

Hello everyone

I am bursting with pride this week because of our children's two amazing sporting achievements. The first is our boys' football team who went **undefeated** for the whole **EFL kids cup tournament**. They won all their matches and qualified for the next stage in the EFL kids cup, getting a step closer to the Wembley Stadium Final! There was some exciting passing football, fantastic defending and team work, with a special mention to **Matharr,**

Yusuf and Musa who have been selected for the **West Bromwich Albion Academy** team! Congratulations and well done to everybody, it was a real team effort and we are really proud of you all.



Thornton Primary 4-0 Welsh House Farm

Tivdale Primary 1-2 Thornton Primary

Thornton Primary 1-0 Rowley Hall

Thornton Primary 1-0 Penny Hill Primary

Thornton also took a brilliant group of children to the **Primary Panathlon** on Tuesday, held at **Birmingham University**. The children had a fantastic time trying lots of new sports and scoring lots of points for their teams against twelve other schools from across Birmingham. Overall, Thornton finished in a fantastic **3rd place** and in **bronze medal position!** Well done to all children involved, you were amazing and truly inspirational!

Nechells Primary Academy-194 points

Clifton Primary School 192 points

Thornton Primary School- 191 points



Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Bates, Sports Coach

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Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar,
Mrs McPherson, Miss Loach
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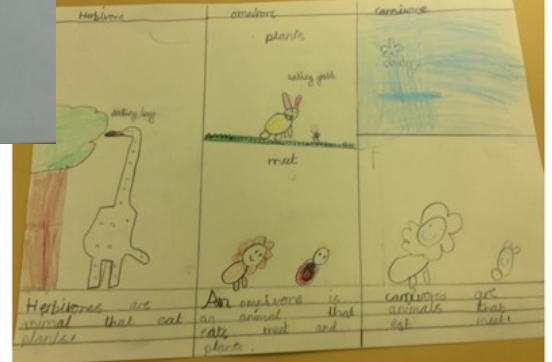
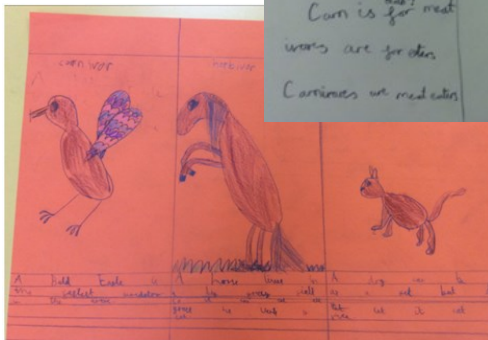


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YEAR 3

Year 3 have been looking at different animal groups in Science, as part of their **predator** topic. In our Science lesson, we looked at animal diets and discussed why different types of animals eat different types of food. We completed a sorting activity to sort animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, and we then used everything we had found out to create an information poster to present our new learning.

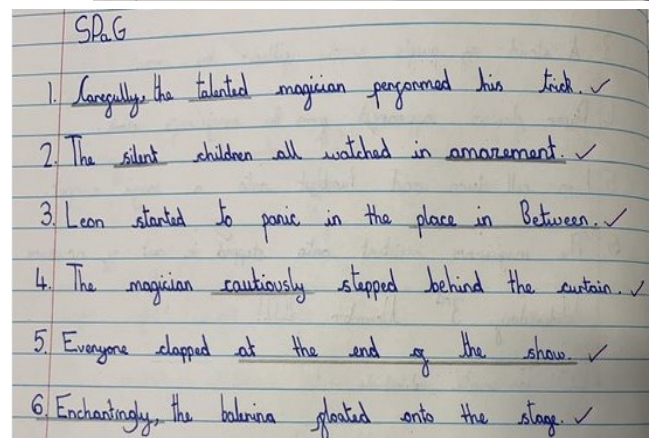
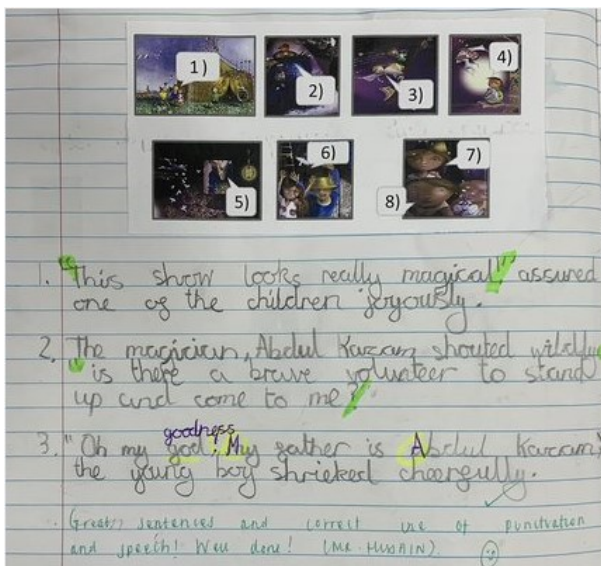
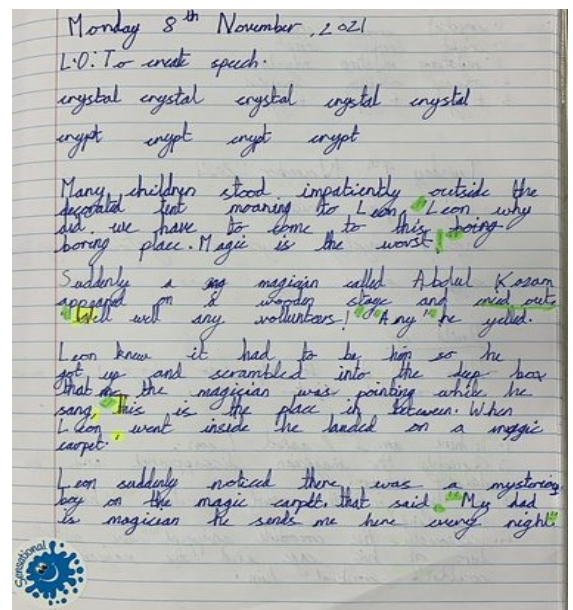


YEAR 4



Since we've come back to school, we have enjoyed the book, "**Leon and the Place Between**" by Grahame Baker-Smith. We have been building on our knowledge of exciting and effective vocabulary and our understanding of sentence structures, such as the effective use of adjectives, verbs, adverbials and speech. We've really enjoyed exploring the magic of the

illusionist Abdul Kazam. Please ask us about the story and our independent writing when you see us!

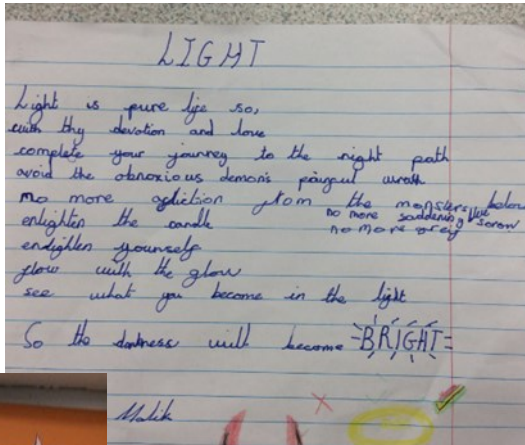


YEAR 5

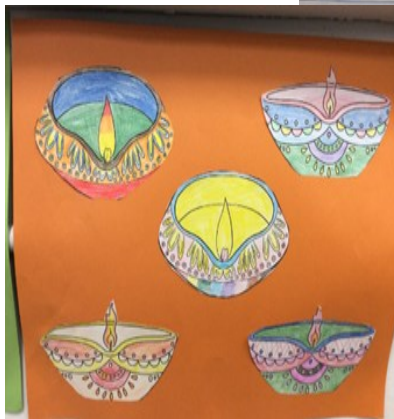
This week, has been an exciting week for Year 5 as they were busy preparing and presenting their **Diwali** assembly. Each class explored a different aspect of Diwali and explained it's importance in this festival.



5NG used a paper template to create Diwali lanterns. They used bright colours to decorate and then they used scissors and glue to assemble the final lanterns.



5ST and 5TR wrote and recited some poems about Diwali and told us about the Importance of Diwali in other religions.



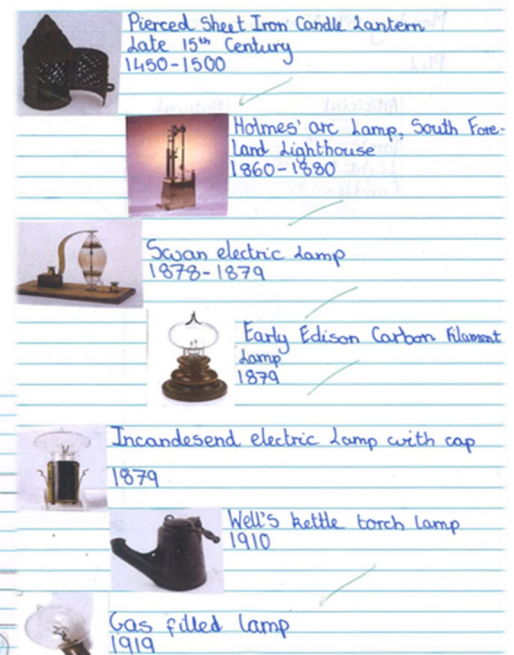
5ZY made some Divas and explained why they were used in Diwali.



5BA had fun making and learning about Rangoli patterns!

Year 6

This week in Year Six, we have been exploring how **inventions** have changed over the years. We created timelines to show how the way we light our homes has changed over the centuries. We examined images of different devices and put them into chronological order. We also created a visual glossary of technological vocabulary to help us talk about inventions, devices and other modern technology.



Tuesday 9th November 2022



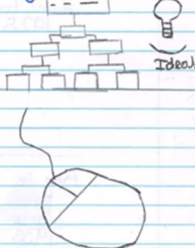
Glossary

Algorithm

A set of instructions.

Mouse

A hand-held device used with a computer to detect motion and moves a cursor on the computer screen.



Coding

The process of writing computer programs.

e.g. function() return a apply
of get Element (h) & find
=



Blog

A blog is a regularly updated website.



Device

A piece of mechanical or electronic equipment.



Software

The programs and other operating information used by a computer.



E-Mailing

A way of sending a message one computer to another computer.



Bug

A coding error in a computer program.



Hardware

The physical components of a device.



School Attendance



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

Year 3

3EB

Year 4

4MJ

Year 5

5BA

5ZY

Year 6

6NI

Our whole school attendance for last week was 95.2%

The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Our Magic 20 Raising Attendance project is starting from Monday 15th November until Friday 10th December. Letters to parents for the children who qualify for the initiative will be sent out on Friday 12th November. Please check to see if your child has received a letter today.

Best Class Attendance Reward

WOW MOMENT!!

Well done to **5TR** for making an excellent start to the year with their attendance!

The children have gained 97% attendance in Autumn 1 which was the best attendance in school. The children received a £50 cheque as a prize. Demonstrating their generosity, the children have decided to give the money to charity. They have decided that half will go to **Islamic Relief** and the other to **Macmillian Cancer Support**.



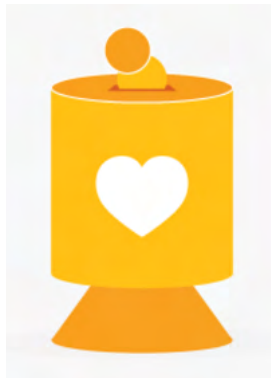
Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we are launching the week on Monday with 'Odd Socks Day' !



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to **encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!**



There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November, it couldn't be simpler!

We will have donation buckets on the school gates on Monday and people are welcome to donate to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Any contributions, however large or small will be gratefully received.

We want **EVERYONE** to take part if possible, but the most important thing is the message behind Odd Socks Day about not tolerating bullying. Any money we raise is an added bonus!

Throughout the week, children will have a dedicated **PSHE lesson on an aspect of (anti) bullying** and they will also be learning the Odd Socks Day song! Why not ask them to sing it to you, or better still, teach you how to sing it!



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Please keep an eye out for an activity that you will be asked to complete at home with your child. This activity is linked to lessons delivered in school as part of our focus during Anti-Bullying Week. Thank you.

Secret City Arts Projects

Last academic year pupils from year 5 (current year 6) had the fantastic opportunity to work with Secret City Arts. Pupils enjoyed creating stories, poems and art related to nature. Pyn and Mandy visited the school on 21st of October to present pupils with a certificate and the final leaflet which was shared around Birmingham libraries. A special thanks to all the members of the Secret City Arts project for collating all the wonderful work that the children have produced. All the collated work can be seen on the **Story Green (Nature in the City) Activity Trail** leaflet, which all pupils will receive a copy of. You can find out more about Secret City Arts on their website www.secretcityarts.com

Well done to all involved!

STORY GREEN
Nature in the City

Young people in Birmingham stepped out into nature in the heart of our city – and got creative. Here's some of what they made. Now they invite you to join in too.

Listen to the stories they made – and find creative ideas – by following the links or at www.secretcityarts.com

Tree Conversations
Are the trees whispering? What conversations might you overhear?

Tree Talks to Bird
Bird: All this flying makes me tired.
Tree: Come and rest. Bird: My friends Spruce, Oak and Birch are faraway. I have no wings or legs. I can't go to them.
Bird: I will stay, so you are not lonely.

Tree Talks to Rain
Tree: Welcome back, my friend Rain! The bright sun dried me. Oh Rain, my prayer has been accepted.
Rain: Oh Tree, those compliments made me cry more raindrops.

Tree Talks to Bee
Apple Tree: I am happy to provide you with food, my friend Bee!
Bee: Thank you for the nectar. These humans kill me and my family every day.

Tree Talks to Sky
Tree: Sky, you are always changing. When you are dark, my leaves are cold. But when you are bright, I am happy.
Sky: Tree, your leaves tickle me, from morning to night! I apologise for the dull weather.

Tree Talks to Sun
Sun: Awaken oh tree! I rise from the east as the moon goes down.
Tree: Oh great golden sun, your nutrients help my leaves grow rich, dark green. Thank you!

Listening to Voices
Students at Thornton Primary School wrote these poems in the voice of the trees. What might your favourite tree say?

Tree Says to Its Seeds
Once I was a seed. Now I'm a strong, healthy tree. Every year I grow seeds that fly on the wind. My seeds, grow into tall, pretty trees! My seeds, I cry as you part with me. But my seeds, you will encourage sustainability. My seeds, our saviours.

Seeds Reply to the Tree
We seeds grow on our tree, our parent. Goodbye! The wind carries us on our way. We twirl and whirl to find a place to grow into a strong, healthy tree like you. Our tree, you will be alone. Our tree, you will miss us?

Lone Playground Tree
The children are my forest each year, growing, running, playing, skipping, shouting! I watch over them laughing and hiding behind me. I am jealous of the children. I wish, I wish, my leaves rustle, but I wish I could run.

Asking the Trees
What questions will you ask the trees you meet?

How many trees are in Birmingham?
How do you spend your whole life without your parents? Do you feel lonely?
Are there more trees than houses, or more houses than trees?
How long do your roots grow?
Do trees feel depressed in winter?
How many seeds do you need to produce each year?
How do you give oxygen? And why do you do it for people, even though they chop you down?
How do you feel when a bird comes to rest on your branches?
Our tree is made of leaf rubbings with wax crayons.
Can you communicate with other trees?

Reasons to Step Outside for a Walk
Young people at Heartlands Academy went outdoors to look for colours, and to see what else they could find. They invite you to step outdoors too, because...

It will take your mind off your problems.
You might see something you've never noticed before.
You've got something to tell people about.
You can smell fresh air, and see bright colours.
You can walk and talk, side by side.
You can let your feelings out.
Try walking in different weather and seasons – it's fun in the breeze – dance in the rain – crunch in the autumn leaves – walk through the snow.
Try walking at different times – at sunrise, all will be golden. At night you can see the stars.
What other reasons can you think of?

A World of Colour
We found all these colours outdoors at Heartlands Academy. What colours can you spot outdoors?

Red poppies next to a red car
Orange-copper leaves
Yellow leaves
Green gates, green grass
Blue sky, blue dress
Purple berries
Brown tree trunk
Black feather
White butterfly with black dots

How Many Greens Can You Name?
Lime green, yellow-green, really dark fresh green, door-paint green, sweetie-green, pastel green, avocado, grass green, early-brown-orange green, sunny green, shady green.

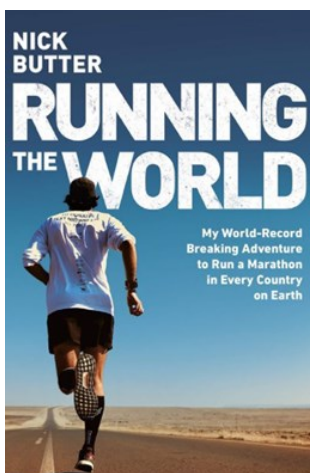
Feather Tale
What's the story, if you find a feather on the ground?

Friendship Story
A story of friendship and a task to share. See 'Can You Name...' overleaf for more about naming trees and flowers.

Story Den Story
Leaves like hands and hands like leaves – who can help when someone gets trapped in the forest?

Story Inspiration
Young people listened to traditional stories outdoors, and made their own fresh versions, taking inspiration from nature in their local patch. Listen to the stories they made – and find creative ideas – by scanning the links or at www.secretcityarts.com

Drawing from nature



Thornton's Teacher Book Reviews

Mr Morgan's Book Review

I am reading 'Running The World' by Nick Butter - a real life account of one man's record-breaking adventure to run a marathon in every country in the world! I am enjoying it because I love finding out about all the countries around the world and it acts as an inspiration that anything can be achieved if you put your mind to it. – Mr. Morgan

Medical Notice from the School Nurse

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea please keep them off school for 48 hours. The most important thing is to have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Your child is most infectious from when the symptoms start and until two days after they have stopped.

To help us try and prevent the spread of this type of illness please keep your child off school until the symptoms have stopped.

Many thanks for your support.



School Meals

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Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? Please make this change at the start of each term and not mid term. We would be very grateful if you could 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. Thank you.

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.



Recycle your old Batteries!



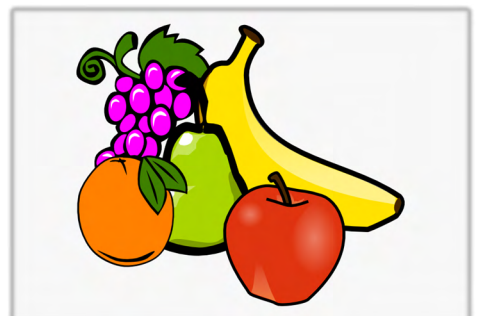
Do you your bit for the planet.... please recycle your old batteries. Did you know we have a battery recycling bin in the school reception to recycle your batteries— you are welcome to bring them in to recycle.



Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a nut free healthy snack to have at break time. For example, a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar. Strictly, **NO** nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies! Please do not send your child to school crisps and chocolates as these are unhealthy snacks.

Break time snacks really help to give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! It is really helpful if you can encourage your child to bring a piece of fruit in for mid morning break. Thank you.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 15th November

Year 4

Tuesday 16th November

Year 6

Wednesday 17th November

Year 3

Thursday 18th November

Year 5

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. 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 .



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

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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