

Hello everyone

A huge **well done to everyone in Year 4** this week for showing their awesome resilience! I am so proud of how well they adapted to a sudden relocation of classroom on Wednesday morning. A burst pipe caused a large flood in the Year 4 block and all four Year 4 classrooms, the school library and the staff room could not be used. Luckily, we were able to move mountains (well furniture and resources!) before 8.30am so all the Y4 children could still be in school learning. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make this possible in such a very short period of time.

This week we were also very proud to be able to fill a whole van with all the fantastic harvest donations you have given to the voluntary-run organisation **Salma Food Bank (run by Bearded Broz www.beardedbroz.com)**. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Representatives from our School Council spoke passionately with Imran Hameed (founder) about the importance of supporting community issues.



Today, it was fantastic to celebrate and reward 313 children who achieved our **Bronze Award for Attendance** by reaching 97% or above for the Autumn Term, and 20 children who won our 'Magic 20 Award'! The children were rewarded with book prizes and certificates presented by Senior Leaders, and encouraged to continue with their success and go for the Silver Award this term. Well done, everyone, we are super proud of you!



And finally, please don't forget to book your **video parents' evening appointment** on: **Wednesday 19th January 3.45pm-6pm** OR **Wednesday 26th January 3.45pm-6pm**. Please note, appointments for classes 5TR and 5ZY ONLY can be booked on: Tuesday 18th January 3.45pm-6pm OR Wednesday 26th January 3.45pm-6pm. A letter was sent home last week about booking this video appointment on <https://thorntonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> Please speak with your child's class teacher if you need support booking your appointment or telephone the school office 0121 327 0824, thank you. Remember, it's best to be logged in ready for your video appointment at least a few minutes early so you can maximise the time you have to talk with the teacher! We look forward to 'seeing you' soon to discuss your child's progress.



And finally, in order to make sure we keep EVERYONE in our community safe, I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to read the latest guidance over the page about Covid—19. It explains about when to get a test, when to isolate and what close contacts should do. We are working hard to keep the school safe and open for everyone despite absences.

Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone,
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The latest government guidance about Covid-19 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

FROM MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022:

- People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature
- Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days

When you do not need to self-isolate

If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

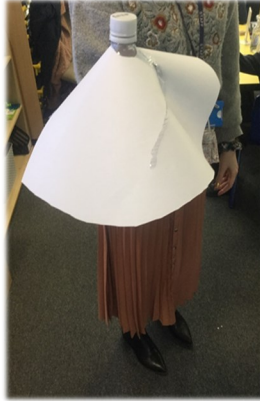
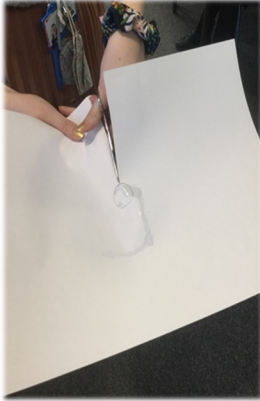
- you're fully vaccinated – this means you have had 2 doses of the vaccine and 14 days have passed since your final dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine
- you're under 18 years old
- you're taking part or have taken part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you're strongly advised to:

- do daily rapid lateral flow tests (1 a day for 7 days), if you're fully vaccinated, to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 - [find out more about daily testing on GOV.UK](#)
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Children who are close contacts of a positive case (live in the same household) should do a LFD test every morning before coming to school. A negative test result MUST be reported to school (0121 327 0824) each morning before the child comes into school.

YEAR 3



In year 3, our new topic is **Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**. We started off by learning about volcanoes and doing an experiment to see if we could create our very own volcano. The children loved this activity and some even tried it at home! If you want to do it at home, the video is on the Year 3 Google Classroom stream. Why not have a go?



YEAR 4

Convince the people of Sugar Smart World to make healthier swaps!
Complete the comic strip. Don't forget to use correct punctuation.

1. Why shouldn't they have too much sugar?
Too much sugar can cause the enamel will stop keeping your teeth healthy.

2. How can they find out how much sugar is in their food and drink?
By looking on the packaging on the bottom.

3. What is one swap they can make?
unhealthy ginger bread man → healthy yogurt

4. What is another swap they can make?
Instead of pancakes, you can have vegetables.

Convince the people of Sugar Smart World to make healthier swaps!
Complete the comic strip. Don't forget to use correct punctuation.

1. Why shouldn't they have too much sugar?
Eating too much sugar can cause tooth decay and you will also get a cavity.

2. How can they find out how much sugar is in their food and drink?
If you want to know how much sugar is included, check the traffic light label.

3. What is one swap they can make?
You can swap coco pops for wheat-a-bix.

4. What is another swap they can make?
You can swap chocolate to sugar free jelly.

For PSHE this week, we have been learning about 'Health and Fitness'. The children learnt about why they should not have too much sugar and some everyday changes that they could make. They learnt that to stay healthy, a child aged 7–10 should have no more than six sugar cubes a day. That's a maximum of about 24 grams of sugar! The children identified that food and drink packets have 'traffic light' labels and these labels give information about how much fat, saturated fat, sugar and salt is in the food or drink. They discovered that there are lots of tasty everyday swaps they can make!

Keep an eye out for the 'traffic light' labels on your weekly shopping to ensure you are choosing the right food and drink to stay healthy!

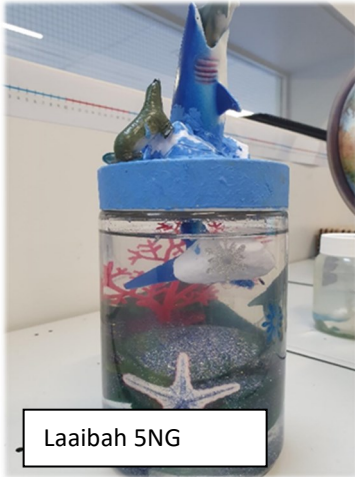


YEAR 5

Year 5 has a new and exciting theme this term: **Frozen Kingdom.**

Before the holidays, their teachers set them a challenge for their creative homework. We are delighted that they accepted the challenge saying, "Bring it on!". They created beautiful artwork depicting the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights), made winter wonderland scenes and even some snow globes!

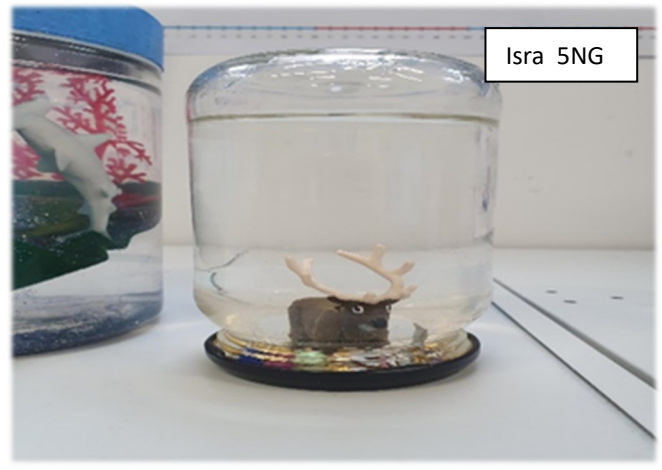
Here are some of their examples. The children thought about the environment and reused existing materials such as jam jars and shoes boxes to create their masterpieces. Well done, everyone!



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Abdul 5ZY

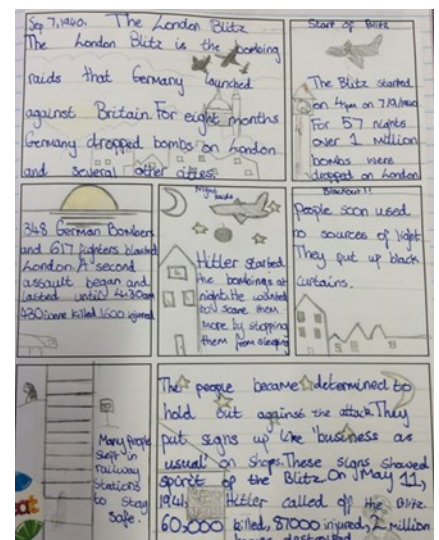
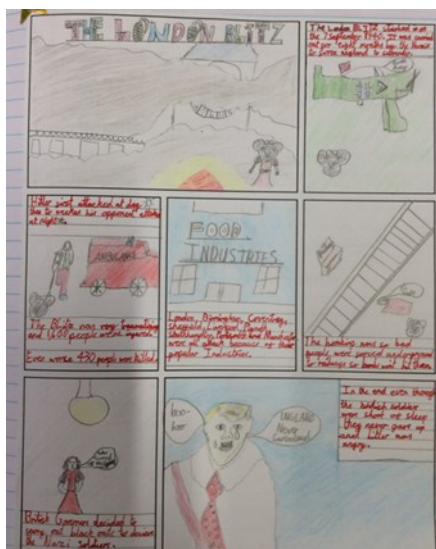
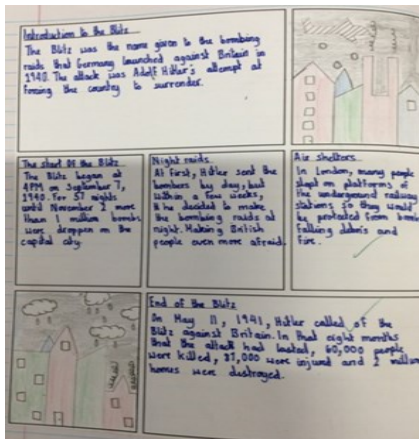


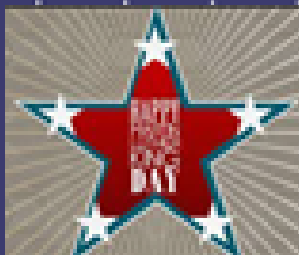
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Year 6

As part of our topic about **World War 2**, the children in Year 6 have been learning about **The Blitz**. The children were first asked to carry out their own research. They discovered that the Blitz was the name given to the bombing raids that Germany launched against Britain in 1940. Bombs were dropped on London and other cities such as Birmingham and Manchester.

The children selected the key events and communicated their understanding through a comic strip. Here are some fantastic examples we are proud to share with you.





MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY MENU



Thursday 20th January

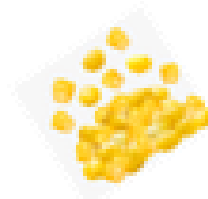


Southern Fried Chicken Strips

**Southern Fried Vegetables
Nuggets**



Fries



Sweetcorn

**Jacket Potatoes
OR
Sandwiches**



Oreo Cookie



If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and you would like a special Martin Luther King Day lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. The cost is £2.40 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.

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**

Payments

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. As we are approaching the end of term, please clear all your dinner debts before the holidays start.

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.



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.



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.



Autumn Attendance Celebration Assembly



Golden Ticket Bronze Award

Our special Attendance Autumn Term Attendance celebration assembly on Friday was a great success. Mrs Grace is incredibly proud of the **313 golden tickets winners** who qualified for a Bronze Gold Ticked by achieving the school attendance target of 97% and above attendance.

WOW! 173 children have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term. This is amazing achievement and we are very proud of you all!

A huge congratulations to all the children and a big thank you to all the parents for ensuring there children attend school every day and on time.

Magic 20 Raising Attendance Project

Well done to all the children who improved their attendance by attending school for 20 consecutive days. Lets see if you can continue to improve your attendance during the Spring Term and win a **GOLDEN TICKET** this term!

During the celebration assembly the children were rewarded with a prize and certificate. Thank you to all the parents supporting our attendance initiatives by ensuring your child is in school every day and on time.



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 17th January

Year 3

Tuesday 18th January

Year 5

Wednesday 19th January

Year 4

Thursday 20th January

Year 6

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

**4GJ
3AW**

Our whole school attendance for last week was 94%

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar,
Mrs McPherson, Miss Loach
Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali



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