



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Welcome back

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter break. The weather has shown flashes of Summer being on the way but as we've seen this week things can change very quickly. Please could we remind you to send your children in with their coat everyday just in case the weather changes - we do like to try and get outside for playtimes and lunchtimes whenever we can.

Learning Behaviour for this half term

This term our learning behaviour is perseverance. In our assemblies we will be talking to the children about what perseverance is -

Not giving up when things get difficult. You can't do it yet!

Persist and keep going, even when you feel like giving up.

Hard-work, patience, endurance and challenge.

Trying again, and again, and again!

We look forward to seeing lots of children demonstrate perseverance during the half term and finding out in our achievement assembly how they have shown this learning behaviour.



1SB enjoyed a lovely sunny Forest School session this week. The children spotted lots of signs of spring, built dens and hunted for bugs.

Eid al-Fitr

We would like to say a belated "Eid Mubarak" to our families who celebrated this week. Eid al-Fitr, also known as the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," is the most prominent Islamic festival celebrated by 1.8 billion Muslims all over the world that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting.



Blue Peter Book Badge

We know there are lots of book lovers at Thomas Russell Infants' School so why not celebrate that by applying for a Blue Peter Book Badge? Here is some information from the website to explain how to apply:



- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

Here is a link to complete your application <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

We look forward to seeing these special badges being brought into school to share in achievement assembly.

Recommended Reads

Our recommendation this week is from Mrs Moore. The book is Sam's Sandwich by David Pelham.



This is the first ever book that I read to my first ever class, a very long time ago! It was a Reception Class, and the children loved the way the story rhymed as well as the pop up pictures.

You can listen to the book being read at

<https://youtu.be/Otljyx59dQA?feature=shared>

Forest School

RT enjoyed being in forest school this morning making bunting using leaves and flowers found on the field. The bunting will be used to decorate the reception outdoor area.



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.



Stars of the week



2MS - Amber for showing perseverance in writing and listening to feedback to improve your work

2MS - Max for showing perseverance in writing and listening to feedback to improve your work.





Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 6th May - Bank holiday

Wed 26 June - Reserve Sports day

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

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

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

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

Fri 24 May - Inset Day school closed to pupils

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

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

Fri 19 July - School closes

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

Staffordshire County Council

Please see the attached information from the council regarding School Crossing Patrol Vacancies in the area.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore