



# Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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W/B	11/11/2024
Year 3	99.5 %
Year 4	97.7 %
Year 5	97.5 %
Year 6	97 %
TRJS Overall	97.9 %

W/B	18/11/24
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	93%
TRJS Overall	94.8%

Thank you to all our parents who recognise the importance of attending school as regularly as possible. Please be assured that we do understand genuine illness. This week, there have been some coughs and colds going round school. Remember, we are here to support families if your children have any worries about school. We have a school full of heroes. 😊

## Indoor Athletics at John Taylor High School



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, two teams of children represented TRJS at the John Taylor High School. The event was run by Mrs Berry and her team of Sporting Ambassadors. The teams competed against four other schools in a variety of events such as long-distance running, sprints, long jump and speed bounce.

The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school showing excellent communication and teamwork as they cheered each other on.  
(Mrs Vardy)



## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Last week was Anti-Bullying Week across the UK. At TRJS, our super Anti-Bullying Ambassadors prepared and led the Lower School, Upper School and Class assemblies, talking to the school about this year's theme 'Choose Respect'. They were very BRAVE to present information and lead their class in role play scenarios for respectful conflict resolution and disrespectful conflict resolution, discussing the best ways to BE KIND and resolve conflict respectfully. We were all very proud and impressed with the knowledgeable and confident way the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors spoke. (Miss Branson)

## Dove Valley 6-A-Side Football Tournament

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November the TRJS football team took part in the Dove Valley 6-A-Side football tournament at Burton Albion. They began in the group stage playing Alrewas A, Richard Wakefield B, John of Rolleston B and Rykneld C. The team played excellently, winning every match and topping their group. In the semi-final, TRJS were again drawn against Alrewas A where they again won the match 2-0. Progressing to the final, TRJS played William Shrewsbury A. In a hard-fought match, TRJS continued to play brilliantly as a team. They scored a further 4 goals and didn't concede a single goal during the entire tournament, ending up as worth winners. Well done team TRJS! (Miss Marston)



## OPAL

Thank you so much to everyone who has been able to donate items to school for our OPAL play. The children are really enjoying the new opportunities. Items that have been particularly popular are suitcase/wheeled bags, old computer monitors/keyboards and hats! Please do talk to your children about OPAL play to find out more about what they are enjoying.

While we take stock and organise the donations that have been gratefully received, may we ask that **NO FURTHER ITEMS** are sent into school for the time being. Thank you.

## Year 5 Visit to The Fire Station



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 visited Burton Fire Station to take part in their 'Safe and Sound' event. During the morning, the children learned a range of skills ranging from fire safety, water safety, first aid and CPR, money safety and discussed how to be a good citizen with a PCSO. Year 5 had lots of fun during the morning and learned some important skills. Thank you to everyone at Burton Fire Station for a great visit. (Mrs Preston)



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** over the last 2 weeks and will share hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Eryn F, Oscar S, Madeline J, Savannah H</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Ethan H, Luca C, Ella T, Beatrix R</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Eleanor L, Sophia H, Niilas W, Jack E</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Mani E, Poppy C, Amelia M, Megan W</b>

## KEEPING SAFE

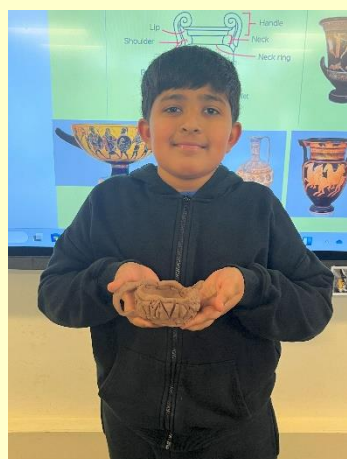
Gilmour Lane can get very congested at home time. Could we ask that parents do not park down near the swimming pool as many children and parents walk home this way. A reminder also to avoid using the school car park at all times. The school car park is only for staff and official visitors, as we need to restrict other vehicles to keep parents and children safe as they make their way to and from the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

At the end of the school day, may we ask parents to keep an eye on younger siblings and not allow them to play on the adventure playground or with any of the OPAL playtime equipment. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you.

## Year 4 Clay Pots

Year 4 's Design and Technology topic has focused on Greek clay pots.

During their lessons, children have investigated the history of pots, their shapes, designs and what they were used for. Each child then designed their own pot, which they made on Tuesday. Well done to all the Year 4 children.



## SWIMMING EYES

To enable us to keep all children safe during swimming lessons, we rely on volunteers to give the school an hour of time, by being "Swimming Eyes". At the moment we really need volunteers for a Thursday afternoon, particularly from 2.15-3.15. If any parent could help us out, that would be very much appreciated.

## Christmas Performance in Church (Tuesday 17 December)

Rev Andy has informed us that they now have a limit on numbers in the church. This means that we will be unable to accommodate all 250 children, 20 staff and parents for every child. Therefore, we are working out possible solutions at the moment. This may mean doing 2 performances, which may then change the time of the performance to the morning on that day. We will send out confirmation early next week as soon as we have agreed this with Rev Andy. Thank you for your patience.

Christmas at St James' Barton under Needwood starts with our Christingle Service on Sunday 1st December at 5:00pm. All are Welcome.

As we come together to celebrate and give thanks for the work of The Children's Society, we will also be taking a collection to raise valuable funds towards the continuation of their work. Candle collection boxes are available in school and church now to pick up and keep on the side to fill with any spare change that you may have. Even the odd pennies add up to make pounds!

Rev Andy



Annabel's team had a great competition on Saturday being crowned the overall West Midlands team champions for Tin level. They all competed their pieces of apparatus amazingly against 14 other very strong teams.

Here is a photo of Annabel with the winning team trophy.

Well done, Annabel!

A colorful poster for a Christingle service. At the top left is the 'Christingle' logo and 'The Children's Society' logo. The main text says 'Let's come together to celebrate Christingle'. Below this is a cartoon candle character with glasses. A text box says 'Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun. Come and join us!'. The event details are: 'St James' Church', 'Sunday 1st December at 5.00 pm'. Contact information: 'To find out more, contact: Rev Andy', '01283 712359 vicar.bundtbenefice@outlook.com'. At the bottom left is 'christingle.org' and at the bottom right is a QR code with the text 'Scan the QR code to find out more.'.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3 December - Christmas Party/Disco

Thursday 5 December – Wreath-Making (6.30pm)

Wednesday 11 December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 13 December – ELF DAY (More information from Alfie and the School Council next week)

Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Concert in Church (Time to be confirmed due to limit on numbers)

Friday 20 December – All children will be going to the Red Carpet to watch Paddington in Peru.

**Wishing all our families and good weekend**

*J Emery*

A poster for a Christmas Wreath Workshop. It features a decorative border of pine branches and red berries. The text says 'Christmas Wreath Workshop' in a cursive font, with 'Limited Spaces' in pink. The event is at 'Thomas Russell Junior School' on 'Thursday 5th December - 6.30pm - £35pp'. Contact information: 'PLEASE CONTACT MANDY ON 07881 634 595 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE'. A note at the bottom says 'Everything provided to make your own bespoke wreath. Hot chocolate and a mince pie included. Nikki Showells will be there to guide you.'.



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