

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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### Menu matters!

I am delighted to inform parents that following meetings, feedback from staff and children, and some very detailed discussions, we will be changing our catering provider to Mellors.



Governors are fully supportive of the move to Mellors who we hope will not only allow us to deliver an improved menu but will also keep the cost of meals at £2.10. They promise better service, more locally sourced produce and have a range of ideas for engaging the children in selecting and preparing food as well as taking account of their feedback when planning new menus.

### Music Mark

I am really pleased to announce that we have been awarded 'Music Mark' by the Associated Board for Royal School of Music (ABRSM).

This award recognises the excellent standard of music teaching and opportunity that children at Thomas Russell Junior School benefit from.

The provision of musical instruments and specialist tuition in two year groups at school is a rare luxury. We also have over a third of the school attending choir which indicates the children's enthusiasm.



Next week we are celebrating British Science Week 2016 with a number of special activities in school.



On Wednesday we have Heart Research in school delivering talks to each year group about the heart, how it works and keeping healthy.

On Thursday we have arranged Quantum Theatre group who are going to perform 'Journey to the Bottom of the Garden'.

On Friday we will be holding a Science Day, where children will work in House Teams for the day completing practical science experiments and investigations.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Y3&4 children will need their wellies in school. (Please remember this as we will not be sending a text reminder!! ☺)

Thank you to Miss Murfin and Miss Press for organising a superb week of activities to spark the children's interest in all things scientific.

### 'My Wellies Took Me to Laches Wood!'

Thank you to the Y5 children and staff who treated us to a marvellous performance this afternoon. I was thoroughly impressed by the singing, acting, speaking and poetry. It was also really lovely to see the children's confidence and enthusiasm shining on stage.

### A-Z of Grammar

Don't forget to go on Parent Pay to order your copy of this book if you would like it by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

*Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe*