

Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Barton and Dunstall Key Trust

We have been very fortunate to have been given a very generous donation from the Barton and Dunstall Key Trust. As you know, our Reception children play outside in all weathers but the muddy area was causing a lot of issues for us so we are delighted to have been able to replace it with an all weather surface. As you can see the children certainly think it's a big hit!

The donation has also enabled us to buy sensory equipment for each classroom and some planters for the quad area (outside the Co-Headteachers office). We're looking forward to planting these up with some scented plants and herbs over the coming weeks.

We would like to give a big thank you to the Key Trust for this donation and for their support.





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Forest school



At last it was a very sunny Forest School this week! The children were practicing knots and building a tarpaulin shelter and a zip wire for the woodland friends! In geography 2W had been comparing houses in Barton with houses in Nairobi, some children decided to try and recreate a traditional mud hut.

Uniform Expectations

Please could we remind all parents that on PE days only school jumpers or cardigans or tops in the team colour should be worn to school. Cropped t-shirts are not suitable for PE or Forest School. Could we also please ask that fancy hair accessories are not worn to school. Accessories in school colours or simple headbands or bobbles are acceptable.

Hopefully, we are now heading into the warmer months so children can wear grey school shorts or green and white school dresses if they so choose. Sensible sandals are acceptable, but we would suggest these are worn with socks for comfort.

Warmer weather

As the weather promises to get better over the coming week or so, please can we ask that you apply sun cream before your child comes to school when sunny days are forecast. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle and sun hat in school.

If your child needs to reapply cream during the day then they can keep a tube/bottle in their tray, but please note that staff are not permitted to put cream on for them.

We make as much use of our field as possible when the weather allows and we will always keep an eye on weather conditions and restrict time outside in the sun as the temperature rises.

As we all know, living in the UK we can experience all weathers in one day so please could children still bring a rain coat to school for showery weather.





The JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award

The JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award can be nominated for at any point in the academic year, based on the following criteria:-

Primary

County, National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months

Grade 1 at KS1 or Grade 3 plus level in music or singing at KS2. Performing in televised programme/ film or National stage production

Fundraising for a charity over £2000

Success in overcoming adversity



Parents, carers and staff can all make a nomination using the above criteria. If you would like a nomination form or more information then please speak to Mrs Moore or Mrs Burton. If successful, pupils will be given a very special gold pin badge award and certificate of exceptional achievement.

We very much look forward to seeing our school community embrace this opportunity and celebrate those who achieve the award.

JTMAT Subject Excellence

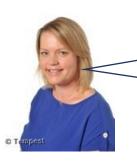
We are delighted to announce that Aemilia in Year 2 is the overall winner of the JTMAT Subject Excellence Business project. This is actually the second subject excellent award that Aemilia has won—last year she won the science subject excellence project!

This afternoon Jon Newbold from Hawkins Logistics will be coming to our achievement assembly to present Aemilia with her award. Jon was the judge for the award. We'll have some photos in next week's newsletter.

Well done to Hugo and Ben in Year 2 who were runners up in the Business project.

Recommended Reads

Our recommendation this week is from Mrs Garratt. The book is I am Oliver the Otter by Pam Ayres.



I love books about animals and nature. This book is interesting as it has information about different types of otters and the environment they live in. I love the idea of being a mud detective and spotting animal footprints on the river bank.

You can listen to the book being read at

https://youtu.be/Ij_KGMsym4q?feature=shared

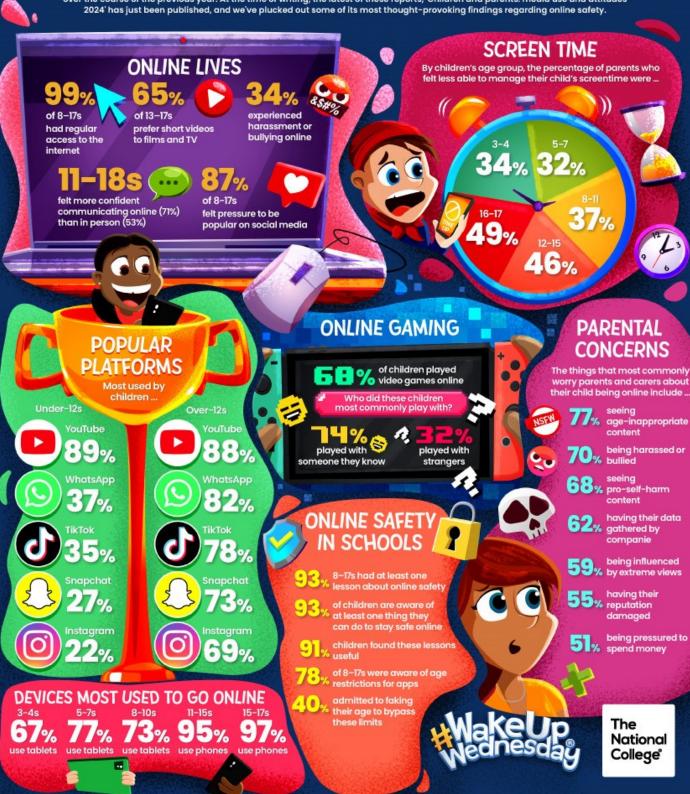


At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit national college.com.

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.



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Achievements from home

Well done to Henry in 1L who ran his personal best time of 11 minutes and 17 seconds at Junior Park Run, beating his previous best time by 50 seconds. He's going to keep running on Sundays to try and better this time and earn his marathon wristband next. We'll look forward to him bringing this into school to share with us.

Please don't forget that we are always keen to share the children's achievements from outside of school in our Friday afternoon assembly.

Country dancing and whole school singing

Next Friday afternoon the whole school will be singing while the country dancers perform for everyone. We will open the gates at 2.20pm with the children starting to perform at 2.30pm. After we have finished children will be dismissed from their classes in the normal way. Unfortunately, if the weather isn't on our side then we will need to cancel the event but we will let you know as soon as we can on Friday morning. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Barton Rovers FC



Girls Football

~ Exciting Opportunity to play Girls Football ~

Are you looking for a new activity or already interested in Football and looking for a local, friendly club?

If you are in School years 3 or 4, this opportunity could be for you!

Spaces now available in the U9's team!

Free taster sessions for you to try

Plus, other age group opportunities

for years 1 to 11

For more information, please contact Claire: girls.brfc@gmail.com or 07814-469858.



Stars of the week



RC - Matthew for persevering with putting finger spaces in his writing

1L Leo for persevering with sewing in DT

1L - Isla - Grace for persevering with sewing in DT

2W - Hugo for showing fantastic perseverance during Forest School

2W - Ted for showing fantastic perseverance during Forest School

2MS - Iga for perseverance in writing and building your writing stamina. Well done.







Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Tuesday 7th May will be Week 3

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

Thurs 23 May - Crazy hair day (bottle donations for Summer fair tombola) and after school tuck shop

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 last day of term

Have a lovely Bank Holíday weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore