

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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VE Day 2020 – Friday 8th May

Today's celebrations mark 75 years since the end of World War 2. When plans were started for what we could do to mark the occasion, I don't think anyone could have envisaged the situation we would be in.

As we reach the end of our seventh week in Lockdown, we perhaps have a much greater understanding and perspective than we ever could have had of the emotions and feelings that these people were going through.



There are many things lost as part of this pandemic – lives, freedom, jobs, income. These losses bring huge sadness and we are very sorry to those who are suffering. Please reach out if you need support.

But there are also many things we have found and gained – a greater feeling of community and neighbourhood, time – to enjoy with family, new ways to communicate to bring together people who have to stay apart, new skills we have learned and new found appreciation for things we took for granted.

We have gained life-skills, and found out things about our families we had never noticed. We have thought of more creative ways to do things that we just wouldn't have entertained before, because we were 'too busy' on the hamster wheel of life.



Over this weekend and the coming days and weeks, I encourage you all to channel your inner BFG! Start your very own jar of dreams. You can have a family jar or one each. When you think of something you're missing - pop a note in the jar of dreams. When you find something you've really enjoyed and are grateful you found time for - pop a note about that in there too. When you think of someone you're missing – pop their name in the jar, and send them a message, make them a cake, paint them a rock.

Fill your jars with dreams and remember to enjoy the present as well as looking forward to the future.

Enjoy all of your VE Day celebrations!



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Rainbow Learner

We have nominated ten Rainbow Learners this week. Please keep up your fabulous work and keep sharing with myself and your teachers.

Rainbow Learners this week: Evie & Leo H, Abi P, Pearl & Jack K-D, Sid S, Holly T, Jacob T, Noah & Charlie E

This week we've seen YouTube videos, TT Rockstars heroes, amazing story writing and some absolutely incredible commitment to learning and to brightening the lives of others. I have also awarded loads of virtual Headteacher's Awards ☺



Government decisions

The announcements that we had been expecting yesterday are now due to be made on Sunday evening. We will let you know once we have worked out how they might affect things at Thomas Russell Junior School, but re-iterate that patience and care are the order of the day.

*Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.
Stay safe and keep up the amazing work.*

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe