

Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Year 1 Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 1 children for their class assembly on Thursday morning. Every child had a speaking part and could be heard by the audience. They amused us with their singing and amazed us with their writing and reciting of poetry, reading and acting. We also learnt lots of facts about plants! Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended.



Goal!

Some of our children helped Mr Morley carry our new goal nets onto the field this week— part of our most recent Sports Premium spending. The government currently gives all primary schools a financial allocation to encourage daily physical activity.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

Year 2—letter re Change4Life festival—please return permission slip!

Years 1 & 2—French tuition information

Bags2Schools bag—please fill and return on Monday 16 May to raise funds for the PTA

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 May—BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3 May—Maypole dancing

Friday 6 May—Year 2 to Change4Life festival

Friday 6 May—PTA Beetle Drive

Monday 16 May—Bags2Schools collection

Wednesday 25 May—meeting for new Reception parents 7pm

Wednesday 29 June—Sports Day & summer fayre

Maypole Dancing

Just a quick reminder that next Tuesday, 3rd May at 2.30pm, the Year 2 country dancing club will be performing their dances for May Day. The weather forecast for Tuesday is at present not looking too promising, which may mean the event is held in the hall and only parents and relatives of dancers can attend. We will let you know on Tuesday by text what the final decision is! Please note: there will be no country dancing after school on Tuesday.

Bags2Schools

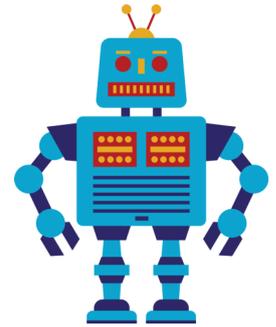
We will be doing another collection on 16 May to raise money for school. Please have a hunt round for any unwanted clothes, pop in the bag and bring in to school on Monday 16 May. Thank you!

Year 2 Assessment Meeting

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting on Thursday: we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, then please follow the link on the school website to view the Powerpoint presentation. In addition, a Government handout can be collected from the school office.

Robot making fun

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Harvey and members of the PTA for two fun, after-school sessions of Robot building! The children certainly enjoyed them and hopefully lots of small, wobbly bugs made it home safely.!



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL— Grace Gardner for trying hard when writing speech bubbles.

1K—Lennon Allen for making a fantastic effort with his reading.

1S—William Brennan for super effort in his story writing.

2W—Connie Ward for super comprehension skills in reading.

2M—Harrison Gee for super science work about our pea planting experiment

2M—Jake Boulter for lovely letter writing from Duncan to the beige crayon

*Well done, children—
keep up the good work!*

Story Massage Training for parents of pupils with a special educational need

Overview of the Story Massage

A practical workshop for use for parents/carers.

Learn 10 simple massage movements to stories, nursery rhymes and poems in a non-intrusive manner. Each action is concentrated on the shoulders, back, arms and head over clothing.

Amongst other benefits story massage has proven to:

- Improve concentration
- Increase self-confidence
- Improve communication
- Relieve anxiety and help calm children

This training is available to parents of all children with a special educational need but in particular it will be of benefit to parents of pupils on the Autistic spectrum. It will be held on Monday 23rd May 2016 and start at 9.30am at Rykneld Primary School. Tracy Munday from Skillshare is funding this training and coffee and biscuits will be available until 10am. The training will last approximately 2hrs with a coffee break and a free light lunch will be served afterwards. Please ask at Thomas Russell Infants School Office for a booking form. Complete this and return it at your earliest convenience to reserve a place. I hope you will be able to join us.

For further information, please contact:
skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk

Abbots Bromley Dance Show

We have found out that the website details for the photographs from last week's show will not be available until next week. We will hopefully be able to share some of the photographs with you on next week's newsletter.

DON'T FORGET!

School is closed on Monday 2 May for the Bank Holiday.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend!

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton