



# The Thornton Times

## Spring Term—Bumper Edition

[www.thornton.bham.sch.uk](http://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk)

24th March 2017

Dear parents,

Last Wednesday a group of school councillors and head boys and girls visited the Houses of Parliament and had a lovely day out in London, walking in the sunshine across Westminster Bridge to the London Eye. The events of this Wednesday were a chilling reminder of the threat to us all from those who wish to undermine the democracy we hold so dear in this country. Democracy is a core British value. Every day, people from all over the world visit our Parliament and celebrate that value and the difference it makes to people's lives. Democracy doesn't come easily; over the years, people all over the world have fought and died for their right to have a vote. It's the most precious thing that we have. I am sure that you will all join with us to express our condolences to those who were killed or harmed during this hateful attack.

You can read full statements from Birmingham Councillors, the Birmingham Central Mosque and The Confederation of Sunni Mosque Midlands by visiting the homepage of our website.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.



Thornton councillors and head boys and girls meet Liam Byrne, our local MP at the Houses of Parliament.

### Year 6—Reading to the Reception Class

Last week the children in Owl Babies had some surprise visitors. The children were visited by Year 6, who came to read some stories to them. Samiya (BO6), Niyla (BO6), Eesa (GHO6), Hammad (SO6), Ibrahim (SO6), Safa (SO6), Raqeeb (EO6) and Aruba (EO6), all did a fantastic job reading stories to the younger children. They were very good at asking the Owl Babies lots of questions about the stories they were reading. Well done Year 6!



The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.



## Houses of Parliament



Many of our young leaders from the School Council and Head Boy and Head Girl teams had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament last week and met with Liam Byrne our local MP. The children had a brilliant time learning all about democracy in England through hundreds of years and really impressed Mrs Simmons and Mrs Easthope with their political knowledge! The children were amazed by the views experienced on the London Eye, we had perfect weather and could see as far as Wembley Stadium's arch! The events of this Wednesday in London came as a shock, only 7 days after we were in the very spot attacked. Whilst we were there the children were fascinated by the police officers working to protect us and had some great chats with them and the police officers were very impressed with the courteous behaviour of the children.





## Maths Odyssey

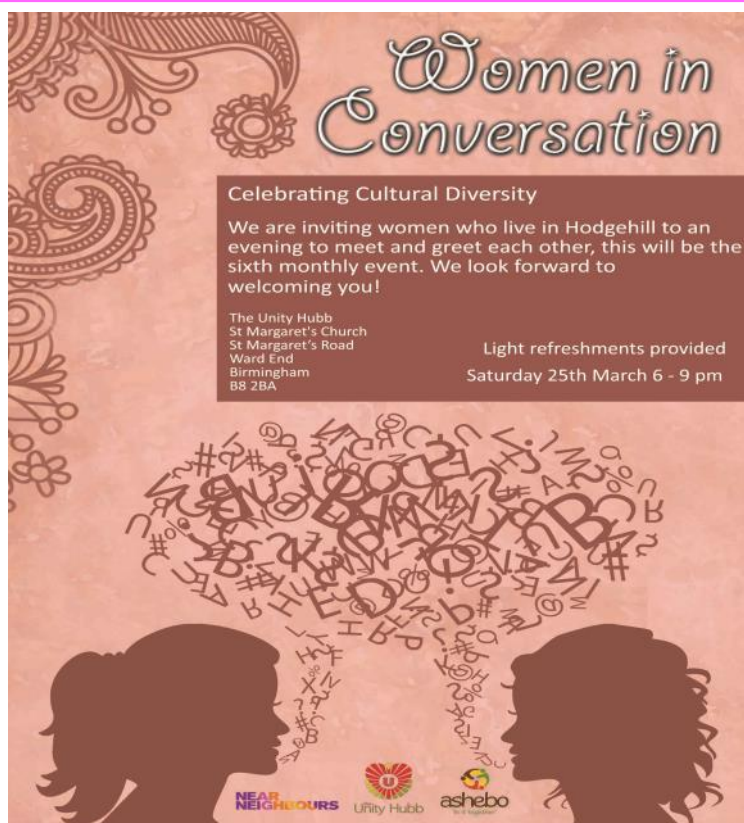
On Tuesday 7th March Tawny Owl 4 and Great Horned Owl 4 classes took part in a Maths Odyssey session based on Ancient Egypt.

Howard Carter and Cleo did some quizzes with us and showed us what tasks could be done. These are the tasks I remember:

Building the River Nile, Weighing Egyptian Gold, decoding Egyptian secret messages, making Pyramids out of cups.

The tasks were a lot of fun.

Laiba Naveed, Tawny Owl 4.



## Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Women who live in Hodgehill are warmly invited to 'Women in Conversation' where you can meet one another and talk about issues facing you and our local community. This will be a sixth monthly event. Why not leave the children at home and come along!

**Saturday 25th March 6-9pm.**

**The Unity Hubb  
St Margaret's Church  
St Margaret's Road**

HOUSE POINTS	Eagle Owl	Barn Owl	Snowy Owl	Tawny Owl	Great Horned Owl
Year 3	86	145	142	162	178
Year 4	38	35	158	76	200
Year5	187	175	29	200	197
Year 6	70	142	136	96	148
Total	381	497	465	534	723

# Star Pupil Award

Owl Babies	Ismail Mahmood
Owlets	Muhammad Zakariyah
Wise Owls	Aaminah Ali
Great Horned Owl 3	Sehr Adnan
Tawny Owl 3	Dylan Curtis
Snowy Owl 3	Ayaan Hussain
Eagle Owl 3	Aiza Mateen
Barn Owl 3	Maryam Maqsood
Great Horned Owl 4	Mehreen Ansar
Tawny Owl 4	Hasnain Saqib
Snowy Owl 4	Adam Ali
Eagle Owl 4	Hajra Khalil
Barn Owl 4	Kashif Ulla
Great Horned Owl 5	Lily Room
Tawny Owl 5	Zaynah Ali
Snowy Owl 5	Amayah Naheem
Eagle Owl 5	Hafsah Ghauri
Barn Owl 5	Zara Abid
Great Horned Owl 6	Abdulbasit Chaudhry
Tawny Owl 6	Andrew Kemspson
Snowy Owl 6	Zahra Haroon
Eagle Owl 6	Hafsa Hussain
Barn Owl 6	Fezaan Ashfaq

## Employment Advisor

Come and meet our Employment Advisor on:

Tuesday 25th April 2017.

There will be a group session from 9.00am—10.00am.

1 : 1 discussions will be held from 10.00am—11.00am.

You must attend the group session to have a 1 : 1 appointment with the advisor.

Please call to book a 20 minute 1 : 1 appointment—there are only 3 available.

The sessions will be really useful for any advice you require regarding employment. For example, if you need a CV, are looking for work or want to improve your interview skills, we can help.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Library

If you could spare a few hours we would love to hear from you. We require somebody to come into our new school library and set up some of our new books that we may need to add on to our micro librarian system. Full training will be provided.



## The Chocolate Shop

Year 1 Easter Assembly

Friday 7th April 9am  
Everybody Welcome!!

