

Hello everyone

A HUGE thank you for your generous donations for Red Nose Day last week. We managed to raise an impressive **£837.21!**



A BIG congratulations to our new **Eco Councillors** who will be working on a few new projects this year, including 'The Birmingham Allotment Project' and redeveloping the school grounds.



**3AW: Subhaan, 3SQ: Aleena,
3DR: Rumaisa, 3EB: Fiza**

**4SH: Umaiza, 4GJ: Salma, 4TW: Murtaza,
4MJ: Maryam**

**5BA: Ameen, 5ST: Eesa, 5NG: Nargis,
5TR: Fatimah, 5ZY: Ma'Wa**



**6NI: Anabia, 6HB: Adam,
6AB: Hassan, 6ZB: Ibrahim,
6MF: Subhaan**

Another piece of exciting news to share this week, is that we have been successful in our application for a grant from 'The Ernest Cook Trust' <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk>.



This is a charity that believes 'Every person should know the feeling of being utterly captivated and intrigued by nature'. We have been awarded £500 to increase our growing space and resources to support the growth of flowers and vegetables. Our new Eco Councillors are already beginning to get ideas about what we can do and will update you in the Summer Term.

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome **Jess from Western Power** to talk with the children about **electrical danger**. The children asked some thoughtful questions and participated well in both the assemblies and workshops.



Serving the Midlands, South West and Wales

And finally, **well done to Year 6** who have worked incredibly hard during their mock SATs week— **the #thorntonfamily** is very proud of your determination and resilience!

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

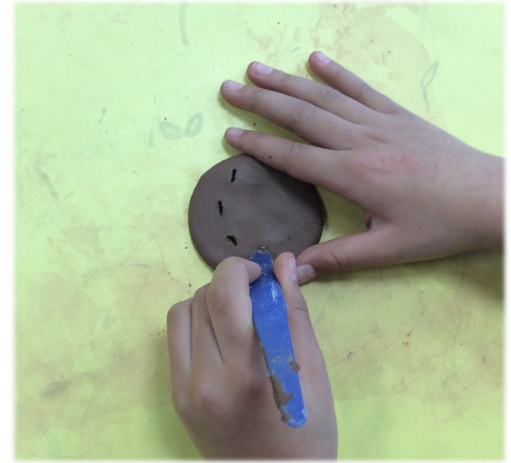
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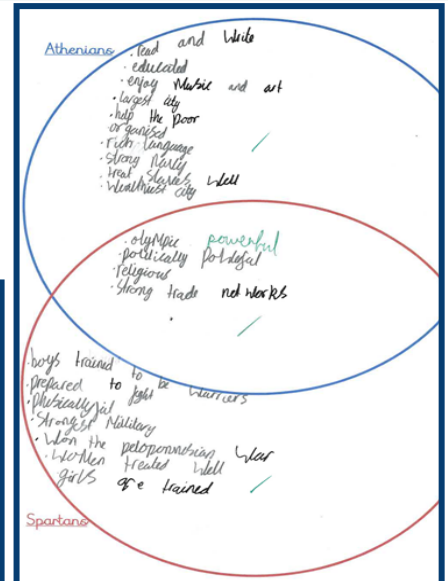
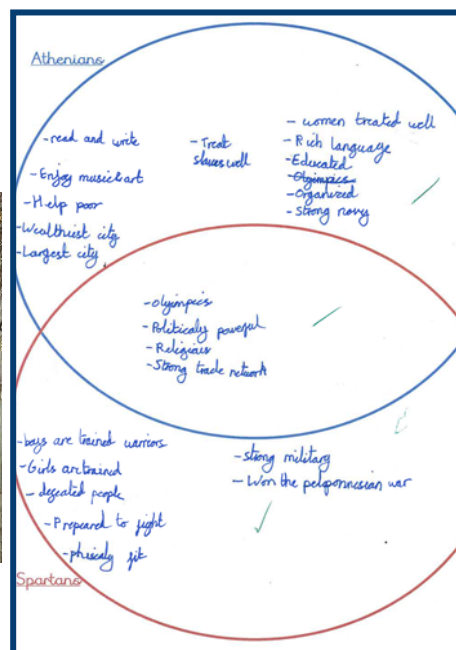
Year 3

Year 3 are currently experimenting with **clay**. We have been manipulating the materials and discovering different effects we can create. We used special tools for mark making into the clay and even trialled using cross hatch and water to stick pieces of clay together. The tools were also useful for smoothing down our designs. We will be using our skills again to complete our final piece which will be based on our topic of Ancient Egypt.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been comparing the **lifestyles of the Spartans and Athenians** using a VENN diagram. We discussed the similarities and differences between both city states before sorting statements into the correct categories.



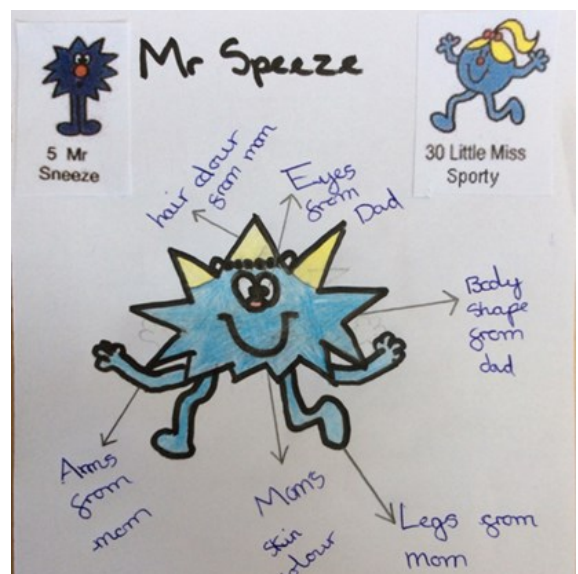
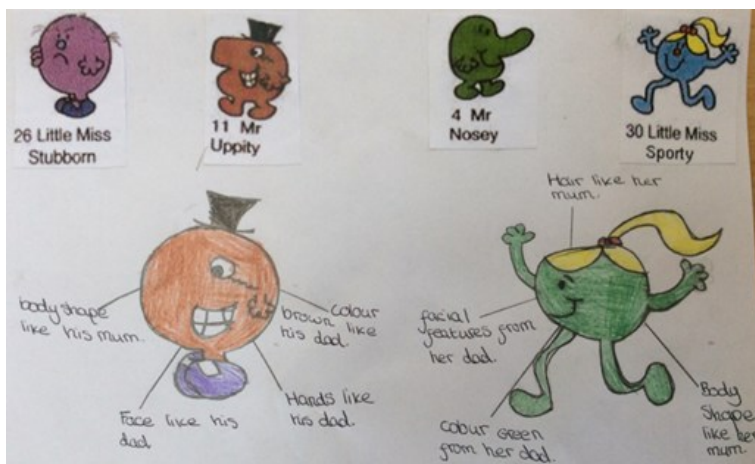
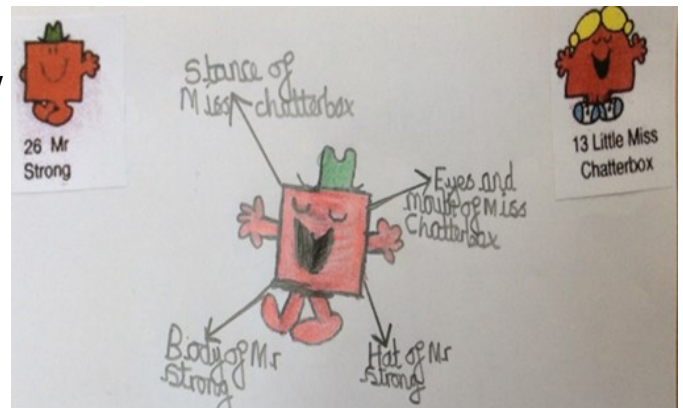
Year 5

Year 5 took full advantage of the sunny, spring weather to take part in **team building exercises in PE** this week. Mr Bates was there on hand to give some excellent, expert advice. In the first exercise, the two teams had to pass hula hoops around the whole group without breaking the chain. They then collaborated to ensure no-one touched the ground while collecting a marker from a distance. Every member of the group had a part to play. This took a lot of thinking and problem solving. The session ended with some parachute activities involving the whole class working as one, well-oiled machine! Well done, everyone!



Year 6

In Year 6 we are looking at **inheritance** and how genes are passed down to offspring. We used Mr Men and Little Miss to illustrate how certain characteristics can be passed down to offspring. This helped us understand how genetic information in DNA is passed on in living things. This also helped us understand the idea of natural selection in more detail.





Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

We warmly invite you to join in a series of daytime in-person workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

THE NEXT IN-PERSON BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOP OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

WEDNESDAY'S 27th APRIL to 8th JUNE, FROM 10AM – 1PM

APR – JUN 2022 – On a WEDNESDAY, 10am – 1pm

Starting Wed 27th Apr 2022, then continuing Wed 4th May, Wed 11th, Wed 18th, Wed 25th May (break for ½ term, Whitsun Week) and finishing Wed 8th Jun 2022

**At St Nicholas Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton,
Birmingham B38 8RU**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent and email to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk

For any enquiries about the next Be Empowered Workshop please call
Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)
Tel: [07956 929 151](tel:07956929151)

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BOOKINGS IS MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2022!



Thornton Staff Book Review

I enjoyed reading *The Danger Gang* by Tom Fletcher with my class. It is about a bunch of children who are living in a town called "Freaky," where freaky things always seem to happen! Myself and the children thoroughly enjoyed the mystery of this novel
Miss Brown

Improves Your Memory



Regular reading is a great exercise for your brain. If you read a fictional book, your brain is forced to remember the names and nature of various characters. Going back to their history and remembering events or plots is fun and improves your memory. One of the greatest benefits of reading daily is that your brain

becomes super powerful. An amazing fact about our brain is that it can retain a great amount of information, and with every new memory, your brain creates new brain pathways.

Moreover, it strengthens your existing memory, helps to recall short-term memory, and stabilises mood.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Spring Term 1 Dates 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

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**

School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

Payments

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

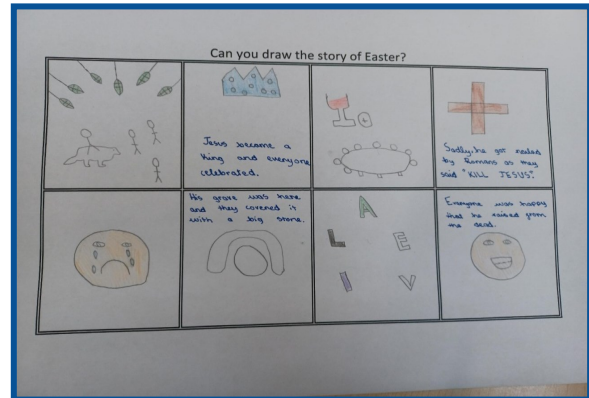
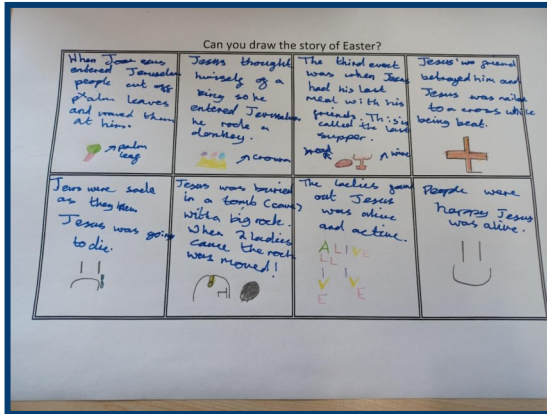
Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



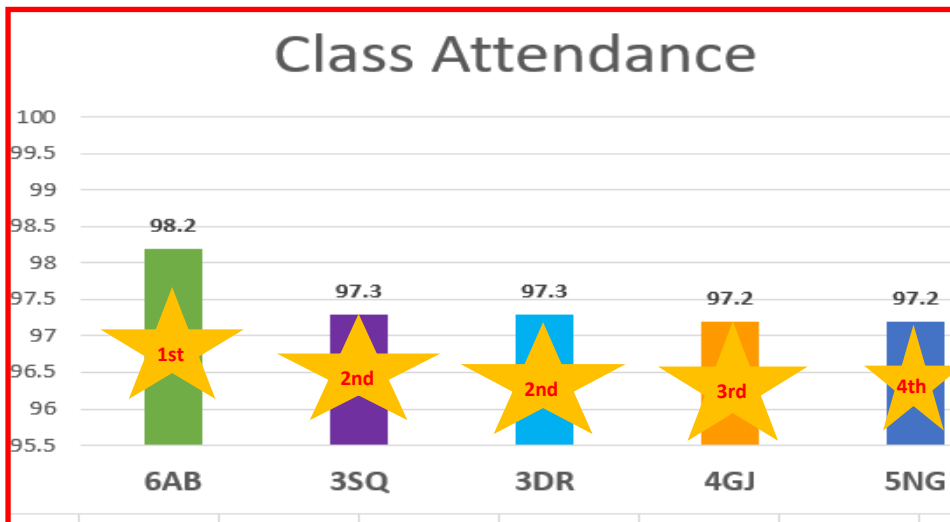
Local vicar comes to Thornton

A vicar from the local church visited us in R.E this week. Ruth shared the Easter story with Year 4 and they listened intently! They also asked lots of theologically challenging questions and showed serious interest in really wanting to understand it from the Christian perspective. The children then used images to retell the story to a partner and then drew their own versions as well. The work showed the children were really engaged and retained the information they had been taught! It was lovely to have someone come in and share their love and understanding of their faith with us at Thornton!



School Attendance

Well done to 6AB, 3SQ, 3DR, 4GJ and 5NG who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above during the last week.



Our whole school attendance last week was 94.2%

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 28th March
Year 4

Tuesday 29th March
Year 6

Wednesday 30th March
Year 3

Thursday 31st March
Year 5

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