



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

Newsletter number 32 26.05.2023

End of half term

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another half term! The warmer weather seems to finally have arrived and we've all got fingers crossed that it lasts for next week. This half term has been a busy one with lots going on in school that you will have seen on our newsletters or Twitter.

If your child is looking for something to keep them busy over half term then please have a look at p2 of the newsletter and encourage them to enter the latest JTMAAT Subject Excellence competition. It would be amazing for one of our classes to spend a day at the Free School working with their Science teachers!

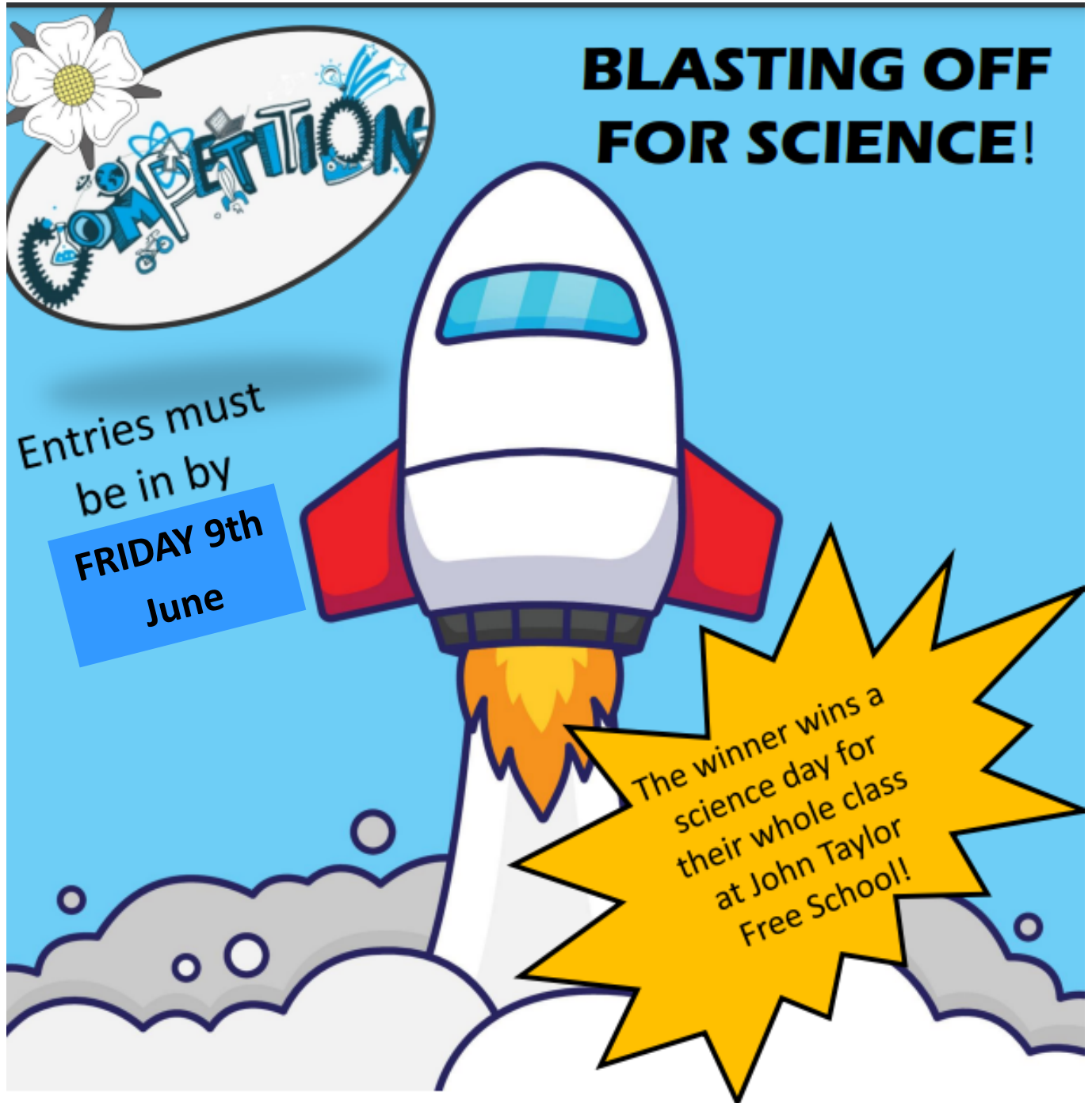
Yesterday the children enjoyed a live online draw along with Axel Sheffler who illustrated *The Gruffalo*. The children were able to learn how to draw characters from *The Gruffalo* and *A Squash and a Squeeze*.



Staffing update

At the end of the Summer term, in July, we will be very sad to say goodbye to Miss Rowley when she takes (very) early retirement. Miss Rowley has been teaching at the school for nearly 20 years and during that time she has taught in both Early Years and Year 1. She has led on forest school for all classes across school and she will be very much missed by both the staff and children. We all wish her luck with the new ventures that she is going to pursue.

We will be recruiting for Miss Rowley's replacement next half term and we will keep you updated when we have appointed someone to work along side Mrs Sutton in Year 1.



Entries must
be in by
FRIDAY 9th
June

The winner wins a
science day for
their whole class
at John Taylor
Free School!

Imagine you are a travel agent.
You must design and make a leaflet or poster to get aliens to
visit our solar system! Tell them all about each of the planets
and why you should visit them.

Email to tri-office@tri.jtmat.co.uk

Your entry will be judged by an astrophysicist and a Dr of Science!

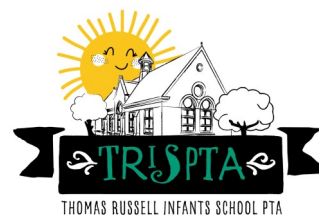
PTA News

We are really looking forward to Sports Day, letters with details of the event will be in the children's book bags. Could you please return them by Tuesday 6th June.

Please note, this will be a cash only event but we will be selling game stamp cards and raffle tickets from Tuesday 6th June before and after school using the card machine. Also, if you are able to donate any bottle, Teddies or unwanted gifts we will be collecting them that day too.

Thank you.

The PTA



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to school for our traditional sports day on Thursday 8th June. The gates will open at 1.00pm, and the event will start at 1.15pm. Everyone is welcome - but please note that we will be locking the gates once family members are on site. If you arrive after 1.15pm, please call at the school office to be admitted.



Please do take care when walking down to the field and use the steps, rather than coming down the bank, which can be slippery. All children will need to come to school in their PE kits, including a pair of trainers. Children will also need a sun-hat, sun-cream (fingers crossed!) and a full water bottle please. Grand-parents and other friends and relatives are also most welcome. If the weather is forecast to be awful then we will make a decision earlier in the week and postpone the sports day until Thursday 22nd June.

Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 5th of June is Week 1

Mon 5 Jun— Back to school

Fri 21 July - Last day of term

Thu 8 June - Sports Day 1.00pm

Summer Fair 3.30pm - 5pm

Thu 22 June - Reserve Sports Day 1.00pm

Thu 29 June - Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle

Fri 7 July - Inset Day—school closed to children

(Staff JTMAT Training Day)

Tue 11 July - Y2 music performance pm

Wed 19 July - Y2 Leavers assembly to parents
2.00pm

Thu 20 July - Leavers party 3.30pm—5.00pm



*We hope you have a wonderful half
term break*

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore