

Hello everyone,

Thank you to **Year 5** pupils and staff for a beautiful **Diwali Assembly** on Monday. All their hard work paid off as they showcased their fantastic acting, singing and dancing talents: brilliant creativity Year 5!



We were also pleased to welcome our **local PCSOs** into school again this week to work with **Year 4** to talk about **online safety**. During their next visit, they will be talking to Year 5 about knife crime. We are also really fortunate to be taking part in the **Junior PCSOs training programme**. This involves a group of Year 5 pupils training every week with our local PCSOs to develop skills relating to road safety and parking outside school, reducing/eliminating bullying in school, and reducing litter in and around school. We look forward to them graduating soon...

It was great to see so many parents on Tuesday wanting to sign up for **Adult Education courses** that will be run at Thornton by **Joseph Chamberlain College!** Assessments have already begun taking place this week to match everyone with the right course for them, with more assessments taking place at School on Thursday next week. If you are interested and want to find out more, please come and ask me (I'm always by the main gate on Thornton Road before and after school). Courses include English, Maths and IT.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

People with Disabilities Day, has been celebrated on **December 3rd** every year since 1981. Did you know over 1 billion people have disabilities? This is a day to make people aware of the importance of people with disabilities and to treat them as equals. Article 2: of the CRC states that the rights apply to everyone whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, ability or any other status. Also, Article 23 states that a child with a disability has the right to live a happy life and to play a part in the community. The government must do all they can to support disabled children.

The ABCDE of rights applies to every child regardless of their disability. The ABCDE strands that really stand out are B and E. The first says that all children have rights from birth and are inherent. Whereas E states that all rights are equally important and everyone should have them.

Written by Laaibah and Duaa from 6ZB



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



A

Rights are for
ALL children.
UNIVERSAL

B

Rights are there
at BIRTH.
INHERENT

C

Rights CANNOT
be taken away.
INALIENABLE

D

Rights DO NOT
have to be earned.
UNCONDITIONAL

E

All rights are
EQUALLY important.
INDIVISIBLE

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Thornton Times Tables World Cup

First Group Matches Results



Yesterday, I was able to share with the pupils the results of the first round of matches in the Thornton Multiplication Times Tables World Cup. This first game lasted four days and saw huge participation. For instance, on Wednesday 23rd November 211,903 questions were answered correctly across the school. This is a significant rise from the previous Monday when 25,369 questions were answered correctly.

Thank you for encouraging your son/daughter to participate. Remember, we are only in the early stages of the competition and there really is everything to play for! The next round of fixtures will be played between **Friday 25th November and Tuesday 29th November**. Look out for the results in the next newsletter.

Group A		
Vs		Winner
3GJ (Morocco)	4TW (Spain)	4TW
5TR (Australia)	6LM (Senegal)	5TR

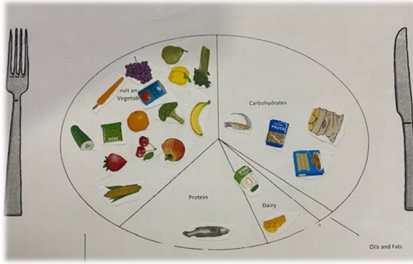
Group B		
Vs		Winner
3SQ (Argentina)	4MJ (South Korea)	4MJ
5BA (Brazil)	6HB (Tunisia)	6HB

Group C		
Vs		Winner
3DR (Belgium)	4ZY (Mexico)	4ZY
5ST (France)	6MF (Netherlands)	5ST

Group D		
Vs		Winner
3AJ (England)	4RE (Germany)	4RE
5NG (Wales)	6NI (Qatar)	6NI

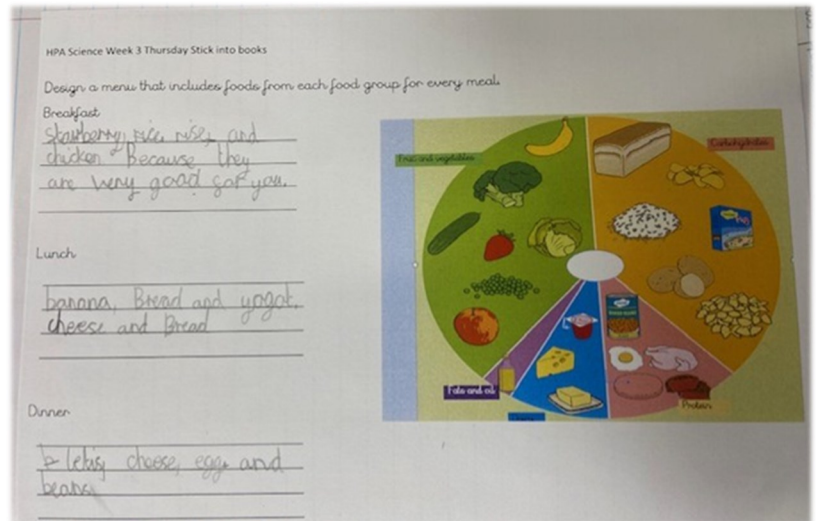
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Year 3



This week, we have been looking at eating a **balanced and healthy diet**. We learnt about the different food groups and why they are important to fuel our bodies! We created a healthy menu and incorporated foods from all the groups.

We sorted different foods into the correct categories using our knowledge of food. Now we know that protein is important to help us grow, carbohydrates are great for energy and that we should reduce our sugar intake.

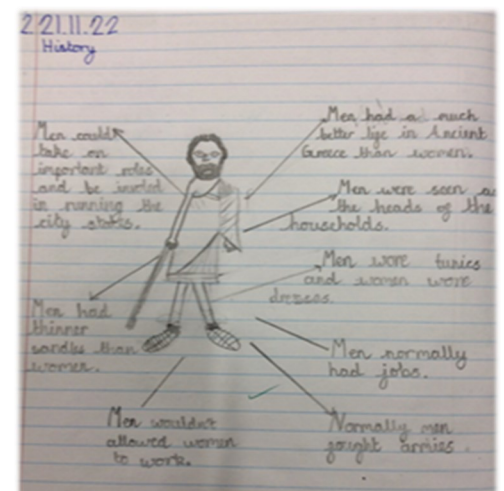
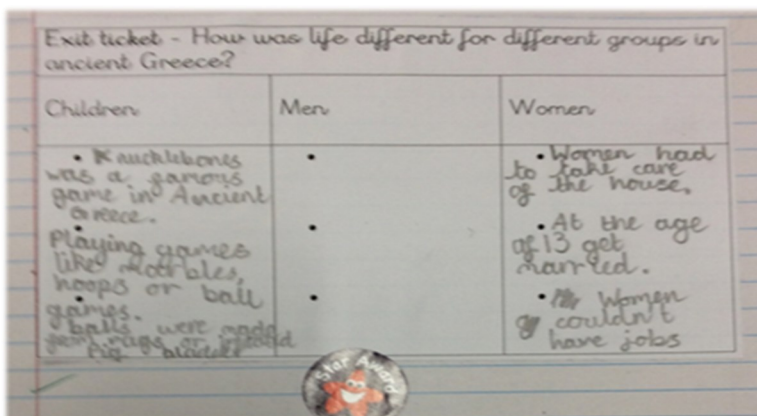
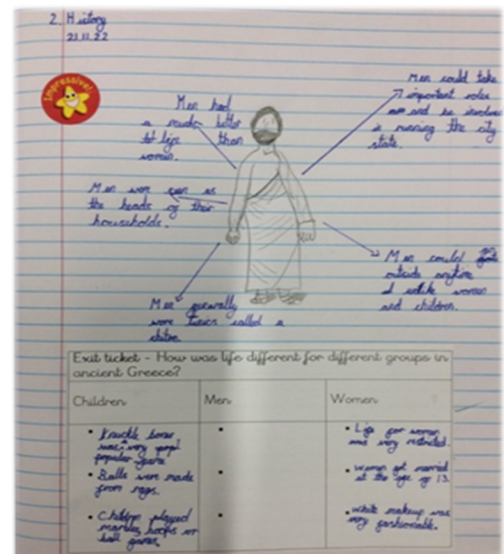


Year 4

In our History lesson we have been looking at the key question: **How was life different for different groups in ancient Greece?**

We have been learning about what life was like in ancient Greece for children, men and women. We found out that children stayed at home until they were seven. Then, boys were sent to school, where they learned to read and write. They often entertained themselves by playing games like marbles, hoops or ball games. Other Ancient Greek toys they had including puppets and dolls, hobby horses, toy chariots, pull-along animals on wheels, spinning tops and even an early version of a yo-yo.

We also learned about what life was like for men. They fought in armies and took part in sports. Whereas women were taught skills that they would need to run a home such as cooking and weaving. We mind mapped what life was like for them and then shared our findings with the class.



Year 5



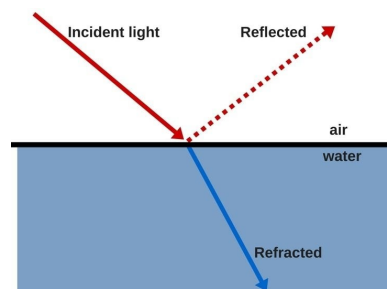
During our Year 5 topic about the **Anglo-Saxons**, children have had an experience of using clay to make their own artefacts inspired by those found in the Staffordshire Hoard. They used a range of skills to create their pieces of artwork such as rolling, and sculpting followed by painting using specific bronze, silver, and gold paint to create an overall historical effect.



Year 6

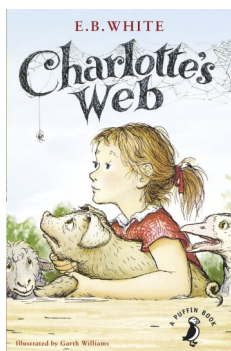
In Year 6 we have been looking at the topic of **Light** for Science. The children learnt that light can be refracted through different mediums. The medium that we explored was water. The children had to fill a glass with water and draw an arrow on a piece of paper. They had to move the glass along the picture of the arrow and see how the refraction changed the image.

Take a look at the pictures from our experiment.



Thornton Staff Book Review

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White



The memorable story of a girl called Fern who loves a little pig called Wilbur. It tells how Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider, saves Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat pigs (in this case for a Christmas dinner) by a wonderfully clever plan - a plan so original that no one else could possibly have thought of it!

There is a lot of humour in this story as well as teaching children what a true friendship is.



Reviewed by : Miss Jabeen
Year 4 Class teacher



ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023



Autumn Term 2022

Autumn Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Autumn Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2023

Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Spring Term 1 Starts for pupils on:

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring Term 1 Ends: Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term holidays: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February

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 the nurse.

Thank you for your support.

**Please ring the school office on
0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am.**



Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via ParentPay. Dinner money is **£2.50 per day and £12.50 per week**. Breakfast Club is **£1 per day and 50p for any siblings**. After school club is **£2 per day and £1 for any siblings**. Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week . Thank you.

School Attendance

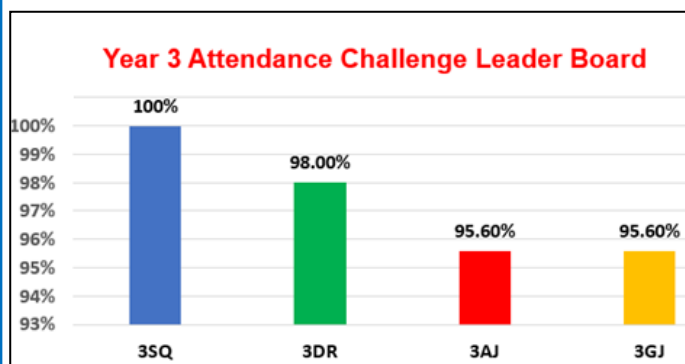
Class Attendance

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

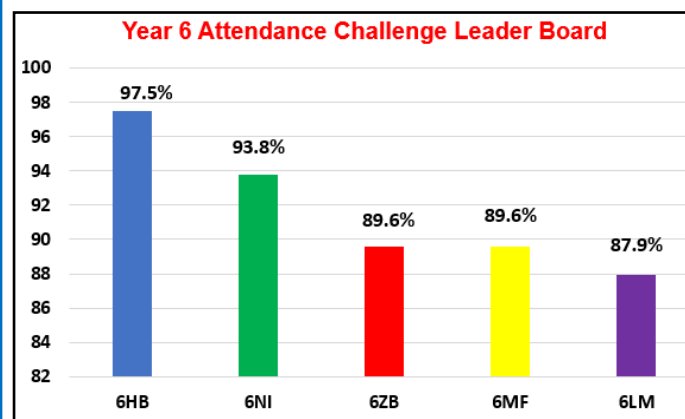
3AJ, 3GJ, 4MJ, 6HB and 6MF

Year 3 and 6 Attendance Challenge

The challenge is running across two school weeks and has started on **Monday 21st November** until **Friday 2nd December**. The classes in year 3 and year 6 will need to achieve the school attendance target of **97%** and above each week to win a golden ticket.



Our year 3 attendance leader board until Thursday. The winners of the first golden ticket will be announced next week.



Our year 6 attendance leader board until Thursday. The winners of the first golden ticket will be announced next week.

We are pleased with the impact the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality projects had on our last weeks attendance. Our school whole attendance increased by 1% last week. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your continuous support in ensuring your child attends school every day and on time.



Our school attendance for last week was 94.1%

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 28th November

Year 3

Tuesday 29th November

Year 5

Wednesday 30th November
Year 4

Thursday 1st December
Year 6

Friday 2nd December-
Swimming for classes 4TW & 5NG

Children in 4TW will need to be in school for 8.25am



We are excited to announce our **School Christmas Fair** will take place on :

Saturday 10th December from 10am-12pm

During these 2 hours you will be able to browse a range of stalls selling crafts and food and drink, as well as have a go at different games and activities organised by the children! We are hoping to have a special visitor too! Entry will be **£2 per family** - all children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in renting a stall table for **£20**, please contact Mrs Ahmed in the School Office on 0121 327 0824. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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