



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No. 30 - 8th May 2015



Dates for your Diary

- 13th May - RR class assembly to parents 9.15am
- 14th May - RL parent lunch 11.30am
- 15th May - PTA Film night 3.30pm
- 18th May - PTA AGM 7.30pm
- 21st May - RL class assembly to parents 9.15am
- 21st May - RR parent lunch 11.30am
- 22nd May - PTA sponsored event
- 22nd May - Break up for half term
- 1st June - Inset day



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Dance Show success

Well done to all our children who travelled to Abbots Bromley Girls' school on Thursday night for the dance show. The children were ably choreographed by dance teacher Chantelle and we were very proud of them on stage. They performed wonderfully and were a credit to the school. Lots of fun was also had, although a few tired eyes were seen this morning after the late night.

2K - Samuel Gobran for always setting a good example by settling down quickly to his work and remaining on task

2M - Summer Tyler for showing excellent football skills during our coaching sessions

1W - Oliver Taberner for writing a super letter to Jack

1S - Georgia Hanstock for making an excellent clay, plant pot

RR - Malachy Lewis for super instruction writing

RL - Tristan Sumners for being so extra kind and helpful with tidying up

Well done children!



Maypole dancing

Well done to all the year 2 children who danced, sang and performed wonderfully to our parents on Thursday. We hope everyone who came along enjoyed watching them. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Atkinson who organised the event and led all the practices; we couldn't have done it without you Mrs Atkinson; thank you so much. Thank you also to Mrs Moore and Mrs Asghar who supported Mrs Atkinson.



Mrs Farmer received an amazing cheque for £2623.00 from Mrs Lancaster who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania on 1st March. Once again, congratulations to Mrs Lancaster (mum of Megan RR) for her achievement and a huge thank you from the school and PTA for such a generous donation. We are looking forward to choosing something extra special to purchase with the proceeds.

John Taylor Young Ambassadors

We all enjoyed an assembly this week about the Rugby world cup led by 2 John Taylor students, as part of their work with local primary schools.

Reception Class Assemblies

We welcome the parents of the Reception children on the dates shown on the diary to watch a class assembly. These usually last for approximately 30 minutes and all family members are welcome to attend.

Football training

We were privileged to host over 20 football coaches today as part of our work with St George's Park coaching. All year 2 children enjoyed an hours coaching as the coaches brushed up on their assessment techniques. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed it.

Books plea!

Please can we ask for any outstanding school reading books to be returned.

We are very short of stock due to people holding on to books.

Thank you



Spot Light On.....

At this time of the year, all year 2 teachers are busy gathering end of year information about their pupils, to support a judgement on their achievement, which is then reported to the Department for Education.

These judgements are based on teacher assessments made throughout the year, but the children also have to complete some test papers as further evidence. We attempt to keep this as low key as possible so as to not worry the children. Our year 2 children have been working on these this week and will continue throughout next week. Final judgements are verified through a process of verification and moderation carried out by external advisors. Parents will receive the final judgements enclosed with their child's end of year report.

PTA News

A reminder that the PTA AGM will be held in school at 7.30pm on Monday 18th May, everyone is welcome to come along. The PTA are currently organising the summer fare and are in need of some really good raffle prizes. We are always very grateful for any items but are looking for a kind donation of a larger 'wow' prize if anyone can help out with this in anyway please speak to a member of the PTA or one of the Co-Heads. Many thanks in advance.

Film Night—Friday 15th May

Hopefully everyone has now received information about our next PTA film night. The children attending will visit the toilet at the end of school, have a drink from their water bottles and then be escorted to the hall, where they will then have a snack before relaxing and enjoying the film. These events can only take place with the help of parents so any extra offers to come and help supervise the children would be gratefully received. As always, please be patient as we dismiss the children, as this can take a little time, so that we ensure every child goes home safely with the right parent. If your child is being taken home by somebody else then please ensure you have informed the school by including it on the booking slip or sending in a note. Collection is at 5.10pm. Many thanks.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton