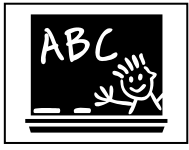


# Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



## Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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**Thomas Russell Junior School Choir visit to the Lichfield Garrick**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Thomas Russell Junior School choir went to perform in a concert at the Lichfield Garrick, which was run by the Lichfield Rotary Club. They sang five impeccable songs including: Power in Me; I See the Light (Tangled); The Lightning Tree; Circle of Life (Lion King); and Colours of the Wind (Pocahontas). They had the power to be the talk of the town with their outstanding singing!

Before going on stage, everyone was nervous, therefore they were extremely noisy and they couldn't contain their excitement. Throughout the interval, the teachers took time to paint the children's faces and give them their t-shirts ready for the second half as they were performing the song from the Lion King. Everyone went home with huge smiles on their face, saying they had had an unforgettable evening.

Choir would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers who made this happen; without them it wouldn't have been the show it was. They would also like to say a big thank you to all of the supportive families and friends. Although the nerves got to them, they still performed amazingly making the teachers smile (and cry!) with happiness.

By Katie and Ellie.

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## Decorated Egg Competition

We had some absolutely 'egg'cellent entries to our competition today! Thank you to Co-operative Food for providing the winners' prizes and to Tony for coming to judge the entries, alongside our dinner ladies.

This year we had a boy and girl winner from each class and they are as follows:

3M - Jay H and Hannah Ma

3E - Beau W and Lucy F

4V - Katie C & Josh H

4S - Ruby W & Callum S-B

5D - Mathilda E & Charlie E

5C - Noah W & Jessica P

6M - Charlotte R & Dan C

6P - Olivia T & Joe A

Thank you also to the huge number of friends and family who came to our Coffee Afternoon.

It was incredibly busy! Maybe our next fundraiser needs to be to buy a bigger hall!

## Sponsored Skip / Spell / Times Table



x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Children have been given sponsorship forms today for a three-part Sponsored Challenge. Whilst raising funds (50% to British Heart Foundation and 50% to School), we aim to improve our skipping, spelling and times tables skills.



For those of you wanting to join Professor Poopenstinken for a 6 week after school club starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April (first day back), please make sure you are booked in by following the instructions on the leaflet that came home Monday or visit their website for more information:

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

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## School Reports

Children have been sent home this afternoon with their Spring Term Report.

Within your child's reports you will find a 100% Golden Time certificate if your child has not lost any Golden Time during the Spring Term. I am pleased and proud to tell you that we have awarded 208 of these certificates - showing over 85% of our children have kept full Golden Time every single week - very impressive standards of behaviour.

Please acknowledge receipt of these, and your comments on the reply slip given, during the first week back.

## Dates for your diary

School has now closed for Easter and will reopen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Non-uniform day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

(please bring a donation for the tombola or raffle prize for our Spring Fair)

*Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe*

## Governors' Corner

### So who are we and what do we do?

As a School Governor I get asked this a lot. It was therefore decided that we would write an occasional piece in the newsletter to explain a little about the "how and why" behind some of the decisions we make. We will try to make it as interesting and informative as possible.

Also, I am usually around at the end of the school day, so please feel free to pop over for a chat. Elaine Watling.

### Assessment Growth Charts

During the last few months, teachers have been working hard developing a system which will clearly show you the progress your child is making in school. There were many suggestions but finally it was decided to use the familiar "Assessment Growth Chart" format (the graph with the coloured bands).

We believe that this gives you the clearest indication of your child's progress and knowledge.

As Mrs Sharpe stresses in her letter, it has been necessary to make these changes due to the Government scrapping their "levels" system, previously used in all schools. Now each school must have its own individual way of tracking your child's progress.

# Chocolate Bingo!

Thursday 24th March  
at Thomas Russell Junior School

We have lots of chocolate eggs, so come along **TONIGHT** - 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)*

