

Hello everyone,

It was lovely to see parents/carers finding out all about **Google Classroom at the coffee morning today**, and learning more about how school uses this platform to share weekly homework, half-termly creative homework, daily lessons, as well as lots of other useful information. Please ask your child to logon and show you what it's all about if you don't already know! The next coffee morning is on **Tuesday 7th February from 9am** and will provide you with an opportunity to find out about how we support pupils with **Special Educational Needs at Thornton**. We are lucky to have some external professionals we work with coming along too so please try and join us, thank you!

Next **Wednesday 18th January is our first parents' evening this term**. There is also an opportunity to book an appointment for the following **Wednesday 25th January** if this is better for you. Please book online using SchoolCloud to get an appointment to come to school to meet with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

As part of our busy week this week, I have enjoyed hearing about the parking outside school training our **Year 5 Junior PSCOs** are doing, as well as seeing the faces of all those children who enjoyed the Bronze Attendance Reward pantomime on Tuesday! Everyone brought their outdoor voices to the show!

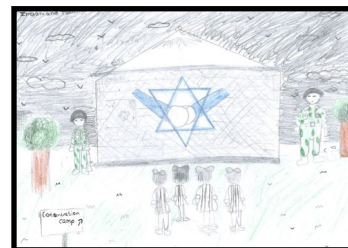
Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Holocaust Memorial Day

Picture drawn by Imaani and Tasniim from 6LM



Since 2005, Holocaust Memorial Day is remembered on the 27th January every year. Holocaust Memorial Day gives us a moment to learn and remember what has happened in the past to have a brighter future. How would you feel if you were separated from your family? You would be sent to a Concentration Camp where you would be tortured to death. During World War II, 4 million Jewish people were killed by the Nazis. This included children.

Linked Articles:

Article 2 – No discrimination, **Article 19**- Protection from violence, **Article 37**- No child should be kept in detention and **Article 38**- Protection in war- No child under 15 should join the army.

Holocaust Memorial Day is for everyone, including you! On 27th January, we should respect everyone that did their part in the war. We know it was a hard time for everyone, including countries that didn't take part as they still suffered. What can you do to make sure this doesn't happen again in the future?

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Year 3

This week, Year 3 began their **Ancient Egyptian** topic by exploring some ancient artefacts.

Across the classes, we got to look, feel and discuss a range of objects that were used by the ancient Egyptians.

We looked at idols and ornaments, armour, farming tools, clay pottery, headdresses, footwear, a perfume making tool and even a gruesome brain hook used to pull out brains during the mummification process!

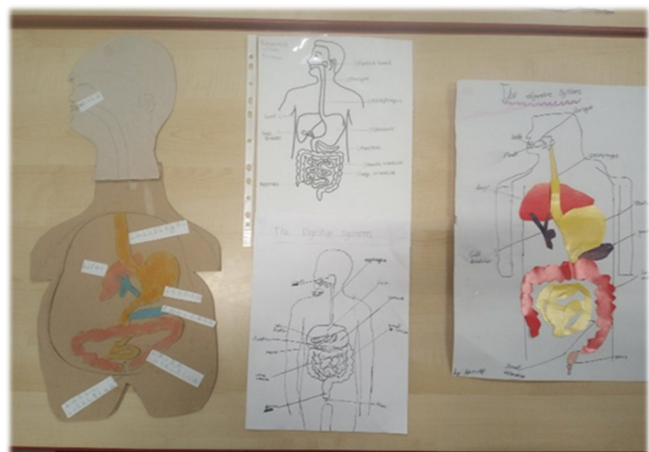
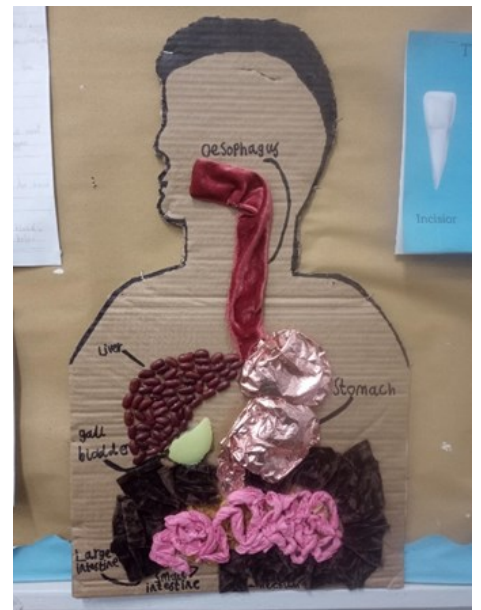
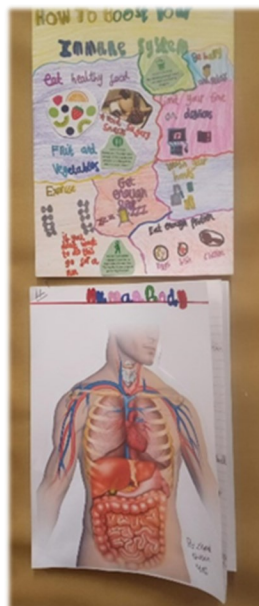
It was a fascinating hook to begin our topic and now we can't wait to find out more in our history lessons this term!



Year 4

Year 4 have produced fantastic models of the **digestive system** as part of their CREATIVE homework. This has supported their work in lessons to identify and describe the organs in the digestive process.

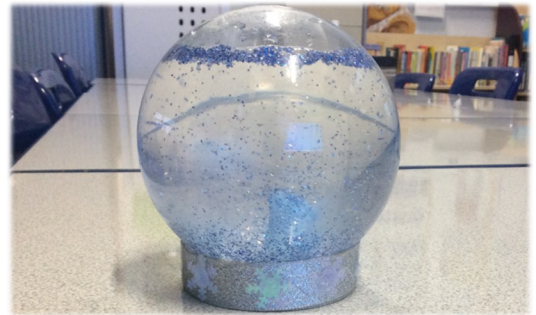
We look forward to seeing many more pieces of homework which is now displayed within classrooms.



Year 5

As part of our Spring 1 Topic, Year 5 will be looking at life in **Arctic and the Antarctic regions**. Over the Christmas holidays, the children were given Creative Homework. They could choose activities that they wanted to do linked to this Topic. Many children returned to school with some fantastic pieces of work. These included, a model of the Polar regions, snow globes, vocabulary linked to the topic, research and much more.

Well done Year 5! Keep up the wonderful work!



Year 6

In Year 6, we have submitted creative homework based around our **World War 2 topic**.

These have included such excellent entries as: models of Spitfire aeroplanes and Anderson Shelters; propaganda posters and informative research.

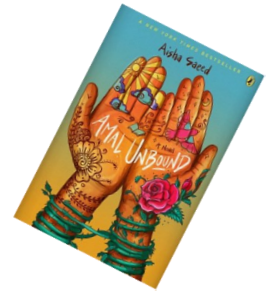
Year Six would also like to say a massive thank you to **Mr. Mason's grandma** for providing an insightful video interview about what it was like to experience World War 2 first-hand!





'Author of the Month'

January



Aisha's biography



Scan to listen to a student Q & A with Aisha Saeed about her book Amal Unbound!

Aisha Saeed

Aisha Saeed is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of books for children. Her novel **Amal Unbound** received multiple starred reviews and was a Global Read Aloud for 2018. Her picture book, **Bilal Cooks Daal** received an APALA honour. Aisha lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her family.



Aisha was born and raised in the United States but her parents emigrated from Pakistan to the states many years ago before she was born.

Fun Facts!

Aisha fosters cats. She cries buckets of tears saying goodbye each and every time.



Aisha speaks three languages fluently: English, Urdu, and Punjabi.

Aisha loves chai. If it were possible to subsist on only one food substance it would be chai.



Aisha loves trees. Be they Willows, Sycamores, or Poplar Oaks, she adores them all. Walking, sitting, daydreaming among trees brings her a sense of wonder at the beauty of our world. Her favourite trees? Redwoods.



The Viewer by Shaun Tan and Gary Crew



Young Tristan a curious boy who rescues all sorts of objects from the rubbish dump, finds an old Viewmaster in its elaborate box, complete with a set of disks. He finds these represent the ages of humankind, seen as a cyclical structure in which patterns of growth and decay are repeated. Tristan becomes more and more drawn into the world of the disks, and eventually disappears.

The book is full of metaphors and symbols of seeing and watching, circularity and never endingness, in a complex fantastical tale. A book which I highly recommend to those who are inquisitive and like mystery.

Reviewed by

Mrs Mazar (Assistant Headteacher)



Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'mannerly'**.

Mannerly is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful, but why is being mannerly so important,

"If you are mannerly you use your manners. You could listen in a mannerly way, which would be polite" Ghania 5ST.

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well done to everyone who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week - **5ST, 6NI and 6ZB**

100% Class Attendance



Congratulations to **4TW** for achieving 100% attendance. They have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher which will be used to purchase new classroom resources.

Attendance Celebration Assembly

On Friday 6th January, we celebrated our Autumn term attendance. The pupils who achieved the Golden Ticket Bronze award and the pupils who completed the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality successfully were invited to the attendance celebrations assembly.



Golden Ticket Initiative

Wow! 188 children won a golden ticket bronze award by achieving 97% and above attendance for the Autumn term! The children who won a **Golden Ticket had the opportunity to watch a pantomime performance** of **Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk** on Tuesday morning at school. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomime.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have worked in partnership with the school to ensure their child is in school everyday and on time.

During the Spring term we will be introducing the Golden Ticket Silver award initiative. Every pupil will get an opportunity to win a golden ticket. (More details to follow soon).

Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify

Pupils will who achieve 100% will be reward with a trip (more details to follow in the summer).

Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify.

Good Luck everyone!

GOLDEN TICKET

Our school attendance for last week was 94 %

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 16th January

Year 4

Tuesday 17th January

Year 6

Wednesday 18th January

Year 3

Thursday 19th January

Year 5

**Friday 20th January
Swimming for classes
4RE & 5ST**

**Children in 4RE will need
to be in school for 8.25am**

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