

Hello everyone

In response to your feedback from parents' evening, we have asked **Joseph Chamberlain College** to host a **coffee morning in the school hall for you on Tuesday 22nd November at 9am** to let you know about the **adult education courses** we might run in school for you depending on interest shown. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear about the **English, Maths, IT and ESOL courses** they can provide and ask any questions you may have. Please do try and attend the coffee morning to find out more - we are looking forward to welcoming you!



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —



We are excited to announce our

School Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 10th December from 10am-12pm**. During these 2 hours you will be able to browse a range of stalls selling crafts and food and drink, as well as have a go at different games and activities organised by the children! We are hoping to have a special visitor too! Entry will be **£2 per family** - all children under the age

of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in renting a stall table for £20, please contact Mrs Ahmed in the School Office on 0121 327 0824. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

And finally, we are looking forward to welcoming **Year 5** parents and carers into school to watch the fantastic **Diwali Assembly at 9am on Monday morning**. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Children In Need



Today we celebrate Children In Need. Children were given the option to wear something cosy, yellow, spotty or crazy hair.

We have had some creative hairstyles. Which is your favourite?



It was great to see some of the children and staff come in their comfy/ lounge wear .





World Cup Fever at Thornton

Thornton Multiplication Times Tables World Cup



Next week marks the start of our very own world cup at Thornton. Classes will be competing head-to-head with each other to showcase their multiplication times tables knowledge, using the Times Tables Rockstars platform.

This fun and friendly competition is being run to strengthen our pupils' ability to recall their tables fun. Also, as the competition is run at a class level, it will also promote teamwork through collective responsibility. Through the means of a draw, each class has been placed in a world cup group and has adopted a national team participating in the 2022 Football World Cup.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
3GJ (Morocco)	3SQ (Argentina)	3DR (Belgium)	3AJ (England)
4TW (Spain)	4MJ (South Korea)	4ZY (Mexico)	4RE (Germany)
5TR (Australia)	5BA (Brazil)	5ST (France)	5NG (Wales)
6LM (Senegal)	6HB (Tunisia)	6MF (Netherlands)	6NI (Qatar)
			6ZB (Japan)

To contribute to their class' score, pupils simply need logon to their TT Rockstars account and practice as normal. The app itself will allow us to know how each class is scoring in their head-to-head.

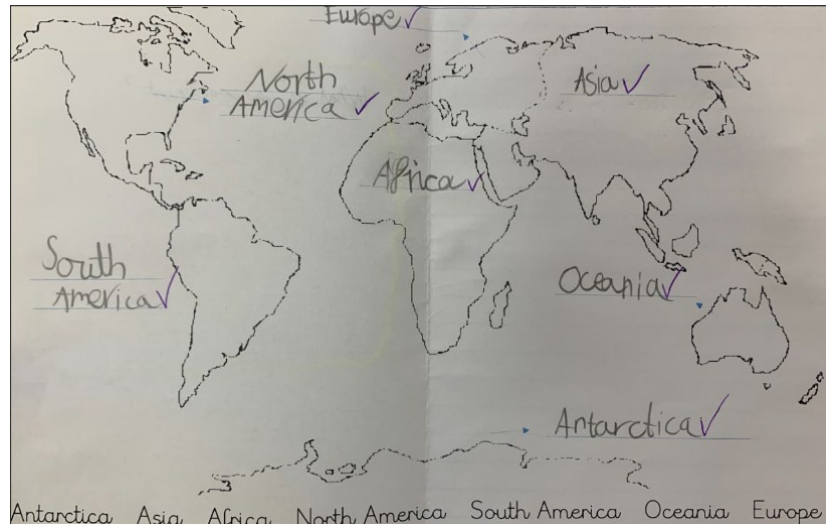
I look forward to sharing the head-to-head results with you in the coming week, and eventually announcing which class is the overall winner after the knock-out rounds shortly before the end of term.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher



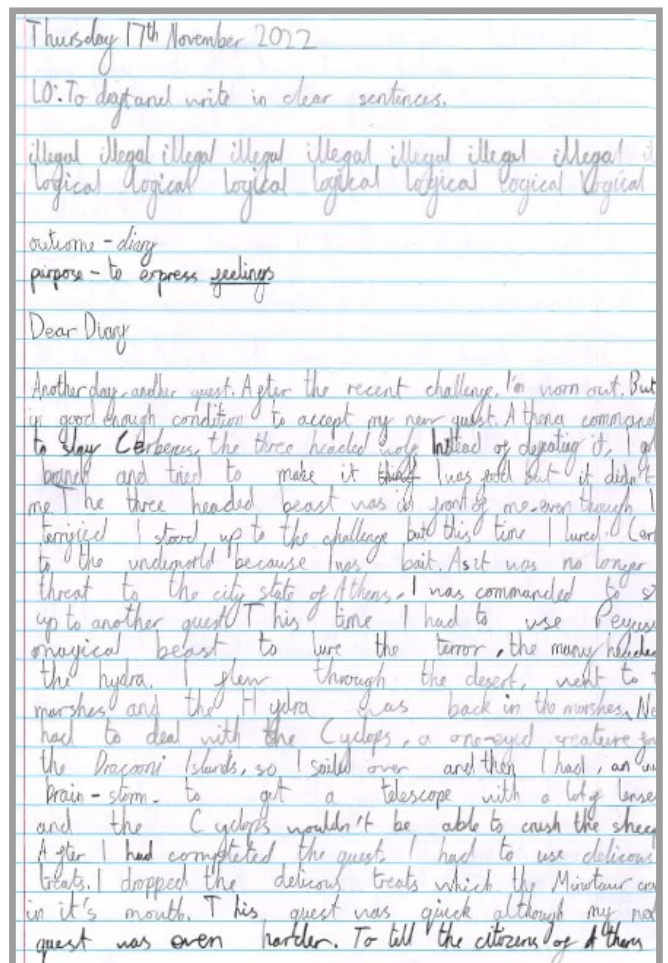
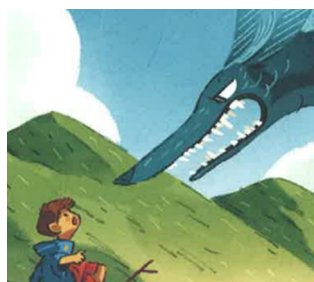
Year 3

In Topic lessons this week, we have been recapping our knowledge of the **continents of the world**. It can be a little confusing remembering the differences between a city, a country and a continent, but after our activity, we were able to label a world map correctly. We even used a compass rose to help us. Some of us even extended our learning by drawing the Equator with a ruler.



Year 4

This week in Year Four, we had the chance to use **drama to help our ideas to develop**. We learned to use gesture, facial expressions and body language to show different emotions. Once we had developed these drama skills, we tried to apply them to our study of the book *Leo and the Gorgon's Curse* by Joe Todd-Stanton. We had to explore the feelings that the main character has at different parts of the story. This helped us to write in role as Leo. For the rest of the week, we have been writing Leo's diary, expressing all the feelings he has on his many quests. This has taught us a lot about mythical creatures from ancient Greece.



Year 5

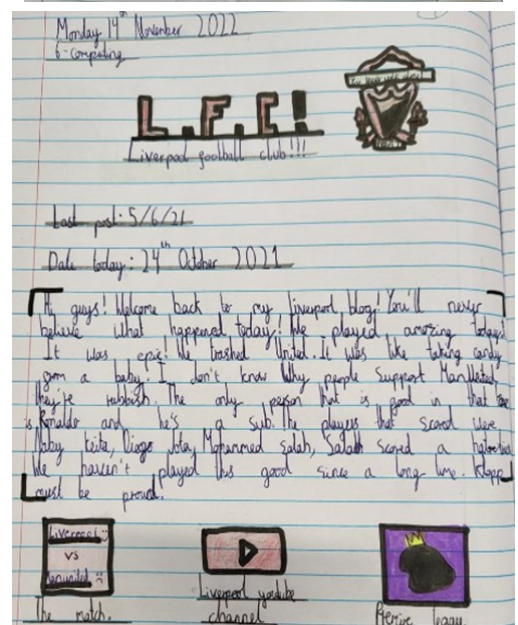
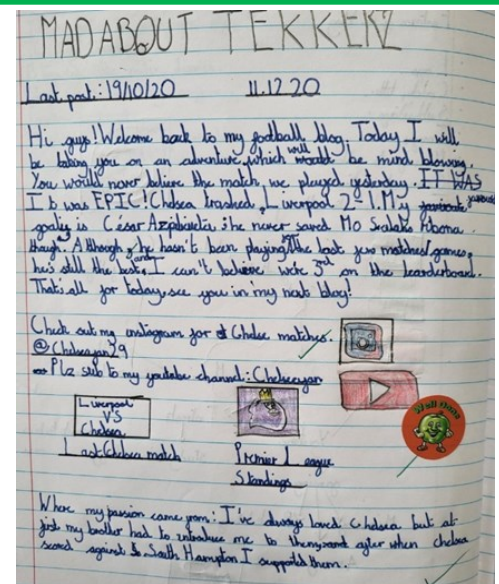
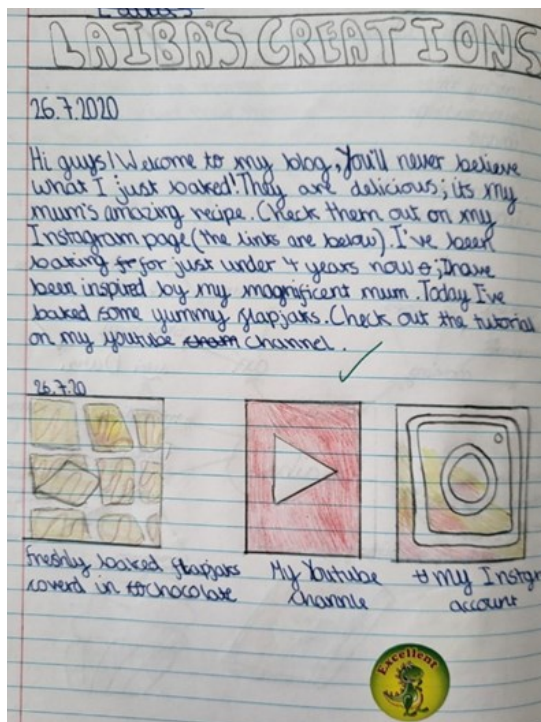
Year 5 have been weaving as part of our **Saxon Topic**.

We sorted out our wafts from our wefts and spent time going back and forth and over and under. It's not as easy as it looks!



Year 6

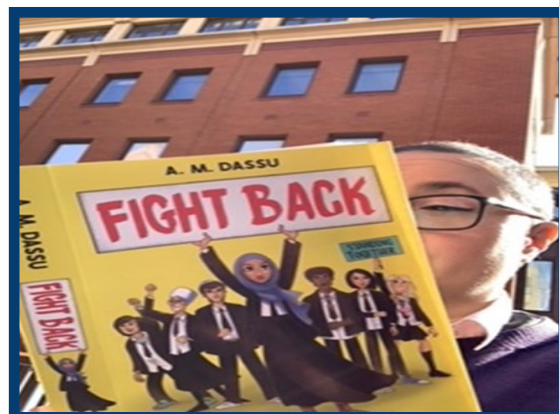
In Year 6 this week, the students were looking at **blogging during their Topic lessons**. They looked at what a blog is and the purpose of this genre of writing. The students then created a short blog based on their personal interest. Here are some fantastic examples of blogs created by year 6 pupils.



Thornton Staff Book Review

Fight Back by A.M Dassu

I'm currently reading *Fight Back* by A. M. Dassu. This is the story of Aaliyah, a hard-working, K-Pop loving, Muslim teenager living in a town in the Midlands. There aren't many Muslims in her school, and some of her classmates are unkind and target her for her religion. At first, she tries to ignore it. But after getting caught up in an incident at a K-Pop concert, and realising that there are many other students who are marginalised because of their identities, she finds the courage to stand up against bullies and prejudiced people. Can these young people successfully work together to challenge the ugly hatred thrown at anyone who does not seem to fit in? I can't wait to find out.



Reviewed by: Ms Evans (English Lead/Class Teacher)

Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, nut free snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.**



Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!

Thank you for your support.

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 £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

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

Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.



Please give school 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 for your support.

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



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Unity Hub

St Margaret's Church
St Margaret's Road, B8 2BA
Sunday 4th December 2022
1pm-5pm



Women
in
Business

Gifts
Starting
from £3

Presents

Unity Crafters Market



Face Painting



Samosa Chaat



Homemade Cakes & Bakes



Personalised Keepsakes



Handmade Jewellery



Upcycled Sweet Jars
and Gifts



Vegan Handmade Soaps



Handmade Clips & Keyrings and Henna



Nail Bar

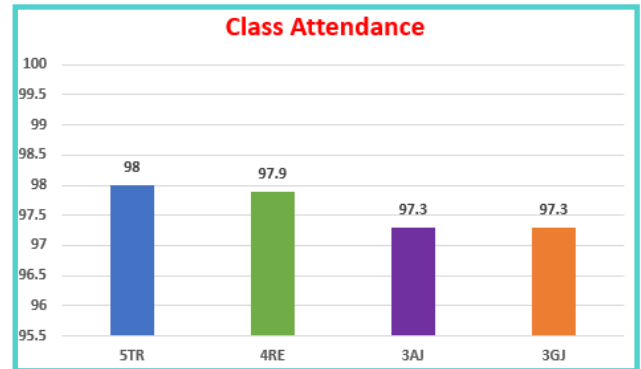
School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to everyone who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week.

3AJ, 3GJ, 4RE, 5TR

Our school attendance for last week was 93.2%



Year 3 and 6 Attendance Challenge

YEAR 3 and 6 Attendance challenge will be introduced to encourage all the year 3 and 6 classes to improve their attendance and to win two Golden Tickets!

GOLDEN TICKET

Look out for the attendance challenge board in the school dinning hall.

The challenge will run across two school weeks and will start on **Monday 21st November** until **Friday 2nd December**. The classes in year 3 and year 6 will need to achieve the school attendance target of **97%** and above each week to win a golden ticket.

To qualify for the attendance challenge reward **3AJ, 3GJ, 3SQ, 3DR, 6NI, 6HB, 6ZB, 6MF** and **6LM** will need to win two golden tickets!

Mrs Grace will announce the reward next week to each year group.

Human Relief

A Massive thank you to all parents/carers, children and staff for their support in raising money for the Pakistan Flood. We have raised £455. We have donate this amount to the Human Relief appeal .Thank you for your continued support.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2023

Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term Starts for pupils on: Wednesday 4th January 2023 .

Term Ends: Friday 18th February 2022

Half Term: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February

Donation required

Please can parents / Carers donate any unwanted, toys, household stuff and bric-brac to Ms Devi who will be donating these items to our vulnerable families.

Please do not send in any clothes or glass items. Thank you for your support



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 21st November

Year 6

Tuesday 22nd November
Year 4

Wednesday 23rd November
Year 3

Thursday 24th November
Year 5

Friday 25th November
Swimming for classes 4TW & 5NG
Children in 4TW will need to be in school for 8.25am

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