



# FIR TREE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## PRESS RELEASE

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### FIR TREE CERTAINLY RISES TO THE CHALLENGE!

With the closures of schools put into place at the end of March, settings needed to ensure that plans were put into place rapidly to support pupils' learning at home. Lindsay Wood, Headteacher of Fir Tree, supplemented this with a list of 30 'Fir Tree Challenges' for her pupils to complete. She set a selection of random challenges for the pupils to try and complete; some far easier than others and some which require them to be extra creative. Pupils have been asked to read in strange locations; turn their food into an animal; create a family obstacle course; write a rap song to name but a few.

The challenge was launched in the closing assembly to the whole school, staff included before closure, pupils who complete challenges will be rewarded once schools return with certificates and prizes.

Bronze: completing 10/30

Silver: completing 20/30

Gold: completing ALL challenges

Fir Tree children were given clear rules; they MUST provide some sort of evidence to prove they have completed each task. They must demonstrate the school's GROW (goals, resilience, outstanding and wonder) approach, ensuring they are respectful towards other people. And most importantly, the challenge is solely based on having FUN!!!

Since launching the Fir Tree Challenge, Mrs Wood has been amazed and delighted by the engagement of her staff and pupils. Every day the school receives multiple emails and photos of completion of tasks. These are then collated and shared with the whole school community every Friday. Mrs Wood said, 'During these times and whilst everyone is adapting, it is important to have fun activities to do as a family, but to also bring the community

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together and to raise a smile. I am super proud of all my pupils taking part and have been equally surprised by the staff too and their hidden talents!

The weekly Friday letter is incredibly lengthy and shares the fantastic pupils and staff who have certainly risen to the test. With the success of the Fir Tree challenge and with many pupils' nearly completing all 30; Mrs Wood has had to write and set a further 26 tasks for Fir Tree to complete as lockdown continues.



**Winter - Year 4 has completed task 1:** Read a book in the most unusual place you can think of. She was chased by a bear, so climbed up a tree to escape. Whilst up the tree she read her book!



**Ethan - Year 5 and Abbey - Year 1 completed of task 5 -** they made a fantastic den for two!!



**Ellie in Year 1 has completed task 19 -** play a game of noughts and crosses.



**Mrs Purcell, Deputy Head has completed task 1:** Read a book in the most unusual place you can think of - in the boot of her car!



**Riley in Year 3 completed task 26 -** he made his own musical instrument and then played it; looking very cool there Riley!



**Logan in Year 3 completed task 23 -** He completed chores without being asked - this is what we like to see!!!

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