# Thomas Russell Junior School

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And so we come to the end of Week 2 ...

Happy May Day – I hope you've enjoyed the return of a little sunshine today after a fairly dull week. I know that making the most of opportunities to get outside to exercise and enjoy the fresh air will be key to keeping healthy in mind and body.

Thank you again to everyone who has been in touch. We have been genuinely astounded by the things the children are getting up to and the creative and imaginative ways they have been using their time.

We have nominated ten Rainbow Learners this week (although again, we could have picked many more!)

Please keep up your fabulous work and keep sharing with myself and your teachers.

Rainbow Learners this week: Sophie M, Ella F, Monty C, Amillie T, Noah G, Sophie D, Kenzie U, Eoin H, Grace & Olivia G. Your engagement and enthusiasm for your learning is incredible and

we have been delighted to see so many different ways in which children are bringing their learning to life.

I have also awarded 25 virtual Headteacher's Awards which has been a joy as this is always one of the favourite parts of my job.

## TT Rockstars – Top of the Rocks Update

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Rainbow Learner

Five days into a 7-day battle against 5 other local primary schools, and the children of TRJS are doing us proud! 196 TRJS children have taken part as of midday today. Come on the other 56 – even if you just score 20 or 30 points, you'll be helping us out.

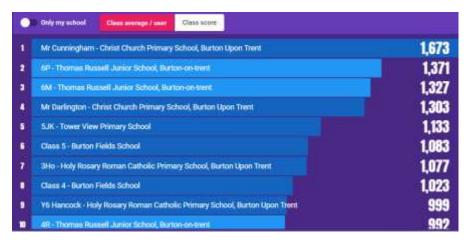
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Three of our children are in the Top 10, which is a truly fabulous performance by them.

We are becoming familiar with these names by now: King Sally (Abi P), Axle Keene (Isaac O) and Linda Wood (Lana M). Three of our classes make the Top 10 in terms of average score per child.

Y6 are doing us proud in second and third place with 6P just marginally head of 6M. 4R are also in tenth position with a very respectable average of 992 per person.

5M and 5K are sitting just outside the top 10 in 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> position and are close to making it into the top ten. 3SH is in 19<sup>th</sup> position.



Calling all children in 4P and 3EH. It would be super if all TRJS classes could make it into the top 20. At the moment, you are just outside this position. Can you set yourselves this challenge before the battle ends on Sunday?

Well done everyone – you are doing a brilliant job! Mrs Preston.

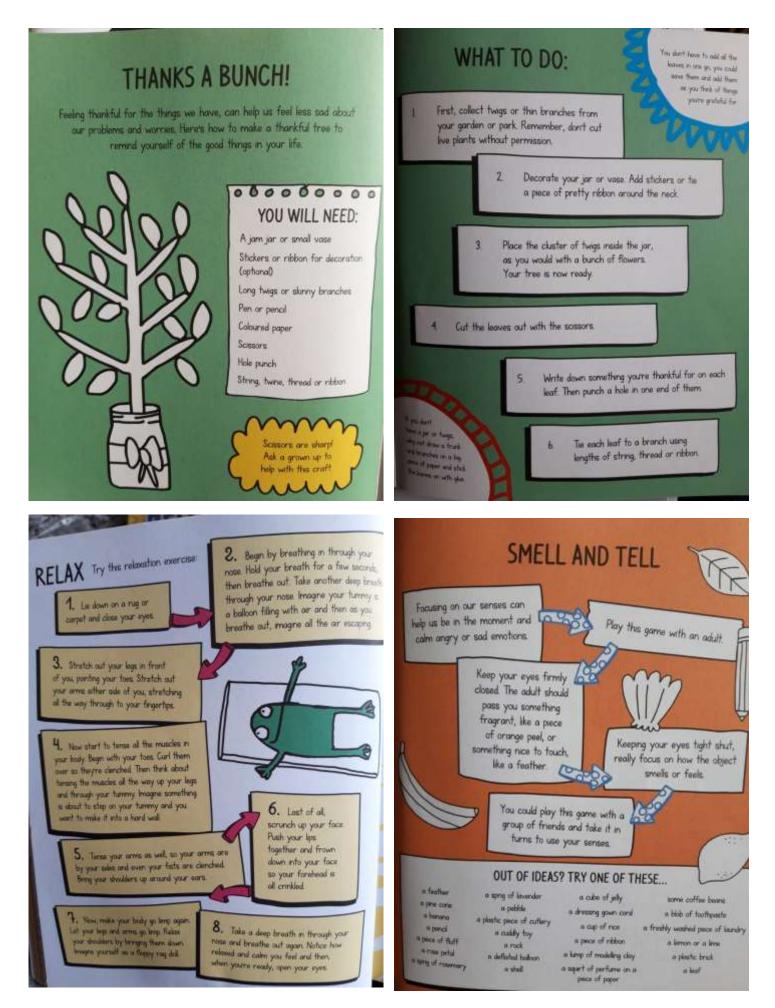
## Government decisions

Whether you are looking forward to or dreading the Government announcements next week with regard to the phases of the exit strategy, please be assured that we will be making decisions about how we implement the strategy at Thomas Russell Junior School in the best interests of all children and staff. We are all desperate to get back to school, but not at the expense of anyone's health. Patience and control will be key in the coming weeks. We'll be meticulously planning our 'new normal' as opposed to rushing blindly to get 'back to normal'.

#### Looking after ourselves

Now, more than ever, we need to make sure that we take some time to look after our mental well-being; this is just as important for us parents, as it is for our children. Here are some lovely activities for children that might help if anyone is feeling a little fragile, and some attached information about looking after our own emotional well-being.





We all want you to know how much we appreciate your support, communications, feedback and news at the moment. Please do let us know if there is anything further we can do to help.