



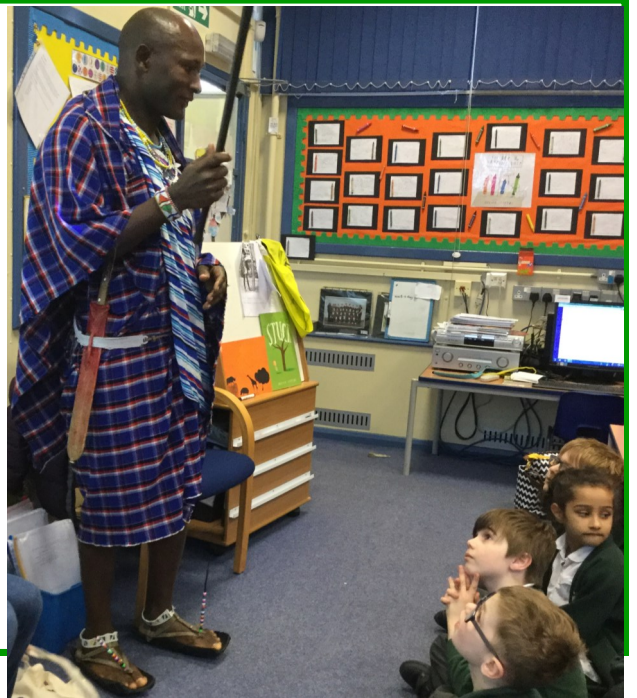
Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Masai Visit Year 2 "Supai" - Hello

Year 2 had an exciting afternoon learning about their visitor's lifestyle and traditions. He lives in the countryside with cattle and makes his house out of trees and cow manure! He sleeps on cow skins and makes his own jewellery; he eats cows meat and drinks cows blood and milk.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 February - Break up for half-term at 3.15

Monday 27 February - Back to school

Tuesday 28 February - Pancake Race 11.00

Thursday 2 March - World book day

Friday 3 March - PTA Wine tasting

Tuesday 14 March - Class Photographs

Friday 17 March - RR Parent Lunch 11.40

PTA Film night 3.15 - 5.30

Friday 24 March - Comic Relief day

Friday 31 March - RM Parent Lunch 11.40

Tuesday 27 June - Sports day

(reserve day Thursday 6th July)

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- ◆ How food smart are you? booklet
- ◆ Primary Times
- ◆ Dash booklet
- ◆ School Vision Test letter (Reception only)
- ◆ Burton Albion leaflet—Girls only

Reminder

Country dancing is cancelled on the 14th of February.

Internet safety day - 7th February 2017

Tuesday was an important day nationally and if you saw the news on Tuesday it highlighted just how many schools were involved in activities to encourage children to be safe users of the internet. Mrs Mears (our 'personal, social and health education' leader in school) delivered an assembly to encourage our youngsters to do just that. Just because our children are young does not mean that we shouldn't be thinking and talking about how to keep them safe as many now have access to a tablet or a computer even at this age. At this young age the messages are kept simple:

Be the change

Play your part in making the internet a better place. Be positive, show respect and help people if they are upset.

Be sensible

Always tell a trusted adult if you are ever worried or upset by something that happens online. They are always there for you to ask for help if you are unsure about anything you see online.

Be careful

Keep your personal information safe and check with an adult before you share anything online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

Be aware

Make sure you know the rules about how to behave and stay safe on the sites, games and apps you use. Look out for buttons that let you block, mute and report other users who aren't behaving.

Be a detective

The internet is full of brilliant things to watch, explore and learn from but not everything or everyone online can be trusted. Think carefully by checking at least three different websites for your information and talking to someone about what you have seen to see if they agree.

Be safe

Never agree to meet up offline with someone you only know online. No matter how friendly they might seem or how well you think you know them, they are still a stranger. Always tell a trusted adult if someone online asks to meet up.

Research by UK Safer Internet Centre highlights the positive and negative impact of online images and videos on young people

- The majority of children (84%) aged 8-17 have shared a photo online, with 1 in 6 doing so in the last hour
- 4 in 5 young people have been inspired by an online image or video to take positive action
- But more than 1 in 5 have been bullied with images or videos online and 70% have seen images and videos not suitable for their age

If you have a child in our school and they are your eldest child you might be surprised to learn just how many children have facetimeing and text messaging facilities by the time they are in the lower end of the junior school. This can also lead on to sharing sites for music and videos they make with their friends and games where they can communicate with friends while playing. Parents are sometimes unaware that children could potentially be communicating with strangers on these sites or sharing images and videos with strangers.

We hope to provide an e safety awareness session in the very near future for parents which is always a real eye opener, highlighting to parents the potential risks for children of all ages. We will keep you informed of dates via the newsletter.

Pancake Race

On Tuesday 28th February we will be holding our annual Pancake Race in the village to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and begin our Lent story. Year 2 children are asked to please bring to school a light-weight frying pan with a real pancake in it. Weather permitting, the whole school will walk to the crossing outside The Middle Bell to begin the races. Year 1 and Reception classes will cheer the Year 2 children on from the pavements (they will be standing on the right-hand side of the street as we walk from school, alongside the florist). The Year 2s will take part in a short race which we hope they will all enjoy. Please come along to support the children and take part in this tradition which has been part of our school for many, many years! We have been informed that the races will start at 11.00 am.

Road safety

We have had a call from a local resident who was concerned about both parking and the safety of children on the road at the start and end of school. Their particular concern was parking on the bend on Station Road outside school, where they witnessed a child being taken out of a car on the road side rather than the much safer pavement side.

We make regular pleas for safe and considerate parking near school and have always encouraged everyone who can walk part or all of the way to school to do so. The volume of traffic near school remains a huge concern for us, and we rely on parents and carers to be vigilant in their road safety.

Eye Test - Reception Classes

Reception children will be offered a routine eye test during the year. Please see book bags for more information.

Ahoy There, Shipmates!

Reception Pirate Day

On Thursday 16th February reception children are having a pirate themed day with lots of fun activities planned. Children may come to school dressed as a pirate or wear black trousers with a red or striped "T" shirt or anything similar will be fine!



Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We are recruiting for an additional Lunchtime Supervisor with immediate effect. We require someone to work every **Wednesday and Friday** from **12.00 - 1.20 pm** with additional cover work on offer for holidays and absence.

This is a really rewarding position, working with a supportive team and delightful children.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in finding out a little more about this role, please catch one of the Co-Headteachers to have a chat or call the school office.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton