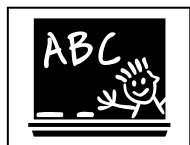


Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Staffing

I can confirm that we have now made our final appointments to complete the staffing team for September 2016.

Joanna Mosedale will be joining us on a part time basis to teach one of the additional Literacy and Numeracy classes. She is an experienced teacher who has taught across the primary range.

Yvonne Capper will also be joining us from the Infant School as a Teaching Assistant in Y3.

We look forward to welcoming these new members to our team.

September 16 staffing structure will therefore be as follows:

	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Year 6	Miss Press Miss Marston Mrs Kerr-Delworth	Mrs Alcock Mrs King
Year 5	Mrs David Mr Edwards Mrs Mosedale	Mrs Cozens
Year 4	Mrs Vardy Mrs Sanders Mrs Jones	Mrs Windsor
Year 3	Miss Murfin Mrs Preston Mrs Gahagan	Mrs Rumsey Mrs Graves Mrs Capper

Photographs

Unfortunately we were unable to go ahead with the Whole School photograph this week due to rain. We did still have lots of fun taking the class photos and proofs for these will be coming home next week for you to place orders, should you wish. We will attempt to fit in the whole school photo in June and let you know the date once booked.

Friday 13th May was a very busy day in school!

Dove Valley Hockey

By Amelia B-B, Katie P and Tess P.

On Friday 13th May two year six teams were able to participate in the Dove Valley Hockey Tournament at Shobnall. We were split two ways – 6P and 6M.

6P team: Jack T, Joe A, Amelia B-B, Noah O'B, Katie P, Reeve E, Jamie B and Harvey R.

6M team: Jack C, Shayden T, Leah P, Archie C, Jake T, Stephanie K, Ed W and Tess P.

Both teams did extremely well; getting to the quarter finals where both teams excelled and made it to the semi-finals which meant they had to play each other. There was nothing to choose between them – full time; extra time; penalties! We only had 8 seconds to score a goal against the opposite goalie (Archie C for 6M and Jack T for 6P who both did an amazing job!) it was that close it went to the last person for 6P.

Amelia B-B had to score to take 6P through to the finals – she did it!



Sponsored Skip / Spell / Times tables Challenge

Thank you again for your huge generosity in this event! Our updated total is now £3,711.67. Please upload remaining sponsorship money collected on to ParentPay by Monday 23rd May. We will keep you updated about how your sponsorship is spent.

Thank you.

Bags2School

Thanks to your contributions, we made £108.80!

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6P met John of Rolleston in the final. Again it was so close. They were a very strong team but we

managed to hold them, to take us to extra time. Sadly, with five seconds to spare, they scored a spectacular goal which meant they had won the trophy but we proudly brought home the runners up shield and medals!

Poole's Cavern & Outdoor Genius

On Friday 13th May Year 3 went to Buxton to explore a cave:

Caitlin C – The archaeological dig was amazing. You could see all the stalagmites dripping. I liked the ice cream (the boulders with calcite).

They also went temple hunting:

Joseph L. – When we did the searching for the temple, I got tired because of the long walk but it was totally worth it because of the fab views from when you got to the top.

Year 6 Circus Workshop

Written by Frances C and Courtney-Mae B

On Friday 13th May, Winston (a circus instructor) came to Thomas Russell Junior School for a marvellous circus performance and also taught year 6 some fantastic circus skills. These skills included: feather balancing; tight rope walking; plate spinning; the diablo; silk cloths and flower sticks.

All children had an opportunity to try each act throughout the day. The most enjoyable acts were flower sticks and tightrope walking - one child managed to balance on the tightrope for 17 seconds, which seemed like a very long time!

The hardest skill to learn was the Diablo as it was always winding itself into a knot!

Winston had a pet elephant; not a real one - a cuddly toy that guarded the magic boxes and was constantly shrieking. We had an excellent experience, jam packed with lots of fun and excitable activities. We hope for Winston to visit us again to teach us lots more skills.

Friends of TRJS

Sports Day - Refreshments will be served throughout the day. If anyone could volunteer for a half hour slot to assist please contact Steph, Jayne or email friends@trjs.co.uk We have one person manning the stall all day so any extra volunteers will be as a second helper and can leave the stall should their child's race be starting or the next person not come on time.

Cake donations of homemade or shop bought cakes very gratefully received on Sports Day morning. Second hand uniform will be on sale, all items are £1 and there will be an honesty box for money. If anyone has a simple clothes rail we could borrow for the day please let us know.

After it was suggested at the Friends meeting a WhatsApp group has been created for another way of keeping in touch / reminders / requests should anyone want to be contacted in this way they can email their mobile number to friends@trjs.co.uk

Sports Day

The children will have brought home a programme of events for the day which is highlighted to show the races they are entered into.

Please ensure that children have their house colour t-shirt, black shorts and trainers in school for the practices and event.

Diary Dates

<i>Fri 27th May (all day)</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>
	<i>HALF TERM</i>
	<i>Back to School</i>
<i>Tues 7th June</i>	<i>My Money - Maths Parent Workshop 3.45 – 4.45pm</i>
<i>Tues 14th June (after school)</i>	<i>Duathlon</i>
<i>Wed 15th June</i>	<i>Parent Forum</i>
<i>Sat 18th – Sun 19th June</i>	<i>Barton Open Gardens Weekend (inc. Scarecrow Competition)</i>
<i>Fri 1st, Mon 4th & Tues 5th July</i>	<i>Y6 to JTHS Transition Days</i>
<i>Wed 6th – Fri 8th July</i>	<i>Y6 to PGL</i>
<i>Fri 15th July</i>	<i>Summer Term Reports</i>
<i>Mon 18th July</i>	<i>Move up Morning</i>
<i>Fri 22nd July</i>	<i>10:00am – Leavers' Assembly 3:15pm – Leavers' Parade Break up for Summer</i>
<i>Tues 6th Sept</i>	<i>Back to School</i>

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

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