

Hello everyone

To ensure that pupils reach their potential, both personal and academic, it is vital that they learn in a safe, calm and friendly environment. If children are not comfortable, feel listened to, or feel respected, then they tend not to learn, or at least not as well as they should.

At Thornton have three simple expectations. We ask pupils, staff, parents and visitors to be:

Ready – Examples for pupils include: being ready to learn, being ready to listen to others, being ready to follow instructions, wearing the right clothing, and having the right equipment.

Respectful – Examples for pupils include: listening to others, saying please and thank you, calling people by their name, sharing, looking after our belongings, helping others when they are in need.

Safe – Examples for pupils include: walking around the school's corridors, staying safe online, following instructions in PE lessons, sitting safely on our seats.

Since being at Thornton, I have witnessed pupils, staff and visitors living by these expectations daily. These expectations are not just written for show; they are lived. Consequently, Thornton is a happy school, with hard working pupils, dedicated staff and supportive parents.

That is not to say Thornton is perfect, it is not. Like any family, the school community is built on relationships. As adults, you know that relationships take work. All people, including children, make mistakes, and are not always as respectful as we might hope them to be. Therefore, we believe that children should be given the opportunity to make amends, and make things right.

To do this we use restorative conversations, and issue consequences when pupils do not behave as we would like them to. This encourages pupils to think about how their actions impact on others, and to change their behaviour in future.

For us to keep the school ready, respectful and safe is a team effort. You, as parents and carers are an important part of our team. Thank you for making sure your child arrives at school suitably dressed and on time. Also, if you become aware of a problem please speak to us, as the sooner we are aware of an issue the sooner we can address it. Instead of waiting for the next parents' evening, please phone the school and make an appointment with your child's class teacher, or speak to myself or another school leader on the gate before or after school.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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Headteacher



Mrs Biddle-Rawbone – Assistant
Headteacher Y3 and Y4



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YEAR 3



To end our week celebrating Black Culture we looked at an artist called **Frank Bowling**. He creates his art by dripping paint on work using different paint brush techniques and sometimes even sprays his work with water to get the dribble effect.



We started by looking at **colour mixing** of the primary colours. We did this to show that you can make any colour using blue, red and yellow. We then used different techniques using the paints and paint brush. We did brushing, dabbing, scraping with cardboard and using the end of the paint brush like a stick.

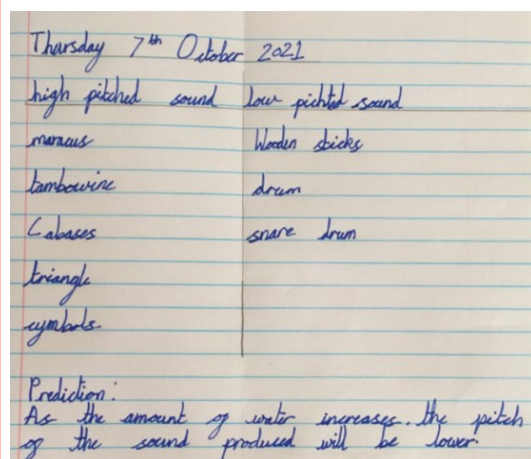
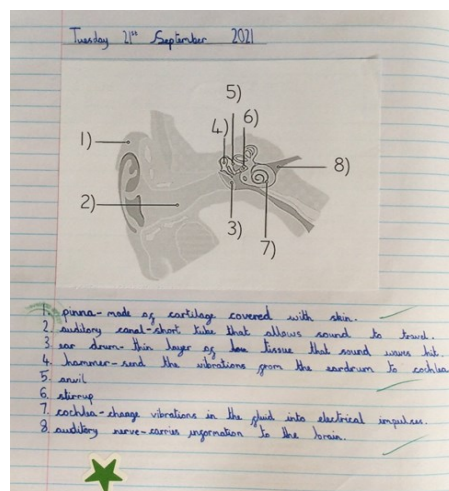


After we had practiced those skills we **blended** 2 techniques together. For example, we **brushed** with the paintbrush first and then **dabbed** on top. Then, using all the skills we had learnt, we created a final piece based on the work of Franky Bowling and all the



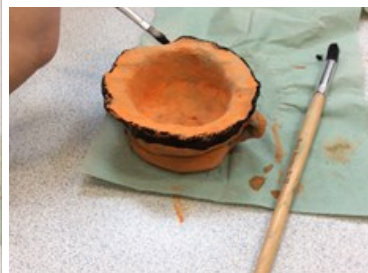
YEAR 4

This half term in Year 4, our Science topic has been '**sound**'. The children have been learning about how sound is made and how it travels to the ear. Within this topic, the children have carried out a range of experiments. For example, the children had to investigate how sound changes over distance. We are delighted that the children are thoroughly enjoying the topic!

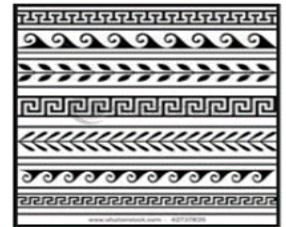


YEAR 5

Year 5 have been busy painting their own **Kylix**, which they made last week. They applied a ready orange wash to the pot and allowed the clay to soak it up. Then they worked from the top down, drawing patterns in an Ancient Greek style. Here are some amazing examples...



A Kylix was the most common type of Ancient Greek drinking cup with a broad shallow body and two handles. I wonder if we would be able to drink from any of the pieces we made?



Year 6

During Black Culture Week, Year 6 discussed a fabulous artist named **Kehinde Wiley**.

Kehinde Wiley, who was born in 1977, has been exhibited internationally and is part of the major collections in museums across the U.S

In his paintings, he restages classical portraits and sculptures, replacing historical white subjects with contemporary subjects of colour.

He wishes to showcase African-American people in the same way the Old Masters painted historic images of kings or other people of privilege and power.

In Year 6 students recreated some powerful poses and colourful backgrounds to mimic Kehinde's work.



Saleha I 6NI



Yaqoob Y 6MF



Fatima I 6NI



Yusuf R 6MF

School Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week:



Year 3

3DR

3AW

Year 4

4SH

4TW

Year 5

5TR

5BA

Year 6

Let's really go
for it next
week, Year 6

Our whole school attendance for last week was **94.9%**

Do you know we have a school Twitter account?



Thornton School

@ThorntonOwls

577 Following 350 Followers

Currently have 350 followers and Mrs Biddle Rawbone is on a mission to increase this!
Twitter is really easy to use and you can set an account up, just to follow us!!

Click on the link below or scan the QR code.
Thornton Primary (@ThorntonOwls) / Twitter



We Tweet children's work, reminders about dates, signpost to useful sights and organisations (we currently have lots of links to Mental Health resources).

Poppy Appeal 2021

The school will be selling a selection of items in support of the Royal British Legion from **Monday 18th October**.

Prices vary from 50p for a reflective poppy to £1.50 for a snap band.

The usual paper poppies will also be on sale for a donation of 20p each.

There is only a limited amount of each item available, so they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

All items will only be sold in class, so please send your child in with the correct money.

Thank you for your support.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's Not Forget



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



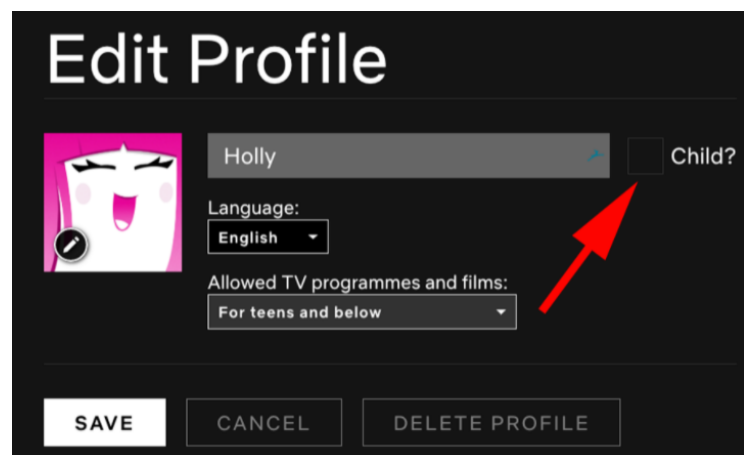
Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

E-safety and Parental Controls

We sent out an information leaflet earlier this week from the National Online Safety about Squid Game. We are also aware that versions of Squid Game are available on Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite. Although children have not watched the programme they can still be exposed to the same graphic themes via these platforms.

Please see the link below describing how to set parental control on Netflix settings. There is also a link with further information on Squid Game and how to talk about it with children if they have been exposed to it.

[Setting up parental controls on Netflix | Safer Internet Centre](#)



[Safeguarding Update: Squid Game - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)



SCHOOL PLACES

Are you looking for a school place for your child?

We have spaces available in our school for children from year 3 to year 6.

Please come in and see our friendly receptionist who will give you a form to complete.

If you have any queries please give us a call 0121 327 0824



Attention all Year 6 Parents!Secondary Transfer 2022

Time is running out to apply for your child's secondary school for September 2022.

If you haven't already done so, please visit the link below to apply for your chosen schools:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need help please call the school office, we are happy to help you.



Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back from the nurse.

Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts!



Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am .

Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via Parent Pay. Dinner money is **£2.40 per day and £12.00 per week**. Breakfast Club is **£1 per day and 50p for any siblings**. After school club is **£2 per day and £1 for any siblings**.

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week .



HALLOWEEN MENU

22nd OCTOBER

Special Dinner

Spooky fingers

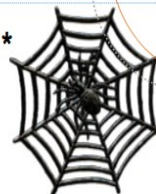
Creepy Crawley Chilli & Rice
(Chilli & Rice)

Spider Biscuits

Or

Fruit Cobweb Platter
(Spider biscuits or Fruit cobweb platter)

Jacket Potatoes - Beans/cheese will be available



Ordering Halloween dinner

If your child is normally school Dinners then they will be having a dinner as usual on this day.

If your child is usually a Packed lunch and would like the Halloween meal ,then parents will need to call the school office and book the Halloween dinner and pay for the dinner Via Parent Pay

by **Wednesday 20th October.**

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 18th October
Year 3

Tuesday 19th October
Year 5

Wednesday 20th October
Year 4

Thursday 21th October
Year 6

Safeguarding

If you have recently relocated outside of the area and are looking for a school closer to home, it is very important that you complete an **In-Year Transfer form**. You can get this form from the school office, and this must be signed by the Headteacher.

Please keep school informed when you are offered a place at another school. Thank you.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022



Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April

Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

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