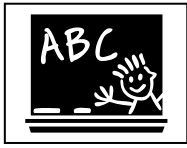


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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What a super Science Week we have enjoyed! Thanks to our Science Leader, Miss Murfin for organising it.



* Wednesday - Heart UK - lots of information about how to keep hearts healthy. Visit this Change4Life link for more fun ideas:

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/>

This talk is free to schools and sponsored by DS Smith, who will be donating free water bottles to every child in school. Thank you to Amy C's mum for organising this.



* Thursday - Quantum Theatre - 'Journey to the Bottom of the Garden'.

* Friday - Mr Heath, Head of Science at JTJHS kicked off our last day of Science fun. In 'House Groups' every child in school took part in learning activities that investigated 'Science in Spaces: Spaces in Science'.

Hooray! It's happening!

The long-awaited, much talked about new Adventure Playground will be installed next week. Perfect timing for the spring and summer playtimes. Thanks to everyone who has helped raise the funds to make this happen and to School Council for their input.

Parent Pay Update

Please note, as of Thursday 3rd March, parents must have a verified email address as their username to log in.

An on screen guide is provided.

Next Monday, we have a special assembly which pre-empts a 6 week after school club starting Monday 11th April (first day back). Due to the timing of this, places will need to be booked by 9am, Thursday 24th March, so please look out for the leaflet coming home on Monday after the assembly and visit their website for more information:

<https://magicalmathsclub.com/what-we-do/school-clubs/>

Eco Club News By Codie-William & Callum

A few weeks ago, Reverend Mike from the Rotary Club visited our school to tell us all about the disease polio and how it affected people. This disease has been eradicated from most of the countries in the world today except for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Prior to his visit, he sent us 500 crocus bulbs to plant around the school which have now started to bloom and can be seen along the paths and around the bandstand.

The story behind the relevance of the crocus bulbs (particularly the colour purple,) is that the children were given a sugar lump with the vaccine on it. Being very clever and enjoying the taste of the sugar, children joined the back of the queue again to receive another sugar lump. It was decided that once the child had received the injection and sugar lump, their little finger would be dipped into purple dye to ensure they didn't get injected again.

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The purple crocus has now become the symbol to represent life and the conquering of polio around the world.



Friends' Easter Egg Competition & Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 23rd March, 2-3pm

Friends' would like to *egg-stend* an *egg-stra* warm welcome to this event and let you know (no *yolk*, it's true!) there will be a *cracking* prize for a boy and girl winner in each class.

Please send in your donated cakes (homemade or shop bought) on the morning of Thursday 24th March.

For those children whose parents can't attend, you may wish to send 50p for them to purchase a cake on the playground. They will also be able to buy raffle tickets at £1 a strip to win *egg-cellent* Easter goodies!

After the Coffee afternoon, parents are welcome to take their children home at 3pm. If you would like your child to be collected by another parent, please confirm this in writing. This saves much confusion and panicked phone calls tracking down children who are not where their parents expect them to be.

School Reports

Next Thursday, children will be coming home with their Spring Term Report. We respectfully request that reports are not opened at the Coffee Afternoon but are shared and celebrated in the privacy of the family home; thank you.

Dates for your diary

School closes for Easter 3.30pm on Thursday 24th March and reopens on Monday 11th April.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

Chocolate Bingo!

Thursday 24th March
at Thomas Russell Junior School

We have lots of chocolate eggs, so come along next Thursday - doors open 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start (children must be accompanied by an adult).



Entry is £3.50 which includes your sheet of lucky bingo numbers. Additional sheets of bingo tickets available for a £1.00.

Refreshments available.

So it's eyes down and BINGO!
All money raised will go towards my World Challenge fund.
World Challenge is a multi-national



organisation that helps organise student trips abroad. I will be going to Thailand and Cambodia for a month in July which will include a residential community project helping with the construction of village amenities and providing clean drinking water.

This is a self-funded trip and I must raise £3395.

Many thanks

Emily Jackson (Y12 student)