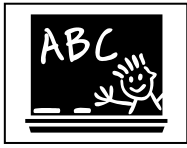


Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



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Infant Transition

This week the Y3 team and I received a really warm welcome at the Infant School as we met most of the new Year 3 children who will join us in September.

We also held our Transition meeting here on Thursday for parents - this can be an apprehensive time for them too, so if you do see any worried faces I am sure a reassuring word or friendly smile from existing parents will really help.

It was lovely to recognise some familiar faces from our Open Morning, to welcome back some 'old' faces from children past and obviously to meet some new parents for the first time.

We would like to offer everyone who is joining us a very warm welcome and we hope you are really happy.

Swimming Success

On Friday 17th June, 16 children represented

Thomas Russell Junior School at the

2016 Schools' Gala. They were:

Y3 - Mica C, Holly H, Beau W, George K

Y4 - Will S, Harrison J, Ruby W, Evelyn H

Y5 - Ella C, Ella H, Isaac G, Aidan J

Y6 - Max C, Noah O'B, Alex A, Katie S

The evening is always a very exciting affair and this one was no exception. TRJS made a pleasing start, with a couple of children securing PBs and some dramatic first place wins. There were some hotly contested races, but we managed to keep clocking up the fast times to build a strong lead. The team were praised for their excellent attitude and the way they supported each other. Congratulations to the swim team, thank you to all of the parents who braved the humidity & noise to support and thank you to Mrs Owen and Mrs Jackson for your organisation. A brilliant achievement to retain the winners' cup for the 3rd consecutive year!

Links to Learning

Our assembly theme this week was: **Your World, My World**

With the objective: *to research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events.*

This linked really nicely with the EU Referendum vote. We have been so pleased and impressed with the children's interest, understanding and knowledge on the whole debate. We have seen the children passionately defend their own stance and that of their individual families, whilst listening with interest at pros and cons for 'Remain' and 'Leave'. Please do have a conversation with your child about their understanding if you haven't already - we are sure you will be as impressed as we have been.

Today, children have some... "What happens next...?" questions which you may be able to answer too.

Dove Valley Rounders Tournament
At John of Rolleston
By Olivia & Steph

On Tuesday 21st June, Jamie (c), Reeve, Jake, Max, Jack, Archie, Olivia, Stephanie, Amelia and Megan went to John of Rolleston School to compete in a competitive rounders tournament. First Match: Thomas Russell Junior vs Richard Wakefield. The coin was flipped; we got off to a flying start thanks to our batting stars. Having scored a whopping 9 ½ rounders - which led to us to victory - it was time to field. We did a great job, only letting them score 4 ½ rounders.

Second Match: Thomas Russell Junior vs Moseley. After our sensational previous match. morals were high; then we won again 7 ½ to 4 ½

.Third Match: Thomas Russell Junior vs Rykneld. This time the match was a tough one to win - but we did it! However, we didn't think that one of our 7 ½ rounders had counted because Olivia took a dive when running to 4th post and Max overtook her to win a rounder! Luckily it counted. Final result 7 ½ - 3 ½.

Semi-final: Thomas Russell Junior vs John of Rollston. Facing the home team on their turf was going to be hard. Extremely hard. We batted first again, with a disappointing 3 ½ rounders, we knew we had to be tight on the fielding. We did exactly that. They had one batter left in and everyone knew if they got more than ½ a rounder then we would be packing our bags and heading home. The last person on the opposing team hit the ball; Archie threw it to Reeve, who was on first post then to Stephanie on second, which was the benchmark, the girl was on her way and BANG! That was the sound of Stephanie stumping her out. YAY, that was the sound of TRJS going to the final. The result ending up as 3 ½ - 3.

The Final: Thomas Russell Junior vs Yoxall. It seemed weird going up against a team that had players that most of us knew, but we had to forget that they were our friends and imagine them being our enemies, seeing as they had won last year. They were winning 4 ½ to 4 but luckily for us they got ½ a rounder taken off for obstruction. So it went to extra-time. Thank heavens that they had their half rounder taken off them because in extra-time we WON 2 ½ -2; we took home the golden prize - the shield!

Thank you to Mrs Rumsey and Mrs David for their organisation and commitment to sporting achievements at TRJS.

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Duathlon

The revised date for the Duathlon is now Wednesday 13th July. Sincere apologies for any confusion that changing the date has caused.

Diary Dates

<i>Tues 28th June</i>	<i>Dove Valley Athletics</i>
<i>Fri 1st July</i>	<i>Please ensure you have uploaded responses to Parent View by today. www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk</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>Tues 12th July</i>	<i>Y6 Transition Evening at JTHS</i>
<i>Wed 13th July</i>	<i>Duathlon – FULL Personal race information as previously circulated.</i>
<i>Fri 15th July</i>	<i>Summer Term Reports</i>
<i>Mon 18th July</i>	<i>Move up Morning Dove Valley Cricket</i>
<i>Tues 19th July</i>	<i>Music Concert at JTHS Selected choir and Y6 musicians</i>
<i>Thurs 21st July</i>	<i>Y6 Leaver's Disco Helpers required: friends@trjs.co.uk</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