



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Sports Day Stars!

What a wonderful afternoon we had! What a difference a day makes; even the sun shone at times. Well done to all of the children for their enthusiasm, determination and team work and to the parents for their encouragement and cheering. All four teams did a super job, with all scoring well over 1000 points. The final positions were as follows:
4th place - Robins, 3rd place—Swans, 2nd place—Penguins, 1st place Owls.

We do know that a number of parents were unable to make it because of the change of date but we hope you understand that the diary is just so busy at this time of the year that we have to take a chance when we get one; so with a dry day forecast, Thursday was the day. We had a chat as a whole school, prior to starting, about the fact that some children would not have their family members watching but that we would all be cheering for everybody!

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 4 July—Y2 children to Juniors for the day
- Friday 8 July—Reports to parents
- Monday 11 July 2.30-5.00 Open session for parents who wish to discuss reports
- Tuesday 12 July—2.30-3.15 Current Reception parents to meet Y1 teachers (please note that last week's newsletter stated for Y1 and Y2 parents which was an error)
- Thursday 14 July—Open morning at Juniors for parents and Y2 children
- Monday 18 July—Leavers' party after school
- Tuesday 19 July—Leavers' assembly 2pm
- Friday 22 July—Last day of term

We don't let the weather bother us!

Despite the rain and cold, a fantastic time was had at the summer fayre on Wednesday. A HUGE thank you to Rebecca Sumners and the fantastic team who pulled together and adapted everything at the last minute because of the weather, to ensure the fayre was still a huge success. The Magical Mayhem and pony rides were extremely popular and a special thank you has to go to Donna Doyle and Kirsty Heathcote for bringing their ponies along as a special treat. We really are grateful to everyone who pulled together to ensure the event took place after the uncertainty of a couple of months ago. Well done, team! Thank you also to all of the individuals and businesses who donated a raffle prize—it was much appreciated.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Parent governor ballot form—please return by Friday 8 July
- Reception & Year 1—class organisation for September letter + information sheet for Y1 parents
- Year 2—after-school club letter for Thomas Russell Juniors

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL— Joshua Drayton for writing about a 'Pirate Adventure'.

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1K— Harrison Mitchell for super work in our history topic.

1K— Chloe Butler for a super attitude to her learning.

1S— Alice Rice for always working hard in everything she does.

2W— Ruby Morrison for working hard with her reading.

2W— Leandro Da Rosa for a good understanding of the differences between trains today and in the past.

2M— Evie Woods for good progress in maths.

2M— Abigail Patrick for super adventure story writing.

Well done, children—keep up the good work!

Dogs

Can we please ask that if you bring a dog on the school run that you tie them up away from the pedestrian entrance/ exit, ensuring that leads do not stretch to the path. Some children can be quite frightened of dogs (however friendly they are) so we ask that they are kept away from the pathway while unsupervised. Thank you.

Community news

- Barton Library are hosting a Health Information Week, commencing Monday 4th July. Please bring your child along on Wednesday 6th July (pm only) and Saturday 9th July (am only), and receive a free piece of fruit kindly donated by the Co-op store. This is to promote the Healthy Living Week taking place at the library.

Barton Churches Together have their monthly meeting the Light Factory for 5–10 year olds on the first Friday of each month (exceptions may be August and January – check first). All children within this age range are welcome to attend for a session of fun, friendship, faith, and lots of laughter.

Where – Barton Methodist Church Time – 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm Cost - 50p per session

Come when you can; just turn up with an adult to book child in – over 10s welcome as Junior Helpers. Next meeting July 1st— further info from Jill on 01283 712809 or Meg on 01283 711051.

News in brief...

Strike Action

You may be aware that the National Union of Teachers is planning on taking industrial action on Tuesday 5th July. We would like to inform you that none of our teachers have chosen to take strike action, so all classes will go ahead as usual on this day.

Moving on up...

Year 2 enjoyed their first visit to the junior school this week and all came back very excited. They enjoyed games with the Year 3 children and a swim in the pool before returning back to the infants. The staff commented on their lovely manners and great behaviour, so well done children!

A message from the PTA

The TRISPTA and summer fayre planning team would like to give a big 'thank you' to those who helped us before and during the event. We were overwhelmed by peoples support and enthusiasm which helped to make it such a success, we just wanted you to have fun and raise some money for our wonderful school. Thank you also to those of you who braved the weather to come to the event. We hope you enjoyed it!!!!

Parent Governor Election

Please cast your vote using the ballot paper in your child's book bag today—all parents and carers are entitled to one vote each. Deadline for voting is midday on Friday 8 July.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton