

Hello everyone,

It has been a very active fortnight recently with the children enthusiastically taking part in our new style Covid-safe **Sports Day**. **A very BIG thank you from everyone in the #thorntonfamily to Mr Bates** for putting on a totally fantastic and extremely enjoyable set of 'class sports days' - we think you're the best!



And **a special thank you to Titan**. In March 2020, Titan launched the 'Computers For Children' campaign to tackle tech poverty in Birmingham. The 'Computers For Children' campaign has continued to grow through generous donations received from corporate donors to members of the public. We are lucky to have had **12 laptops donated to Thornton Primary School** after applying to Titan for help!



Next Wednesday afternoon, the children will be spending some time with their **new class teacher** for next academic year! All will be revealed after lunch on Wednesday!

We are also looking forward to the **Year 6 graduation ceremonies** taking place next week, and welcoming ONE parent/carer per child (only if it's dry!) to the socially distanced outdoor celebration:



6HB—Monday 5th July 1.45-2.15pm

6NI—Monday 5th July 2.30-3pm

6MF—Tuesday 6th July 1.45-2.15pm

6ZB—Tuesday 6th July 2.30-3pm

6HJ—to be rearranged for a date w/c 12th July (more information to follow next week)

And finally, we are excited to host a special **Green day on Friday 9th July 2021** which will be a day to celebrate all the great work completed on environmental issues this year! Please find out more about this on page 5 of our newsletter.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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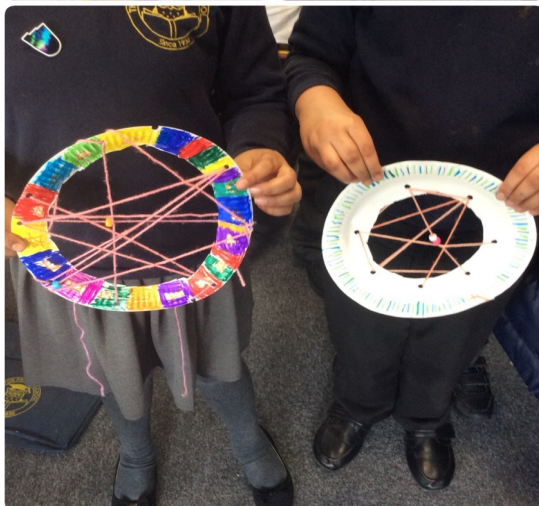
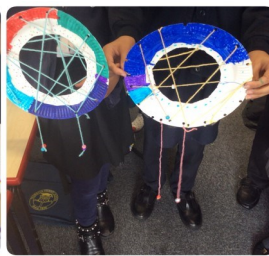
Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been busy making and cooking some yummy, healthy flapjacks, as part of their '**Scrumdiddlyumptious**' topic. They had lots of fun following the recipe, combining the ingredients carefully, and of course, tasting their delicious treats.



Year 4

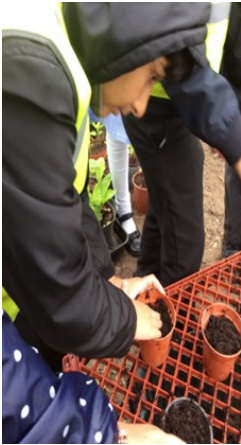
This week in year 4, Topic lesson, we looked at why **Native American** used **traditional dream catchers**. We researched why Native Americans used dream catchers to protect people from negative dreams and why positive dreams were said to pass through the hole in the center of the dream catcher. Here is a selection of some work we're really proud of this week!



Year 5

Year 5 allotment visit

Over the last week, children in year 5 visited St Margret's Road allotments as part of our **Allotments topic**. The children met Hester, who showed them around the plots. They planted a variety of seeds and seedlings including sunflowers, spinach and beans. The children explored the different fruits and vegetables that were growing in the allotments. They saw celery, cucumbers, potatoes and strawberries. Hester gave the children some organic strawberries to try. They enjoyed them as they were very sweet.



Year 6

As part of our Science topic: '**The Heart**', the children took part in an experiment to see how exercise effects the heart rate of a person. The children, first, went outside and recorded their resting heart rate. They then had to engage in different exercises for 1 minute and then take their heart rate again. What the children found was that their heart rate increased after doing the high intensity exercises. However, once they had rested again, their heart rate slowly started to slow down and less beats were recorded per minute. When a person is exercising, the heart needs to work harder in order to pump the blood quick enough around the body to the organs. The children enjoyed getting some much needed fresh air to their brains and lungs!





SCHOOL Attendance



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

Year 3

3AH-97.0%

3SQ- 97.9%

Year 4

4AB-99.3%

4GJ- 98.0%

Year 5

5NG-99.0%

Year 6

6ZB—98.0%

6HJ-98.0 %

Last week our whole school
attendance was: 94.8 %



GOLDEN TICKET

Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards

All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance **Silver** award!

On Monday 12th July all the Silver Award qualifying children will receive a refreshment treat, a prize, certificate and a sticker with extra play time!



100% Attendance for the whole academic year!

All the children who have achieved **100%** attendance for this academic year will receive the golden ticket Attendance **GOLD** award!.



The qualifying children will be part of a special assembly as well as a fabulous smoothie making session in school. They will get a chance to get on the smoothie making bike and make their own healthy smoothie!

On Monday 12th July all the Gold Award qualifying children will receive a prize , certificate and a sticker with extra play time!

LOOK OUT FOR THE GOLDEN TICKETS INVITIES NEXT WEEK !!!!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

Thornton's Green Day!

To celebrate all the great work completed on environmental issues, Thornton School will be holding a '**Green Day**' to raise funds for their allotment project. Thanks to the great effort of staff and students, the allotment is beginning to take shape. However, we still require a polytunnel and storage for tools such as spades/forks and watering cans.

The theme for the day is to wear something green to school! You don't need buy anything new.

Green day will take place on: Friday 9th July 2021

The contribution towards Green day is £1.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bibi



Secret City Arts - Patterns in Nature Visual Arts Session

The final session for the Secret City Arts project included getting creative!

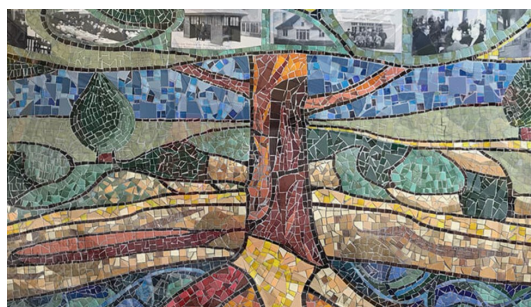
Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to look around their natural environment for patterns. Claire Cotterill, a specialist in mosaic art demonstrated how to create patterns using leaves and other natural objects. Pupils had a go at creating their own patterns.

The year 5 students created some lovely work! Scan the QR code to find out more about Claire's work and artistic style.

Thank you to all students and staff that supported this project .

Mrs Bibi & Ms Ferrante

This amazing work has been created by the artist Claire Cotterill



School Meals



Changing from Dinner 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 dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and ordering.

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.



Medical Notice

We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also, parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our **school website under the parents tab**. Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication. Thank you for your support with this to ensure all medication is given safely to children as prescribed.



Healthy Packed Lunch

If you send a packed lunch into school for your child please can you ensure it is a healthy option that consists of :



Healthy Sandwich
Piece of Fruit
Yogurt
Healthy drink (not fizzy/energy types!)

Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school!

Thank you for your support.

PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 05/07/2021

Monday 5th July

Year 3

Tuesday 6th July

Year 5

Wednesday 7th July

Year 6

Thursday 8th July

Year 4

Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school 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 from Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



Summer Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 7th June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20th July 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21st July 2021

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January

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

Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

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: **Friday 22nd July 2022**



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