



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Year 1 Fire Engine visit

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the crew at Barton fire station on Tuesday when the firefighters brought the fire engine to school. They showed the children the different equipment that they use in their fire and rescue work. The highlight for the children was being able to sit in the fire engine and listening to the siren!

The crew at Barton are all retained firefighters which means that they aren't based at the station on a full time basis. They have other professions and jobs that they do alongside being on call for emergencies. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the firefighters who came for taking time off from their 'other' jobs to give the children such a lovely experience.





Stars of the week



RC - Charlie for curious questions about World Book Day

RT - Theodore for confidently asking questions!

2MS - Eva for hearing a bird in Forest School and being curious to find out what it was

2MS - Millie for wondering what a squirrel would need in its home

2MS - Felicity for wondering what a squirrel would need in its home

2W - Alice for showing wonderful curiosity during design and technology lessons



Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection. It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.



The British Science Week 2024 Poster Competition is now open!



The theme this year is 'Time'. Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature - lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation - nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself - what was life like 30 years ago?

Here are some points and questions to get you going:

- Get children to think about their own time - how do they spend it? At home, out playing in the park, arts and crafts, learning at school?
- What about time in the world, and beyond?
- How do we measure time - seconds, days, seasons, centuries?
- Are there any scientists they know of whose work relates to time?

How will the posters be judged?

Members of the British Science Association will shortlist entries, and a panel of judges will select a winner in each category. The two runners up in each category will be uploaded to the British Science Association Facebook page and the public will decide on a fifth 'popular vote' winner.

- Creativity in approach - Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme - don't be afraid to think outside the box
- Content - Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- Effective communication - presented and communicated in an engaging way

The winners receive a range of prizes, including books, science games and STEM playsets.

Key information:

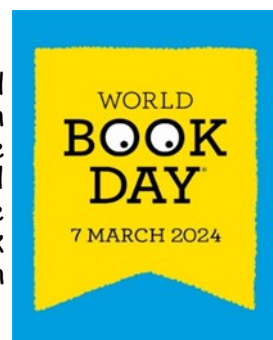
- Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only
- Work must be original and created by the students

All posters must be submitted to Miss Cooper by **Friday 22nd March**

World Book Day

The children had a wonderful day celebrating all things 'books' for World Book Day. There were some amazing costumes and very comfy pyjamas on display on the day. In the morning the children had a surprise visit from one of the teachers to read them a story. They also had fun guessing the masked reader on our World Book Day quiz and solving book themed riddles. In the afternoon the children split into their colour teams and worked on a book theme to create some wonderful artwork. They showcased their artwork in assembly and all the teams had an enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you also goes to Jo and her team in the kitchen who joined in the fun with a lucky plate competition and World Book Day themed cupcakes!



Toilet Roll character competition

What a tricky decision it was to judge the competition. There were so many wonderful entries with such great creativity and imagination. Thank you to all the children who took part.

The winners are;

Ayla T- RC Ben M - RT Alyssa F - 1L Charlie H - 1SB

Alice H - 2W Poppy N- 2MS

Ben M has been chosen as the overall winner and will be entered into the JTMAT competition.



Recommended Reads

Our recommendation this week is from Mrs Walker. The book is Albert Le Blanc by Nick Butterworth.

I love this book as it brings back many happy memories of reading it to my own children when they were young. It's such a beautiful book about friendship and how the toys try to cheer up Albert Le Blanc as he has the saddest face they've ever seen.



You can listen to the book being read at <https://youtu.be/OJoraPaHzxw?feature=shared>

Year 1 music performance to parents

This is just a reminder for Year 1 parents that the children will be showcasing their musical skills in an assembly on Monday the 18th March. The event will start at 1.30 for parents of children in 1SB

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

This will be a non-uniform day and children are welcome to choose their outfit for the day or to wear something red! We are aware that we have only recently asked for donations for the NSPCC number day so please don't feel that your child has to bring a donation into school. If anyone chooses to then we will ensure that they are sent to comic relief.



Don't forget



We would like to invite all of the children to join us on March 21st in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing their funkiest socks along with their usual school uniform to raise awareness of Down Syndrome.

Eid 2024

We will soon be approaching the celebration of Eid. It is understood that this is likely to fall on or near 10th April 2024 and therefore there may be an absence from school required. If any parents feel that their child may be absent from school due to Eid celebrations, please can we request that a leave of absence form is completed in advance. A form can be obtained from the school office. For your information, as per JTMAT policies, we are only able to authorise **one day of absence** for religious observance.

Raring2go Magazine

The first edition of the year is available to view at raring2go.co.uk



Toilet Roll Competition entries -





Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 11th March will be Week 3 Revised Menu

Wed 13 March - Parent consultations

Thu 14 March - Parent consultations

Fri 15 March - Red Nose Day

Mon 18 March - Y1 Music performance to parents 1SB at 1.30pm & 1L at 2.10pm

Thurs 21 March - World Down Syndrome Day
(wear your funkiest socks)

Thu 21 March - Easter assembly in church 2pm

Fri 22 March - Last day of term

Mon 8th April - Back to school new term starts

Mon 6th May - Bank holiday

Fri 10 May - Country dancing and whole school singing to parents 2.30pm

Thurs 23 May - 1SB parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

Fri 24 May - Inset Day school closed to pupils

Mon 27 May - Fri 31st May - Half term
(school closed)

Tues 4 June - 2MS parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

Thurs 6 June - 1L parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

Wed 12 June - Sports Day & Summer Fair

Wed 26 June - Reserve Sports day

Fri 5 July - Inset Day - JTMAT Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Wed 17 July - Year 2 leavers assembly to parents 2.00pm

Thurs 18 July - Year 2 leavers party 3.15-5.00pm

Fri 19 July - School closes

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore