Thornton Times



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Hello everyone

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week after a particularly sunny half term holiday! There are lots of important things happening this half term, so I thought I would give you a brief overview at the start:

Annual School Reports

On **Friday 25th June**, you will receive your child's annual school report. The reports reflect the disruption caused by COVID-19 and I want to reassure you that the school continues to focus on filling priority gaps in the children's learning. We are doing this by revising the planned curriculum to focus on priority learning, providing frequent intervention opportunities for small groups or individuals, and through setting appropriate homework tasks for the children to practice what they have learned. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work in producing comprehensive reports that identify targets for the children to focus on so we can all work together as we catch up.

Samples of Work

In addition to your child's annual report, they will bring home a small selection of their school work. This will be from a range of different subjects. The majority of the work has been chosen by the children because they wanted to share with you the work they are most proud of and give you chance to celebrate together!

Parents' Evening Appointments

As the country continues to move forward in the stages coming out of national lockdown, we have taken the decision to maximise the safety of our community and continue to provide remote parents' evening appointments. Over the two weeks beginning 28th June and 5th July, teachers will be telephoning you to discuss your child's progress and attainment this academic year. If for any reason you are unavailable, teachers will attempt a second call on a different day after attempting to agree a mutually convenient time with you.

<u>Please sit with your child and book an appointment slot on Google Classroom using the</u> <u>information leaflet sent home today with your child</u>. If you experience any problems doing this, please ask your child's teacher at home time, or telephone the school for help 0121 327 0824. Thank you.

I hope you continue to take every precaution to keep yourself and loved ones safe, especially as, sadly, we are beginning to see an increase in the spread of the Delta Covid-19 variant within our community. Have a good weekend,

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Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Year 3

In Year 3, our new topic is **Scrumdiddlyumptious**! We started off our topic by trying a variety of food from different food groups. We tried some juicy raspberries, blueberries and grapes, as well as different breads! We even tried some stinky cheese that most of the children did not like! It was great fun trying food that children had not tried before.



Year 4





To start off the Summer term Year 4 completed a scavenger hunt in the playground to find all fifty states in the United States of America. In pairs, the children had 40 minutes to find all the clues outside in the playground. They had to work together to find the hidden clues, read the information carefully and write down their answers. It was a really fun and engaging way to start our new topic 'Road Trip USA'!



Year 5

Year 5's topic for Summer 2 is **Allotments**. In preparation for this, our hook lesson was an observational drawing of a bowl of fruit. Children learned that it was important to draw what they could **see** and not what they **thought** a bowl of fruit looked like. This meant that size, perspective, texture, and the direction of light were all matters for consideration. Here are some of the fantastic pieces of work that the children produced:









Year 6

Aleeza 6ZB

We experimented which magnet would attract more paper clips.



Haider 6MF







Tuesday 8th June 2021

Today, in science, we explored magnets. We answered some questions about gravitational force and tested different magnet strengths.

We also tested Galileo's theory, that objects land at the same rate regardless of mass.

Please scan the QR code or type in the link to have a look at year 6 documenting their work.

https://padlet.com/h_jalil/rdikooupxplssjn6

You have magnets on your table. As a trio investigate:

: What happens when two same sides of the magnet are brought together?

2: What happens if two different sides of a magnet are brought together?

3: Paper Clips were attracted to ______ sides of the magnet.

Forces and magnets Afia and Zak 6hb

In our experiment, we put pieces of paper between the magnets and altogether we put 54 pieces of paper between the magnets. The magnetic force still didn't break.



SharmaArkeA 6MF

Magnets are attracted to nearly all metals but there are exceptions. In a magnet there is North and South Pole, two same poles repel each other and opposite poles are attracted to each other.



Aman 6Hj

I managed to get more paper clips than Muhammad



Autumn Term Attendance Celebration



We were excited to finally be able to celebrate the children's Autumn Term Attendance on the last day of the term for the children who achieved the following attendance initiatives:

- * Golden Ticket Attendance Bronze Award
- * Magic 20 Raising Attendance
- * Magic 20 Raising Punctuality

WOW! 308 children were part of the attendance celebration!

All the children enjoyed freshly made sweet popcorn. The children who were part of the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality also received a prize.

A huge thank you to all the parents for ensuring the children come to school everyday and on time!

Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards



All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance Silver award! Please look out for more information to follow this term!

100% Attendance for the whole academic year



Mrs Grace is currently planning an exciting prize for all the children that have achieved 100% attendance this year. These children will qualify for our fantastic Golden Ticket Attendance GOLD award...Please look out for more information to follow this term!

The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project



In order to work in partnership with parents we will be introducing '**The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project**' in the Summer Term 2 from **Monday 14th June and Friday 9th July**. This project is targeted at children with attendance below 90% and the main aim is to reward them for the achievement of attending school every day, plus we hope these children will be much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off.

Our reward system helps raise attendance and encourage children to achieve the school target of 97% by attending every day. This is how The Magic 20 Raising Attendance project works: -

- Your child will need to attend school for 20 consecutive school days without any absences during the Summer Term.
- Good Punctuality and no late marks for 20 days.

To celebrate your child's improved attendance they will be awarded a certificate and a small prize.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!











Our school is taking part in... Get Set to Eat Fresh's Design a Lorry Competition!

Team GB and Aldi's **Get Set to Eat Fresh** programme inspires children to cook and eat healthy, fresh food. It includes a library of free resources to help children both at school and at home build the skills they need to love cooking fresh, healthy meals for themselves and their families.

The Get Set to Eat Fresh **Design a Lorry Competition** challenges young people to design an Aldi lorry that celebrates fresh, healthy food. The winning design will be selected by a judging panel from Aldi and Team GB, who are looking for an **inventive** and **eye-catching design** that **celebrates** good food and will inspire others to **eat well**, so please encourage your child to get creative!

Winners will have their design used on an Aldi lorry, as well as earning a goody bag and £50 of Aldi vouchers to spend on fresh food or kitchen equipment.

Find out more at Get Set to Eat Fresh with Aldi | Design a Lorry Competition (getseteatfresh.co.uk).

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham- Admissions 2022

Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before **4pm on 30th June 2021**. The test will take place on **11th September 2021**.

Parents of current Year 5 children can register by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Thank you

Admissions **The Grammar Schools in Birmingham** Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road Birmingham, B15 2UD

Website: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org



Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

Healthy Sandwich Piece of Fruit Yogurt Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)

Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school!

Thank you for your support.





| PE TIMETABLE | |
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| Week Commencing 14/06/2021 Monday 14th June Year 4 | <u>Summ</u> Term Starts: Term En Teacher Trainin |
| | Repor |
| Tuesday 15th June | If your child is abse before 9am to let us |
| Year 6 | Please give school your child's absenc child's symptoms w a call back from Mis |
| Wednesday 16th June Year 3 | Thank you for your |
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| Thursday 17th June | on 0121 327 0824 open from 8am . |
| Year 5 | |

Term Dates



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Medical Notice

School Meals

Changing from Dinner 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 dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records.

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 .

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 which is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our school website under the

parents tab.

Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication.



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Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali Vice-Chair of Governors—Mr Johur Uddin

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