

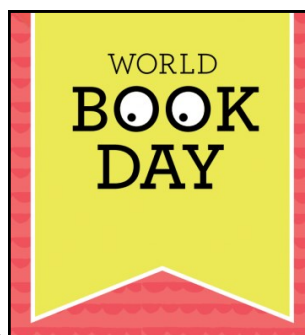
Hello everyone

Firstly, a huge thank you to the parents who were able to attend our February coffee morning on Tuesday this week. We discussed e-safety and have emailed home a helpful leaflet that shares ideas about keeping your children safe online. This information is also available on the school website under our safeguarding tab. We are looking forward to sharing more information with you next week as we enjoy our Safer Internet Week - keep a look out for activities we will send home for you to complete with your child!



Secondly, another big thank you to everyone who managed to attend our rearranged parents' evening for 5TR, 5BA, 6HB and 6NI this Wednesday. It's always supportive to celebrate your child's successes and work together.

Exciting things to look forward in the next few weeks in school are Children's Positive Mental Health Week starting on Monday 14th February, Year 5's Chinese New Year dance workshop on Monday 14th March and World Book Day on Friday 4th March (more details to follow next week!). We also have a number of sports competitions for children across all year groups planned over the next few weeks.



Finally, I would like to say a very BIG thank you to year 5 for producing an awesome Chinese New Year assembly! We had a fantastic display of talents and skills ranging from 5TR's great scenery and puppets for the telling of the zodiac story, to expert knowledge and creativity from 5ST sharing their learning about red lanterns, to 5BA grabbing our attention with Chinese dragon facts and the appearance of a magnificent Chinese dragon and 5ZY's performance of an entertaining firework story with superb acting skills! Next week, we will be sharing information with you about a communication and language project that we are involved with. In the meantime, why not take a look at this website and follow our twitter account to find out a little more.

www.eastwardsconsortiumdlp.co.uk



Thank you. Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Tuesday 8th February it is Safety Internet Day .

Children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the week ,including an assembly .

We will be sending home some activities for you to complete as a family and we will sign posting daily activities on the school twitter account .



Scan the QR code to access Thornton Twitter account.

All fun and games?
Your guide to gaming

Tuesday 8 February 2022
Live: 4.30pm-5pm

CLICK HERE TO JOIN
Or paste this link into your browser:
<https://youtu.be/4keZKma1USA>

How much is too much gaming? How can I tell if a game is suitable for my child? Are there any benefits to online gaming?

Join our live event for parents for the answer to these questions and much more.

Stream it on YouTube and join the chat to get involved. Want a question answered? Email members@parentzone.org.uk

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BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online, remember personal information can be used to target and abuse you. Don't tell anyone your name, address, school, or other personal details.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as they may not be who they say they are. Always ask your parents for advice before meeting anyone in person.

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online as it could contain viruses, spyware, or other malicious software. If you are unsure, ask your parents for advice.

R RELIABLE The internet isn't everything you can believe as some things can be used to cause harm, spread rumors, or even bully. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check the links, and look for comments about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something on the internet makes you feel uncomfortable or worried. There are lots of people who can help you to keep safe and your friends, parents, teachers, or trusted friends - please tell them if you are worried.

BE SMART WITH A HEART Be kind and respectful to others online. Share the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or need help with anything that happens online.

SEND Therapy Team



Who are we?

We are a team of Occupational Therapists (OT) and Speech and Language Therapists (SALT). We work closely with schools, nurseries and childminders across Birmingham to support children and young people with special educational needs. We aim to strengthen links between health and education and to offer support at a universal and targeted level.

What help can we offer?

- Providing training to groups of schools, nurseries and childminders
- Providing Family Webinars to advise parents on a range of SEND topics
- Recommending and advising on universal and targeted support for children and young people
- SENCO/Parent Advice Meetings
- Providing appropriate resources and strategies to support children
- Signposting to other relevant services



For any contact details, resources or news on latest events:
Website <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>
Email the team bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net



Online Parental Course

Birmingham City Council have Pre-Paid parental courses for every parent in Birmingham, The courses are for parents, carers and grandparents for children from bump to 19 years old . To access these course just click on the link below and just enter the access code "COMMUNITIY" at the top of the page to claim your course .

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_children_s_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love/2



YEAR 3

We have been reading the book 'The Great Realisation' which is all about the pandemic. Also, a story of hope and for a time of change. We started by thinking about all of the positives that came from isolation and that it gave us chance to slow down, reflect, enjoy and appreciate family time together. We then compared this to the old, busy and sometimes negative things that came from life before the pandemic. The children produced some beautiful pictures which reflected these ideas and the care and time they put into them is clear to see. Well done Year 3!

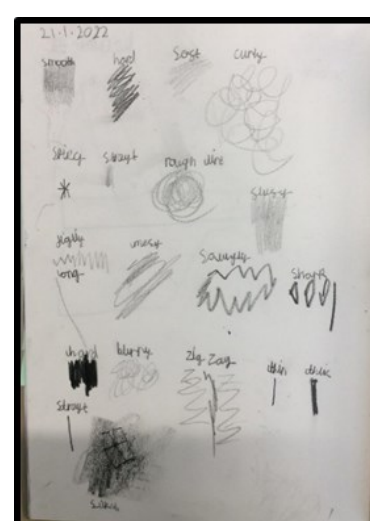
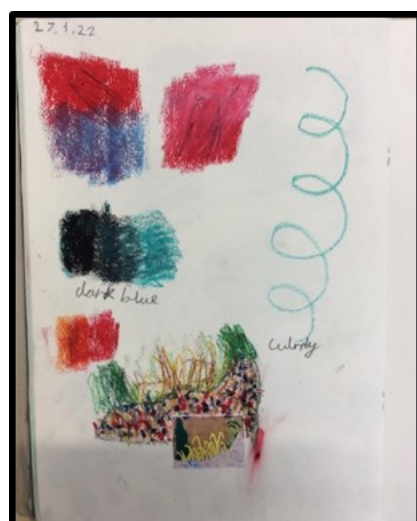
Remember to appreciate all the simple things in life. Perhaps you can go for a walk this weekend and take a look at the beautiful things in nature, just to remind you of what we have and show gratitude for everything around us. Look at the sky, smell the damp leaves in the forest, hear the birds singing beautiful tunes, taste the fresh air and feel the joy of being free and outside!



Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been exploring a range of mark making techniques using graphite and oil pastels to generate a visual, vocabulary. They have used this vocabulary to create their own imagine landscapes over the next few weeks.

Here are some wonderful examples of sketchbook pages from our fabulous artists!



YEAR 5

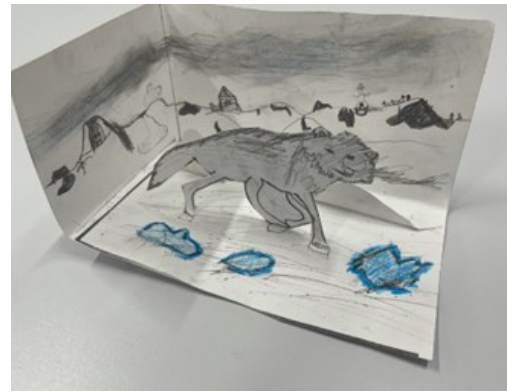
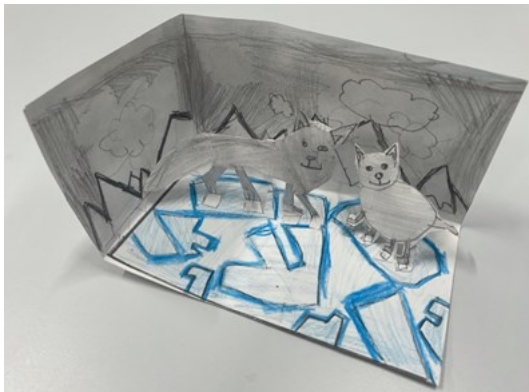


Year 5 have been continuing their work on Frozen Kingdoms, studying biomes in the polar regions.

As part of an art lesson, children created 3D scenes and have included animals that they had learned about in their topic work. Can you tell which animals they have selected?

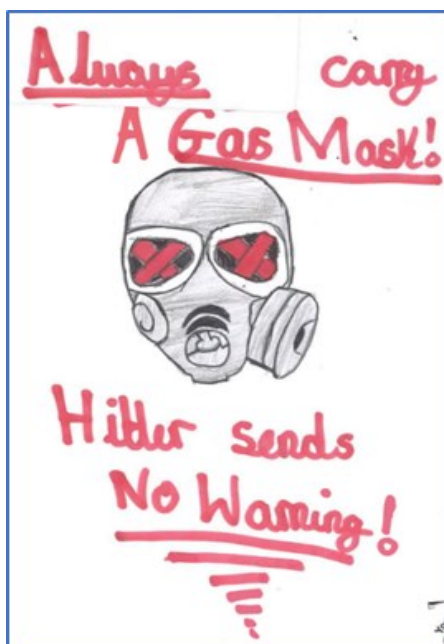
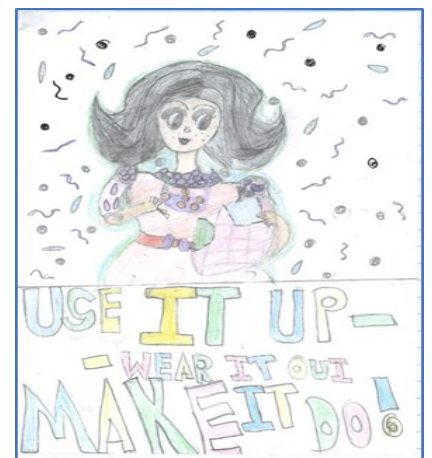
Are they at the North pole or the South pole?

Here are three examples from Saira, Zaynab and Yahya from 5TR



Year 6

This week in Year 6, we looked at propaganda posters. We discussed the purpose and the impact they had during World War 2. The students analysed posters from World War 2 and then designed their own. Some students applied their knowledge of persuasion to create posters to inform people of how to behave in the pandemic.



OPENING TIMES

•THURSDAY•

8.30PM-9.30PM

•SATURDAY•

FEMALES ONLY:

10.30AM-11.30AM

MIXED SESSIONS:

12.00PM-1.00PM



GEORGE GRENFELL
MEMORIAL HALL 11-17
BANKDALE ROAD,
WARDEND, BIRMINGHAM,
B8 2AA.

OPENING
19/02/22
@ 11am

ACTIVITIES

•VIDEO/BOARD GAMES•BOXERCISE•DHOL/MUSIC
CLASSES•POOL TABLE•TABLE TENNIS•AIR
HOCKEY•FOOTBALL•BADMINTON•HOMEWORK
CLUB•BOOK CLUB•ARTS & CRAFTS
•READING CORNER•



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

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

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**

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.

Break time snacks really help to give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Make sure your child does bring a piece of fruit in for mid morning break.



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.



Polite reminder: we are a nut free school!

It is lovely to have the opportunity to share cake or sweets with friends when it is a special occasion, such as a birthday. However, we respectfully ask that children do not bring anything into school that contains nuts. We have several children who have allergies to nuts, some of which can potentially be life threatening. Therefore, in order to keep everyone in school safe, we continue to declare ourselves a nut free school. We are very grateful for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe.

Thank you.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

School Attendance

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



1ST	3DR	98.7%
2ND	4TW	97.7%
	4GJ	97.7%

Our whole school attendance for last week was 93.7%



Year 4 Attendance Challenge!

We have introduced a YEAR 4 challenge board to encourage all the Year 4 classes to improve their attendance to win the Golden Ticket .



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

The challenge will run across three school weeks. It will start on **Monday 7th February** and will end after the half term holidays on **Friday 4th March**

The classes in Year 4 will need to achieve the school attendance target of **97%** and above each week to earn a golden ticket.

To qualify for the Year 4 attendance challenge reward, **4MJ, 4GJ, 4TW and 4SH** will need to collect 3 golden tickets!

Mrs Grace will reward the winning class with a chest of fun wet play board games. **Good Luck Year 4!**

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 7th February
Year 4

Tuesday 8th February
Year 6

Wednesday 9th February
Year 3

Thursday 10th February
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.**



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