

Hello everyone

On behalf of the school Governors, I would like to thank everyone in our Thornton Family for all their hard work in support of some super learning. I know there are many people looking forward to a well earned rest over the next two weeks so that batteries can be recharged ready for an exciting summer term. Please note that we **return to school on Monday 17th April from the usual time of 8.30am** so all children continue to have the chance to take part in extra catch up work.

This week, **Year 5** braved the ever changing weather conditions to deepen their environmental awareness (and increase their fitness!) on a trip to the **Kingfisher**

Country Park and **Year 3** enthusiastically continued their **Ward End Library** visits.

Year 4 welcomed parents and carers into school to share a **reading workshop** and also performed a fantastic **Easter assembly** yesterday to a supportive audience. A BIG thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend. There was some informative retelling of the Easter story, as well as lots of information about Easter customs around the world and some uplifting singing. Well done Year 4, you made us all very proud!

Congratulations to our school football team as they went 8 games unbeaten in pursuit of the league title. There were brilliant team performances securing a 3-0 win against Erdington Hall and a 7-1 victory against Colebourne—well done to everybody involved and a **BIG thank you again to Mr Bates and Miss Devi!**

Please keep a look out for a letter explaining about an exciting **art competition** being run by Highclare School that your child/ren may like to enter. And finally, please take a look at the school website to read the full version of this newsletter and discover more about what your child will be learning next term! Wishing everyone a very happy holiday!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

A Rights are for ALL children. UNIVERSAL	B Rights are there at BIRTH. INHERENT	C Rights CANNOT be taken away. INALIENABLE	D Rights DO NOT have to be earned. UNCONDITIONAL	E All rights are EQUALLY important. INDIVISIBLE
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A: RIGHTS ARE FOR ALL CHILDREN

- **Key idea:** Rights are for all children and young people across the world
- **Key word:** Universal

B: RIGHTS ARE THERE AT BIRTH

- **Key idea:** Humans are born with rights.
- **Key word:** Inherent

C: RIGHTS CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY

- **Key idea:** Rights cannot be given, taken away, bought or sold
- **Key word:** Inalienable

D: RIGHTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE EARNED

- **Key idea:** Rights do not come with any conditions attached and are not linked to responsibilities as they are not earned.
- **Key word:** Unconditional

E: ALL RIGHTS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT

- **Key idea:** Every right is important in order for children and young people to survive, develop and reach their full potential. Rights are a whole package and are interlinked.
- **Key word:** Indivisible

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This year, for British Science Week 2023, our children created some amazing projects! Our theme was 'connections' and we decided to connect with our sustainability team to develop ideas for our local allotment. Here at Thornton, we have some incredibly creative and talented pupils (and parents) who brought their ideas to life! Below are our Science Week winners- a huge thank you and well done to you all!

Ziyad 4MJ



Alyzah 3SQ



Zainab 5ST



Haala 5NG



Winners 2023!

Ameen 6LM

Ziyad LMJ

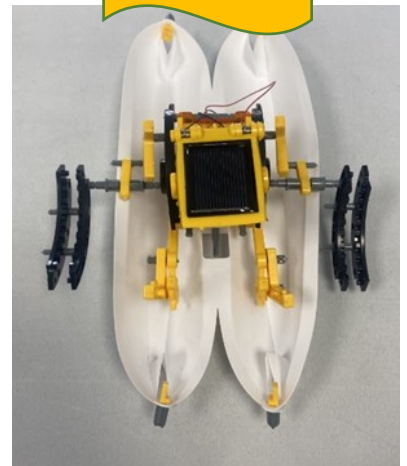
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Alyzah M 3SQ

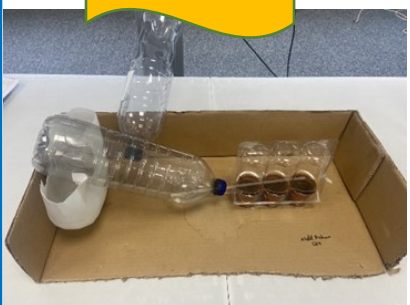
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Haala 5NG

Ameen 6LM



Abdul R 6HB



Anah 5TR



To bring British Science Week 2023 to an end, we created Thornton's largest ever human circuit! Over 500 pupils and staff joined hands to create a circuit and light up our energy stick! Since then, the energy stick has been making its way around Birmingham in various other schools – electrifying!



Thornton
making
history with
the largest
human circuit.

STEM Messy Makers



Our STEM Messy Makers club, run by Mrs Jalil has been a huge hit with the children!

Above are some of the weird and wonderful creations from this half term!

Science is alive at Thornton, join us on our Padlet by scanning the QR code and showing support to our Thornton Family.



Science at
Thornton



SCAN ME! Scan and follow our new science Padlet for all things science! Here we will be sharing all the great work our Thornton scientists have been doing throughout the year and sharing all the latest science news from around the school. Support your child and follow!

World's Largest Lesson

The World's Largest Lesson team delivered an inspiring assembly for all year groups and introduced the Sustainable Development Goals to all the children. Pupils from each year group had the opportunity to take part in the assembly and learn about the different goals and notice the connection between them. After assembly a group of pupils participated in a workshop, to learn more about the goals and to see how creativity is required for changes to be made and the goals to be met. A big thank you to Jack and Nour for their enthusiasm and assembly.



What are the Sustainable Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals are a list of 17 goals, which were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, which provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that

improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.



I enjoyed the 'World's Largest Lesson' workshop because I learnt how to solve a problem by using only one item and my creativity.

Laaibah

I enjoyed the workshop because I was able to use my imagination to solve different problems and find solutions to achieve the SDGs.

Fabio

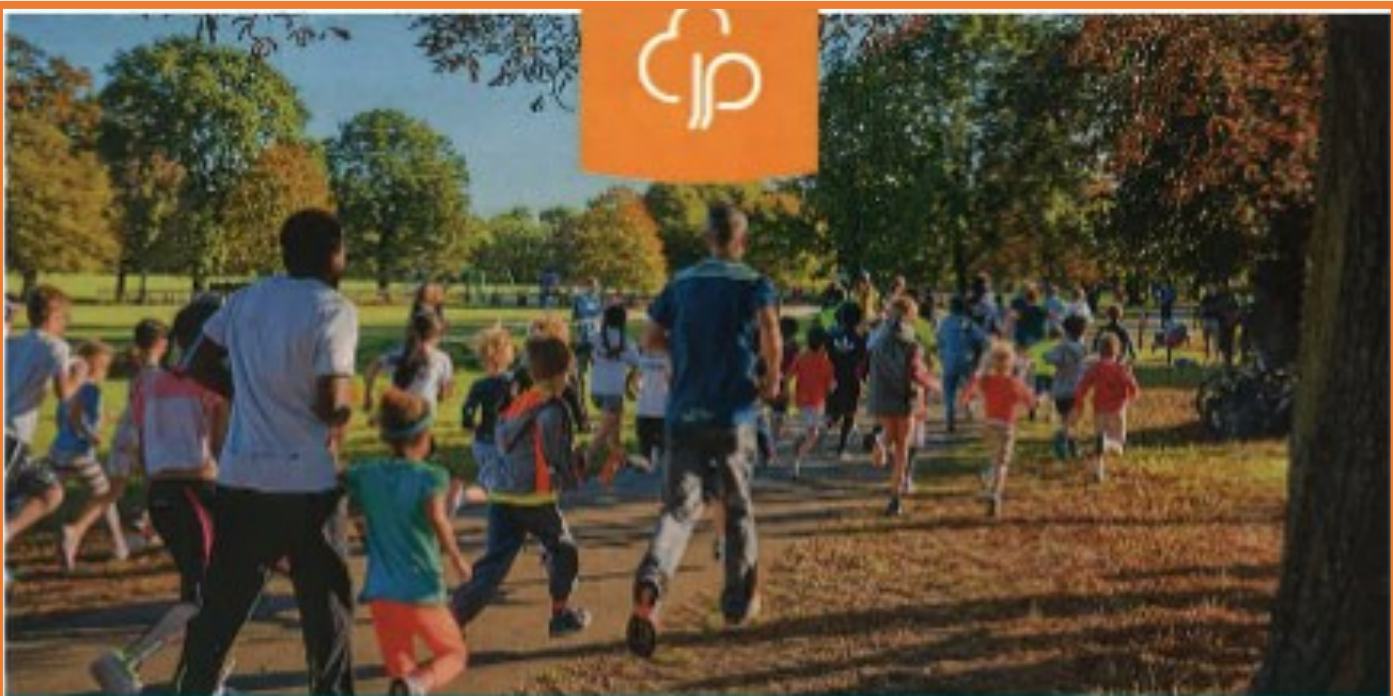


To find out more about the world's largest lesson and the sustainable goals scan the QR code or type in the link below:

<https://worldlargestlesson.globalgoals.org>

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JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



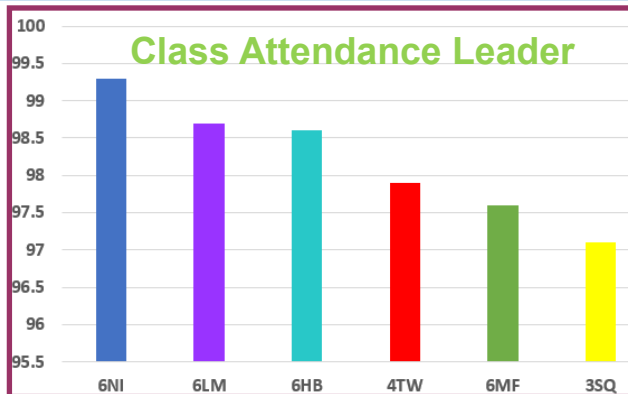
Register at parkrun.com

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

School Attendance

Class Attendance

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



Golden Ticket Sliver Award

All the pupils who have achieved 98% and above attendance will be invited to a special attendance celebration assembly. Look out for the invitations.



Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project.

Well done to all the children who achieved the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Award. Look out for your attendance celebration assembly invitations.

Thank you to all the parents/ carers for supporting our improving attendance initiatives.

Our school attendance for last week was 94.8%

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Term 1 starts:

Monday 17th April 2023

Year 3 Think Tank Trip

Wednesday 26th April

-3SQ and 3AJ

Friday 28th April-

3GJ and 3DR

Bank holidays

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

Teacher Training Day

on Monday 22nd May



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 17th April

Year 4

Tuesday 18th April

Year 6

Wednesday 19th April

Year 3

Thursday 20th April

Year 5

Friday 21st April

4MJ&5TR

Swimming classes for three weeks only.

Children in 4MJ will need to be in school for 8.25am

Clubs Price Increase

Breakfast Club and After School Club prices will be increasing after the Easter Holidays.

New Charges from 17th April:

Breakfast Club -£2.50 per day and additional sibling will be charges £1.00.

After School Club -£4.00 per day and additional Sibling will be charged £2.00.

All payments need to be made via Parent Pay please

There will be a late pickup charge of £4.00 for any pupils being picked up after 4pm.

Trips

All trip payments need to be made on Parent pay. If you need help with making the payment please contact the school office so we can support you. Thank you.

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