

Hello everyone

We are extremely proud to share with you our Key Stage 2 SATs results for this academic year:

	Reading		Writing		GPS		Maths	
	Expected / +	Greater Depth	Expected / +	Greater Depth	Expected / +	Greater Depth	Expected / +	Greater Depth
National Data 2022	74%	*	69%	*	72%	*	71%	*
Thornton Primary School 2022	75%	36%	64%	6%	74%	30%	72%	28%

*National GDS data is released in September 2022

A MASSIVE congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 children for all their hard work, resilience and determination! Also, to our **amazing teaching staff** who have worked tirelessly to give our children the very best possible opportunities to achieve the success they deserve. And, finally a HUGE thank you to all our parents/carers who have worked so well in partnership with the school to support their child. **This is true #thorntonfamily magic!**

Leading the Year 6 team this year has been **Mr Iqbal**. We are incredibly proud to tell you that he is the winner of Titan's **'Primary Teacher of the Year'**! We are also extremely proud that Mrs Bevan, Year 3 Teaching Assistant, was runner up in the finals for 'Teaching Assistant of the Year'! Two very well-deserved achievements—please join us in congratulating them if you see them.



Please remember to **send you child in their PE kit (shorts and t-shirt) each day next week, or their summer school uniform.**

It is really important your child wears **sun screen** too, and brings a **hat** to wear outside, as well as **sunglasses** if they want to! More information about the heatwave can be found on the next page... We will make sure your child has access to water all day and will be in shaded areas if it is safe to go outside.

We will share some pictures of the Year 3 and 4 Sports Day with you next week. Until then, stay safe in the sun and drink plenty of water! Have a great weekend everyone,
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Heat exhaustion and heatstroke symptoms

Heat exhaustion is not usually serious if you can cool down within 30 minutes. If it turns into heatstroke, it needs to be treated as an emergency.

Check for signs of heat exhaustion

The signs of heat exhaustion include:

- a headache
- dizziness and confusion
- loss of appetite and feeling sick
- excessive sweating and pale, clammy skin
- cramps in the arms, legs and stomach
- fast breathing or pulse
- a high temperature of 38C or above
- being very thirsty



The symptoms are often the same in adults and children, although children may become floppy and sleepy. If someone is showing signs of heat exhaustion, they need to be cooled down.

Things you can do to cool someone down

If someone has heat exhaustion, follow these 4 steps:

- Move them to a cool place.
- Get them to lie down and raise their feet slightly.
- Get them to drink plenty of water. Sports or rehydration drinks are OK.
- Cool their skin – spray or sponge them with cool water and fan them. Cold packs around the armpits or neck are good, too.
- Stay with them until they're better.

They should start to cool down and feel better within 30 minutes.

Recommendations for staying safe in the sun

- Children should not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures are more than 30°C
- Encourage children playing outdoors to stay in the shade as much as possible.
- Children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing and wear sun hats to keep cool and avoid sunburn.

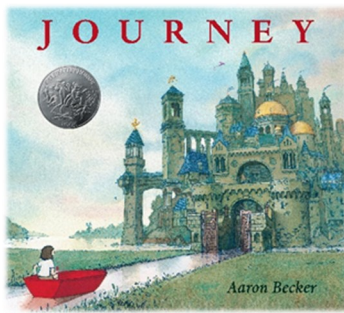


- Encourage the use of sunscreen (at least factor 15 with ultraviolet A (UVA) protection) to protect the skin if children are playing outdoors for more than 20 minutes.
- Provide children with plenty of cold water and encourage them to drink more than usual when conditions are hot.



Year 3

In English, Year 3 have been reading a book called '**Journey**' by **Aaron Becker**. The story is about a little girl who goes on an exciting adventure, using a magical crayon to draw her way through the story. This week, the children had fun planning and writing their own adventure story called 'Journey 2'. As part of their story planning, the children used their imagination to visualise their own story settings. They used oil pastels to make their settings come alive! The children thought of many wonderful story settings such as haunted hospitals, distant planets, tropical islands and enchanted palaces!


















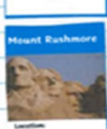




Year 4

This term, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about a range of different **American landmarks**.

We defined **human and physical geography** before sorting famous American Landmarks into two categories during a Geography lesson this week.



Human geography		Physical geography	
 Location: Seattle, USA	 Location: New York City, USA	 Location: California, USA	 Location: Arizona, USA
 Location: Toronto, Canada	 Location: Florida, USA	 Location: Wyoming, USA	 Location: Alaska, USA
 Location: San Francisco, USA	 Location: New Mexico, USA	 Location: Canada and USA	 Location: USA
 Location: Nevada, USA	 Location: New York, USA	 Location: Alaska, USA	 Location: Canada and USA
 Location: New York, USA	 Location: South Dakota, USA	 Location: Florida, USA	 Location: Yellowstone National Park, USA
Human geography is the study of things humans have made.		Physical geography is the study of things that occur naturally.	

Year 5

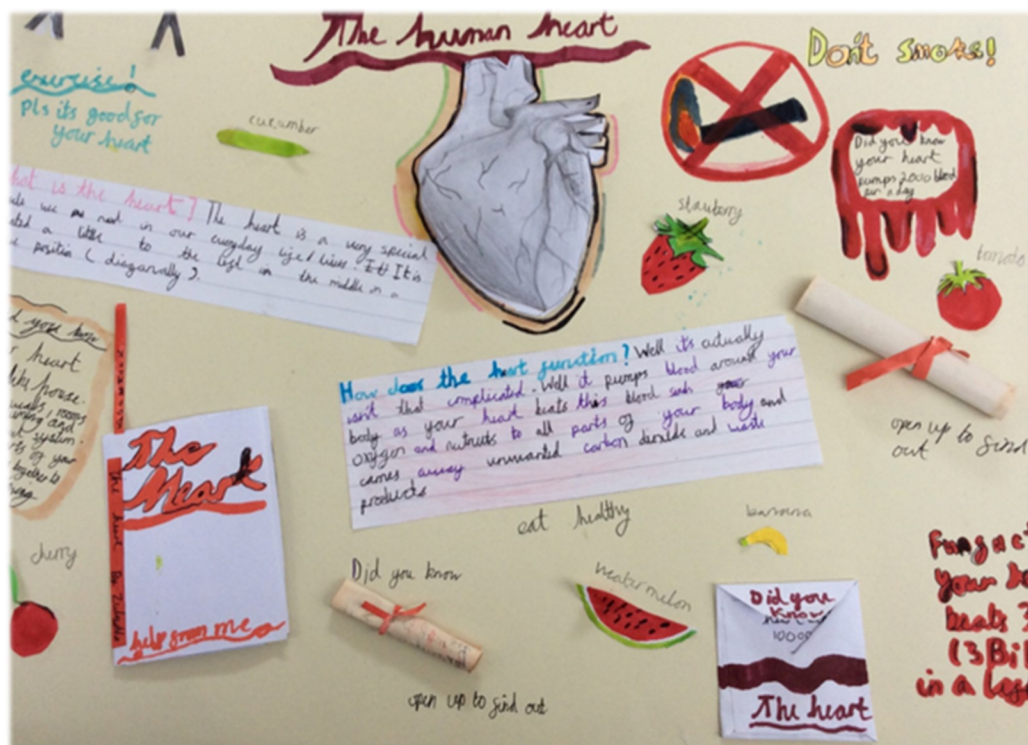
Children in Year 5 had a Summery treat! They selected and prepared a **healthy salad**. They then evaluated and decided on ways of improving it.

Many of the children had tasted some of the ingredients for the first time and were pleasantly surprised at how much they liked them. Many went home with them being inspired to include it in their diets in the future. Well done, Year 5!



Year 6

This week in Year Six, the children have continued to work on their project about **the heart**. They have worked independently, researching information about the heart and circulatory system. Pupils have used all their information to create an A3 fact sheet about the heart, which includes labelled diagrams and a glossary. Pupils chose the way they wanted to present their work. We have had some amazing fact sheets created. Well done, Year 6!



BBC Gardeners World 2022

Commonwealth Countries in a Barrow

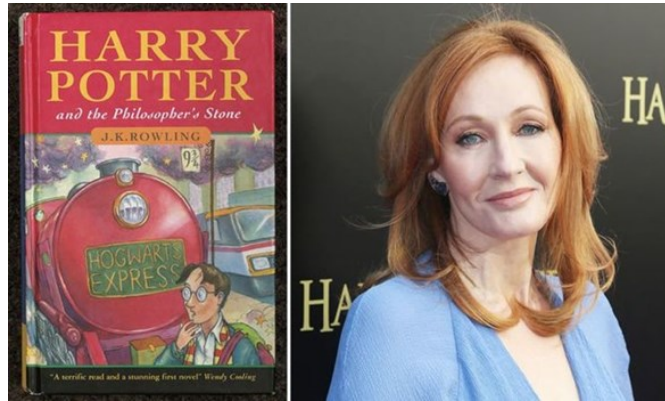
This certificate is awarded to

Thornton Primary School

Achieving ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ for their wheelbarrow entry
in the Schools Wheelbarrow competition 16th - 19th June 2022



J.K. Rowling's thoughts about reading.



“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”

J.K. Rowling has inspired, and continues to inspire, a digital generation to pick up a book and read; the Harry Potter saga has reportedly propelled young people into the wonderful world of reading, even those with no prior interest in it.

There's a very personal reason that King's Cross takes such a key role in Harry Potter

In the *Harry Potter* books, Hogwarts students famously catch the school train from fictitious platform nine and three-quarters at King's Cross station. While we know that the idea of the boy wizard came to J. K. Rowling while on a crowded train back to London from Manchester, the iconic London station is in fact where Rowling's parents first met.

Art Competition for Children and Young people with Additional Needs

SEND services are running an art competition over the summer holiday to get children and young people with additional needs in the creative mood and showcasing their lives. We are looking for images created by children and young people of themselves, their families, their friends and their interests. We want to include a selection on the [SEND Local Offer website](#) over the next year, so that the website shows the creative talents of our children and young people in Birmingham, who they are and what they get up to.

The competition will run from now until 16th September and will be organised in the following age categories:

- Age 0-7
- Age 8-13
- Age 14+

We are looking for images (drawings, paintings, collage, computer generated etc. however they wish to create) on the following subjects:

- Me and my favourite games
- Me and my schoolwork
- Me and my family
- Me and my friends
- My journey to school
- Me and my additional need
- Me living my best life

There will be voucher prizes in each category and a child or young person may enter as many categories as they wish. Please email entries or queries to:

info@localofferbirmingham.co.uk or post to PO Box 16289, Birmingham, B2 2XN.

Please label each drawing with the child or young person's name and age and please include contact details if you wish the artwork to be entered into the competition. We will not be able to return artwork and will label any submissions we use on the website and social media using only the child or young person's first name and age.

Extreme Weather Forecast uniform for next week

As you will be aware the temperatures are predicted to rise over this weekend and next week. So that the children are as comfortable as possible in school please can you make sure that your child wears one of the following option to school **every day next week:**



1. PE Kit (shorts and T-shirt)

2. School summer dress or school shorts

Please make sure your child wears sun cream to help protect their skin, and brings a hat to keep them cool. Sunglasses are an option extra for playtimes .

We will make sure your child has access to water all day including on the playground to keep them well hydrated .



School Attendance

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

Year 3

3EB

3AW

Year 5

5ZY



School Meals Price Increase

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to rising food costs, we have to increase the price of our school meals by 10p a day .

The new cost from September 2022 will be

£2.50 per day, £12.50 for the week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Summer Term 2 2022

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

**Teacher Training Day
Monday 5th September**

Term1 Starts: Tuesday 6th September

Term 1 Ends: Friday 21st October

**Half Term: Monday 24th October to
Friday 28th October**

Term 2 Starts –Monday 31st October

Parent Pay

As we are coming up to the end of the Academic year all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool club debts need to be cleared before the start of the holidays. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.



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 school 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.



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