



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Going green!

We were delighted this week to welcome Adam Barber from Mellors—the company that provides our catering service—into school to meet with our Green and Clean Team. Some Year 2 children had written to us before Christmas, concerned about the amount of non-recyclable plastic being used in our kitchen and produced by Mellors Catering company.

There were three big areas we wanted addressing and we are so pleased to report our concerns have been taken seriously:

- All non-recyclable tomato sauce sachets will be replaced with large squeeze refillable bottles
- All non-recyclable small plastic dishes which are used to serve fruit, jelly and mousse in are being replaced with re-usable bowls
- Mellors will look at replacing non-recyclable one-use plastic yogurt pots with homemade yogurt

This is amazing—the team of children leading this are so pleased! Adam talked to the children about all the ways Mellors as a company are working hard to be sustainable and green in all areas. The Green and Clean team will continue to look for ways to cut waste and help the environment.



Notes & Reminders!

- Next Wednesday, Year 1 are off to Mexico! The children are invited to come in wearing red, green and/or white—the colours of the Mexican flag.
- Country dancing starts next Tuesday 4 February.
- We raised the amazing sum of £331.92 for the Poppy Appeal last November—the most ever! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 3 Feb	Reception meeting 6-7pm
Wed 5 Feb	Y1 Mexico Day
Thu 6 Feb	2W visit to church
Fri 7 Feb	NSPCC Number Day (non-uniform day)
Thu 13 Feb	Break up for half-term
Fri 14 Feb	School closed to pupils (Inset day)
Mon 24 Feb	Back to school
Tue 25 Feb	Village Pancake race
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 27 Mar	Y1 trip to Rosliston
Wed 1 Apr	RM parents Forest School
Thu 2 April	Easter church service
Fri 3 Apr	Break up for Easter

IN BOOK BAGS

- ◆ PTA Valentine disco leaflet

NSPCC Number Day Friday 7th February

Following on from previous year's success, we're asking the children to make a model or picture of their house number at home and bring it in on the day for classroom activities. If your house doesn't have a number, just pick one!

It's also a non-uniform day with a numbers theme - anything with a number/s on - in return for a donation to the NSPCC. Thank you!

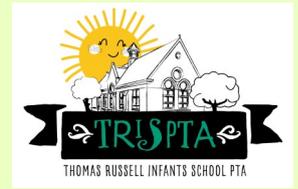


PTA News

Thursday 13th February - Valentine Disco letters are in book bags today. On the letter there is a space to volunteer; the Halloween disco had so many volunteers and we need you again!! If you can, please come along and help us—that would be great.

The 50/50 winner this term is Alan Henschcliffe. Hope you have a fab weekend!

From the Thomas Russell Infants' School PTA
Kate, Katie, Rhian, Katy and Sam (Co-Chairs)
Vicki (Treasurer)



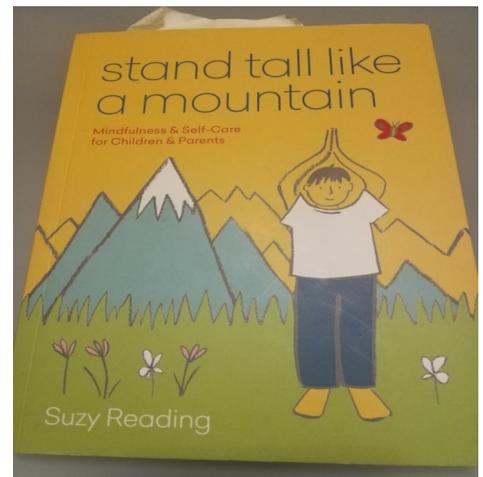
Wellbeing

At TRIS, the wellbeing of our children and staff is extremely important and we are always looking at ways to enhance what we already do.

With this in mind, over the last eight months we have been working hard towards the WAS award (Wellbeing Award in School). This has allowed us to highlight things that we do on a daily/weekly basis within our lessons with the children. All staff have regular training on how to incorporate the five factors to help children's wellbeing into everyday teaching.

As part of this training programme, Mrs Farmer has attended a one day mental health first aid training and Mrs Warner and Miss Hollender have attended a two day course on the same subject. This training has highlighted the importance of good wellbeing from an early age.

There are many books that are available to give you ideas for how parents can help to enhance children's wellbeing at home. We would highly recommend "Stand tall like a mountain" by Suzy Reading. It has great practical ideas for children, along with ideas to help you as a parent/family. Enjoy spending time together!



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer