



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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	w/b 10.03.25
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	96.6%
TRJS Overall	97%

Year 5 are the top attenders this week. Extra playtime will be arranged. Well done, Year 5 😊

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** during the last 2 weeks and will be sharing hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Keep the jokes and riddles coming!

Year 3	Leo W, Harry S, Henry W
Year 4	Penny M, Clara K-D, Jess B, George B
Year 5	Sophie W, Florence T, Amber W, Isla B
Year 6	Seb S, Mallory O, Tommy W, Oliver P

Barton Library Visits

Both 6M and 6V enjoyed their Spring term visit to Barton Community Library on Monday 3rd March. They browsed the shelves for new titles, enjoyed some reading for pleasure and completed some World Book Day themed activities.

Check your child's homework sheet for **upcoming Y4 and Y5 library visit dates** (see below). Pupils will need to bring along their library card and any books for returning.

The library have informed us that there are several **outstanding books**, so please check at home thoroughly. Remember that we also have a box at the front of school where these can be returned if you are unable to get to the library.

Barton Library Visit Dates:

- Monday 17th March – Y4
- Monday 24th March – Y3

OPAL Play



Table tennis, tubes and ropes continue to be very popular at lunchtime with OPAL playgrounds, as does football, the mud kitchen and having fun on the field. Children also still love rolling down the slope on the astroturf and rolling on top of each other too! Some ingenious children have created rope swings suspended between the trees and are having great fun pushing each other.

We introduced pool noodles on the field this week. Children who choose to go into the pool noodle zone must follow the rules we agreed to in assembly this week.

Little bumps and knocks are to be expected when children are playing these physical games. If children have a bump with no visible mark and no ongoing discomfort and are smiling and happy, then they can carry on without the need for first aid. If there is a red mark – particularly with head bumps – cut or pain, then we will treat with first aid.

Dodgeball

Well done to the Y5 and Y6 teams who attended the first ever Dove Valley Association Dodgeball competition! Two brave teams went to Shobnall Leisure Complex on Tuesday 11th February. The competition was fierce and both teams played brilliantly! Congratulations to the Y6 team who finished 6th overall. Thank you to Mrs Rollins and Mrs Vardy for taking the teams.



Netball

On Thursday 6th March, two teams of Y5/6 children competed in a Hi-5 netball competition at John Taylor High School and both teams played brilliantly. All matches were very competitive. At the time of writing, we are awaiting the final results with placings from the JTHS Sports Leaders.

We definitely have some netball stars of the future at TRJS!

Thank you to Mrs Hiatt and Mrs Vardy for taking the team to the competition.

Keep Music Live!

Last week in assembly Mr Otis Ellis (Y4) wowed the whole school with a rendition of “Don’t Stop Me” by Queen. We were enthralled by amazing vocals with note-perfect piano playing. The confidence and high skill level was way beyond his tender years. Thank you, Otis!



This week, Mr Leo Clinton (Y4) performed the classic rock song, “Summer of 69” by Bryan Adams. The whole school were so impressed by the quality of his guitar solo. Once again, a very young man entertaining over 250 people with tremendous skill. (Mr Emery would like to play the guitar that well when he grows up.) Thank you, Leo. Rock on!

Device-free Moments




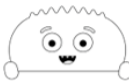
Next week in our assemblies, we will be learning about ‘device-free moments’ and safe, happy gaming, covering the following Relationships and Health Curriculum objectives:

- reasons for following and complying with regulations and restrictions (including age restrictions); how they promote personal safety and wellbeing with reference to social media, television programmes, films, games and online gaming
- about the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others’ mental and physical wellbeing.

Children will be discussing when it's appropriate to use technology and when it's not and reflect on the positives and negatives of time spent online.

Over To You: On Wednesday 19th, we invite children to share in assembly their best device-free moments: ‘What do you most like doing away from a screen?’ This is a great opportunity for our children to share their talents, hobbies and experiences away from a screen, and let us know the positive effects on their wellbeing, self-esteem and friendships and why they would recommend it to others.

To support this learning at home, you may wish to take a look at the resources we will be sharing with Y5 and 6 on tackling hate in gaming: [Tackling hate in gaming - BBC Teach](#). You may also like to think about creating a list of family rules to have device-free moments.

Our Family Device-Free Rules	
 A device-free rule to stay safe:	 A device-free rule to show respect:
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 A device-free rule so we can concentrate:	 A device-free rule to get our sleep:
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Parents’ Evenings

A reminder that Parent Consultations are on Thursday 3 April and Tuesday 8 April (4pm-6.30pm . Please book via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the following codes:

- Year 3 – 4numn
- Year 4 – war9n
- Year 5 – g8mxw
- Year 6 – vxc7m

We look forward to seeing all our parents/carers as we all work together in partnership.

Dogs

Parents are reminded that we do not allow dogs on school premises for safety reasons. Thank you.



Easter Fundraising

Please see the posters at the end of the newsletter describing a range of fundraising events we are putting on in school during the week before the Easter holiday. We encourage all children to take part in as much as they would like to in order to have fun, be creative and raise money for school. Money will be collected in school on the days underlined on the poster.

We need some adult helpers to help run the cakes and hot drink stall at the Families Coffee Morning on Wednesday 9th April (9am-10am). If you can help, please email Miss Branson cbranson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk.

Thank you and good luck!



Keep Dancing!

Ella T (Y4) had a fun filled weekend at her dance competition and enjoyed every minute, bringing home some wonderful results. She came first in the Grand Prix, competing against every child in her age group.

Ella then went on to dance in the U10 championship section and got 1st place in fast and 2nd place in slow.

In the pairs, Ella and her friend got 1st in fast and 3rd in slow.

Ella is now sponsored for her dancing by a wonderful company called Glow Couture. Wow! Ella, we are so proud of you!

West End Star!

Outside of school, William B (6V) is a member of PQA, an acting and drama group that meet every Saturday morning in Anslow.

On 9 March 2025, William's PQA group took a production called "Across the Line" to His Majesty's Theatre, which is based in the heart of theatre land in the West End of London. William had both a walk on part in the first half, and then a speaking role (where he played a judge) in the second half.

William had spent several months rehearsing for this event, which involved live rehearsals with the group and learning his lines at home.

The play appeared for one night, to a packed theatre. William enjoyed his debut on the West End Stage!!



Light up!

Sophia (4H) has been very busy outside of school, making a light in her own DT project. Excellent work, Sophia!



Wishing all our families a pleasant weekend.

J Emery

Easter Activities at TRJS

- Decorate an egg competition. £1 per entry. Bring in your entries to school by Monday 7th April.
- Easter biscuits on sale to children at playtime on Tuesday 8th April. £1 per biscuit.
- Families Coffee Morning on Wednesday 9th April 9am-10am. All members of the TRJS family are welcome: parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties and friends. Cakes and hot drinks will be available for a donation. Come along and see all the decorated egg competition entries.
- Easter egg raffle. £1 per raffle ticket. Draw on Friday 11th April.



All money raised will be spent on fun experiences and opportunities for all children at TRJS.





Decorate an Egg Competition

Calling all egg-cellent artists and creative children! Enter the TRJS Easter competition to decorate an egg (either blown out, hard-boiled or of man-made material).

Prizes given for:

- Best decorated egg (single)
- Best decorated eggs (collection of more than 1)
- Best scene involving a decorated egg/eggs

£1 per entry. Closing date: Monday 7th April
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