

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### #LD21 Rainbow Learners



Our final Rainbow Learners of the half term have been awarded to: Rhys G, George W, Finnian C, Faith C, Tilly B, Ted L, Holly T, Hattie K, Bohemia H, Emilia C, Seb J and Alfie L. For finish the half term with a flourish! For consistent effort and commitment this half term. For contacting the author of a class read and arranging a Zoom visit for the year group! For contributing to Chinese New Year assemblies. For engaging brilliantly in the new ability-grouped Maths Zooms.

We are incredibly proud to see TRJS Spirit shining out of these winners.

Our Lockdown birthdays over half term and in the first week back are:



We hope you all have a lovely day and enjoy your celebrations ☺

### Teacher Training

Has your experience of Lockdown inspired a love of teaching?

Would you consider pursuing teaching as a career?

There is a flyer attached for a virtual information event on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Covid Winter Heating Support Scheme

If there are any families who are struggling with heating bills or broken heating systems, we can support you by making referrals to the Covid Winter Heating support scheme. Money has been made available to support families in need, so please do get in touch via [questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) if you need help.

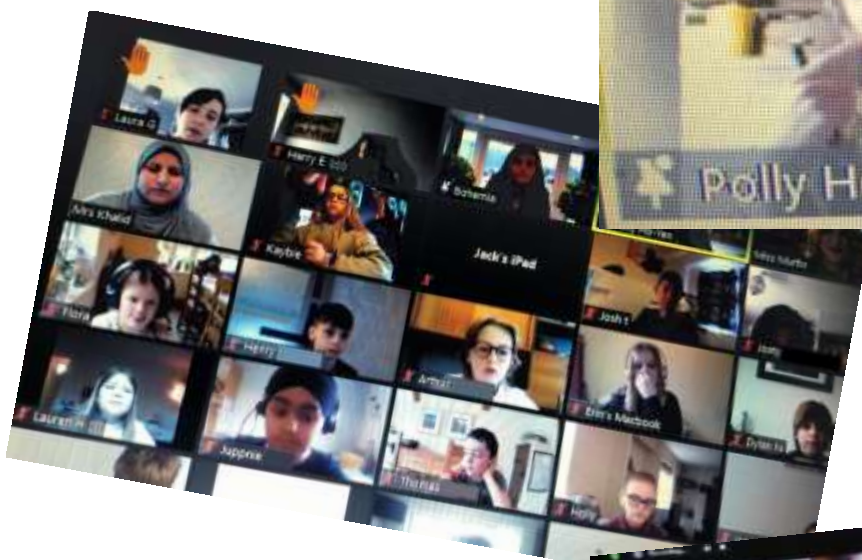
## Y5 Meet the Author

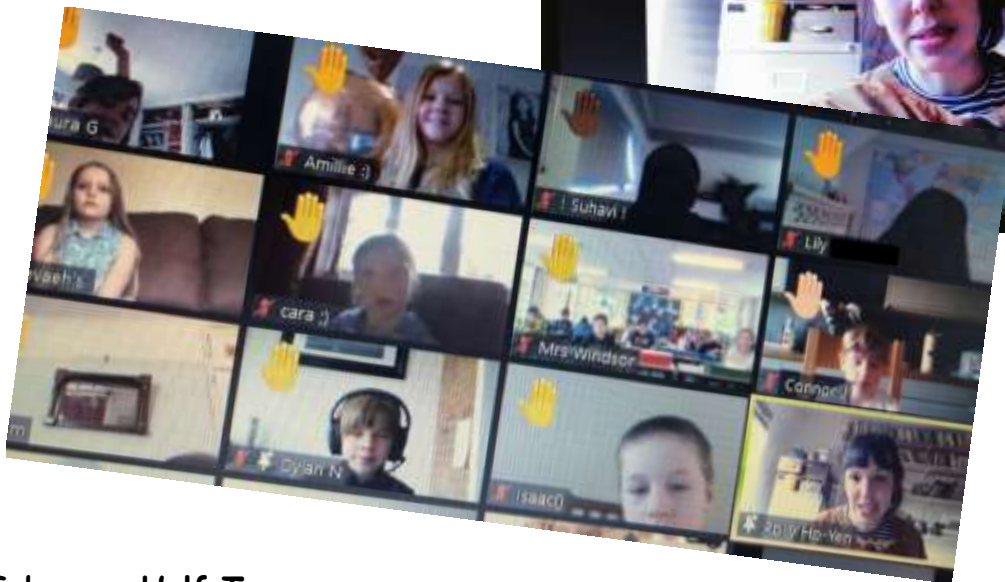
Year 5 enjoyed an exciting end to this half term's English learning on *'The Boy in the Tower'*, when they got to meet its author, Polly Ho-Yen! Children at school and home joined in a live Zoom session where they were able to ask questions about the book, the inspiration behind it and Polly's life as an author. They were also lucky to learn some tips and techniques for generating story ideas to use in their own writing.

Well done to Bo H, whose love of reading and enthusiastic email to Polly made it all possible. Huge thanks to Polly too, for generously offering her time and energy to us, free of charge.

Miss Murfin, Mrs Khalid, Miss Hurdman and Mrs Windsor would like to commend the whole of Y5 on their excellent behaviour and manners throughout the Zoom - you were interested, attentive, polite and, as always, brilliant ambassadors of TRJS!

Let's hope we've inspired some budding authors of the future!





## February Half Term

Holidays in Lockdown hardly feel like a holiday at all, but we are trying to make the best of things. Hopefully you will really start to see the days getting lighter over this holiday and maybe even a little warmer. Head out for a walk and look for those first signs of spring starting to push their way through - snowdrops, crocuses and even a few daffodils.

We've put some fun activity suggestions on the front page of Our Learning, including Pancake Day activities, a Winter Games Pack of sports activities and some mindfulness suggestions too. Or if you're a Lego fan, visit: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/page/bygge-hygge> Press 'Play' then click on the blue continue screen.

*Stay safe, be kind to each other and we look forward to seeing you safe and well via Zoom or face-to-face on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*