Evie, Seb, Kian, Freddie and Taavi.*

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.

Report by Oli

### *Football Match - Dove Valley League*

*On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Miss Marston took a team of footballers to play against All Saints, Alrewas as part of a series of Dove Valley Association League fixtures.*

*Well done: Charlie, Max, Sahaan, Jacob, Tommy, Seb, Kian, Oscar and Freddie.*

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.

Report by Sahaan

*Thank you Miss Marston for your incredible commitment to football at TRJS, we are extremely lucky to have you!*

### **An introduction to Crown Green Bowls**

*The JTHS Sports Partnership invited a group of Y5/6 children to join them at Barton Bowls Club on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. They were taught the skills needed to bowl and then we played lots of fun games!*

*Thank you to Mrs Berry for organising this event for us. We look forward to taking a group of Y3/4 children later on in the year!*

### **Football Trials**

*Y5/6 children wishing to represent the school at football matches / tournaments were invited to attend the trials on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September during lunchtime.*

### **PE Rugby - Monday and Wednesday afternoons**

*Years 4 and 6 will be learning how to play rugby this half term. Mr Tolley is a qualified rugby coach and will be teaching the children the skills, tactics and rules of the game.*

*There will be an extra-curricular club every Monday and Wednesday after school.*

*Upper School 3:30-4:30pm on Monday*

*Lower School 3:30-4:30pm on Wednesday.*



BARTON under NEEDWOOD  
R. U. F. C.

Barton Under Needwood RUFC are recruiting across all Mini Junior age groups but specifically age groups - Under 5/6s Reception and School year 1 and U12s - School year 7. We also have age groups up to U17/18s to cater for all age groups. We are an RFU Kids first Affiliated Rugby club meaning all our Coaches and Volunteers are DBS checked and are RFU accredited coaches. U6's to U8 age groups play TAG rugby with contact rugby starting at the U9's age group.

We offer the first 4 sessions free as an introduction to make sure your child enjoys the sessions and games before looking at club membership.

The Season will restart again from 10th September 2023 for different age groups so please contact Club Chairman Jon Leason 07866032412 or Mini Junior Section Chairman Jon McCall for more details on 07738277977 or follow us on social media for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/officialbartonrugby>  
<https://www.instagram.com/bartonunderneedwoodruffc/>

### **PE Quality Mark**

*Well done to all staff and pupils for achieving the Quality Mark for Physical Education and Sport from the Association of PE. It is a prestigious award and a powerful way of celebrating success. The quality Mark recognises, through a succinct self-review and evaluation process, the strength and quality of*

*physical education and sport in school. The research shows the positive impact PE and Sport can have on the wellbeing and achievement of all pupils.*

### *Extra-Curricular Sporting Clubs*

*This half term we will be offering:*

*Y5/6 Rugby with Mr Tolley and Mrs Vardy - Monday 3:30-4:30pm*

*Y5/6 Netball with Miss Wortley - Monday 3:30-4:30pm*

*Y3-6 Football with Soccerstars - Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm*

*Y3/4 Rugby with Mr Tolley - Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm*