

# Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



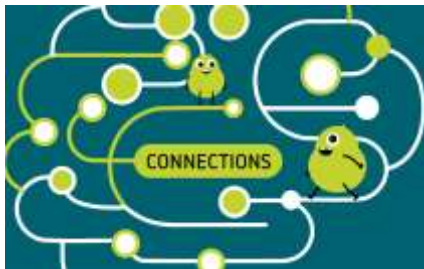
## Newsletter



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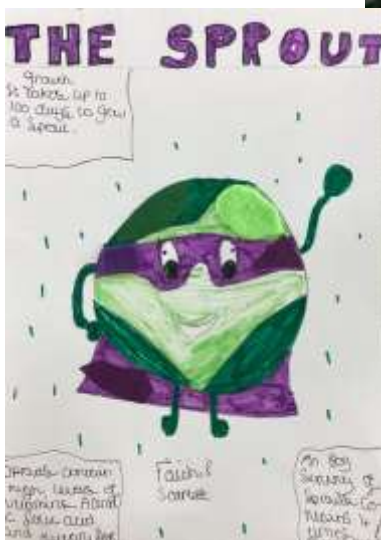
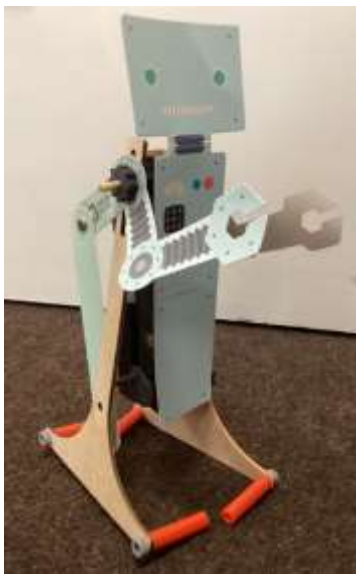
24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Last Friday, we celebrated Science Week with the TRJS Science House Morning on the theme of 'Connections'. Our interactive assembly started the day, with House Captains and Vice-Captains competing in a game of 'Don't say it' where they had to describe science terminology to their team to make the right 'connection' to guess the word.

William O and Walter then wowed us all with two examples of electrical circuit connections: Ro-b and the Infinite Tunnel!

We split into houses to undertake a range of exciting activities including Fantastic Fingerprints, See & Eat Vegetables, Bridge Blunder, Invent like a Victorian, Make a Moondial, and Protecting Habitat Connections.







On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to visit St George's Park to watch the England U21 national team train. We were able to watch the whole training session and get some top tips on attacking and defending with training led by head coach Lee Carsley and assistant coach Ashley Cole.

After an action packed session, the children were able to get autographs and photos with the team and coaching staff including team captain Morgan Gibbs-White, Liverpool stars, Harvey Elliott and Curtis Jones, Tottenham's Oliver Skipp and Manchester City's Rico Lewis. All of the children and staff had a marvellous time, the children showed exemplary behaviour and were wonderful ambassadors for Thomas Russell Junior School.





## World Book Day Reading Competition



Thank you to all of the children who took part in our World Book Day Reading competition.

We had such a lovely lot of entries and have given a small prize to everyone who took part.

Year group prize winners were Eleanor in Y3, Tommy in Y4, Finnian in Y5 and Olivia in Y6.



Overall prize winner was Joseph - I wonder if he is reading The Tiger who came to Tea?!

## TikTok

Last weekend, we had a worrying incident whereby one of our pupils posted a video of herself on TikTok and in response received an inappropriate message from a stranger who appeared to be a much older man.

Firstly, credit to the friend who spotted the risk and informed her parent, and also thanks to the parent who messaged me and asked me to highlight the concern to the child's parents. Thankfully, on this occasion it seems the incident was contained. I've been asked to share this on the Newsletter to highlight just how easily innocent fun can turn into a risky situation.

I have attached to this Newsletter an Internet Matters TikTok Guide which may provide you with some interesting information.

Leicestershire Police have made a film called Kayleigh's Love Story to serve as a warning about the dangers of grooming and sexual exploitation. Please take a look - even if you think 'it wouldn't happen here' – because sadly, it can happen anywhere. The better prepared we can be and the more we know about the signs to look out for, the safer we will be able to keep our children.

## Early Birds and Night Owls



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and costs £3.25 per session.

**Early Bird Bookings for Summer 1** can be made via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: **2jytx**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45 (Except last day of term) and costs £8.75 per session.

**Night Owls Bookings for Summer 1** can be made via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: **f28kg**



**Booking is ESSENTIAL. We only guarantee availability for Summer 1 for bookings made by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**



Don't forget the clocks spring forward on Sunday morning!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*