

Hello everyone

It was lovely to have everyone back in school for a normal school week this week! We are still keeping the far side of school (the Treehouse Playground corner close to where the fire was) closed for pedestrians whilst we work with the Local Authority to ensure that it is fully safe to use again. Thank you for your cooperation with the slight change in dropping off and collecting Year 4 and 3SQ, it really is appreciated.

I have a few dates to remind you about for your diary:

Tuesday 4th October—School photographer catch-up for children who were absent on Monday this week, and for any **brothers and sisters who attend Thornton** to have a photograph taken together. Please return the slip sent home yesterday with a letter about this.

Wednesday 5th October 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening for all classes (NOT 4RE) on site, in school. Please book your appointment time online using the link emailed to you.

Thursday 6th October 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening for 4RE ONLY on site, in school. Please book your appointment time online using the link emailed to you.

Monday 10th October 9-10am—All parents/Carers are warmly invited to our **coffee morning** in the school hall. Meet the Senior Leaders and the Inclusion Team, and also give your opinions on what you think our school values should be!

Monday 10th October—Parent Governor nominations to be sent home (again!). Unfortunately we did not have any nominations last time so we are inviting you to reconsider and put yourself forward for this rewarding, voluntary position. Please read the letter to find out more.

Wednesday 12th October 3.45-6.15pm—Parents' Evening for ALL classes (including 4RE) on site, in school. Please book your appointment time online using the link emailed to you.

Congratulations to the school football team who started off the school league campaign with two fantastic victories! The team showed great skill and commitment and really impressed Mr Bates and Mrs Devi with their teamwork. We look forward to the next match...



Please take a moment to read the rest of the newsletter online on the school website to find out about our harvest collection this year.

Finally, It is lovely to see almost everyone being so punctual for an 8.45am start at the latest! I think we currently have the best punctuality we have ever had, although we can still make it even better if we can see even more children coming to school for our 8.30am catch up sessions in class.

Have a great weekend,

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

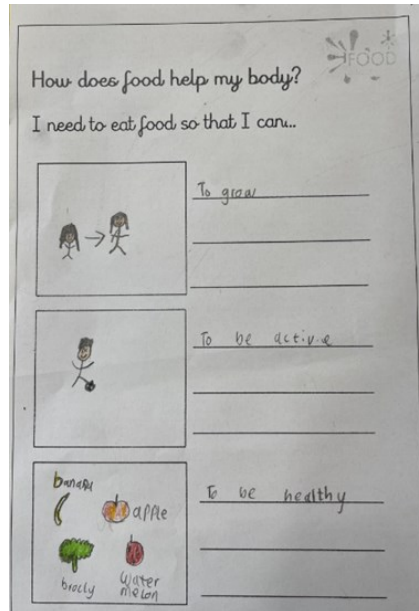
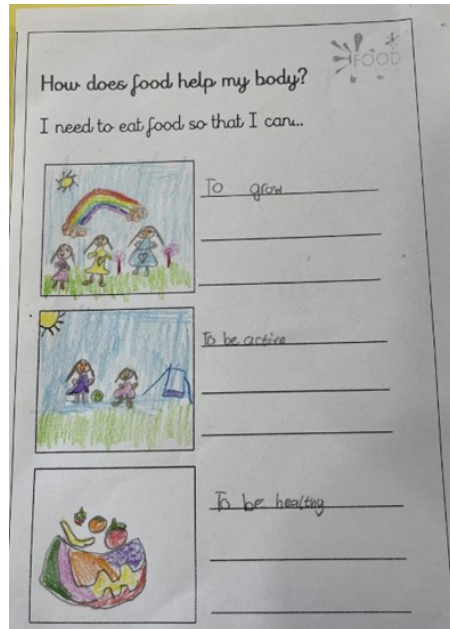
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Year 3

This week in PSHE, Year 3 looked at **healthy eating**. We explored different healthy food choices and what we should do to maintain a balanced diet. We found out that we need fruit, vegetables, protein and carbohydrates in our meals in order to have a healthy body. By the end of the lesson, the children were discussing the need for food to grow, to be active and to be healthy.



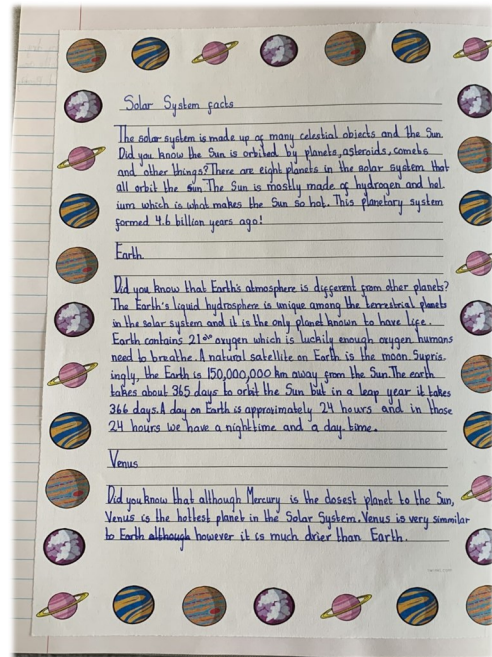
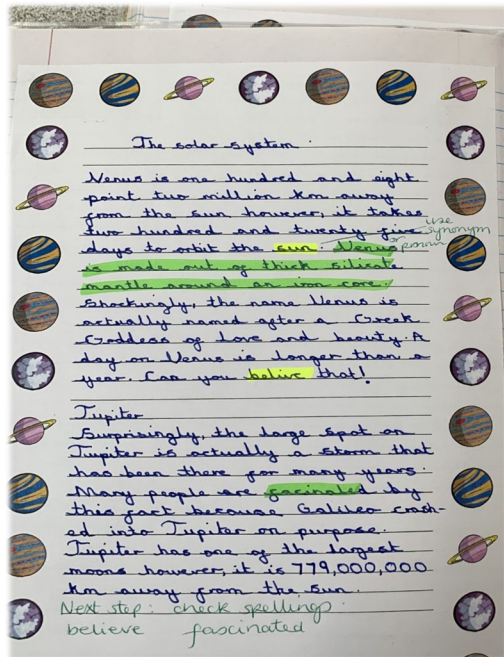
Year 4

This week in Computing, Year 4 have began to share their understanding of a **digital footprint**. We discussed what we may share online now and in the future. On the outside of our digital footprints, we recorded our top tips that someone else can follow to stay safe online.



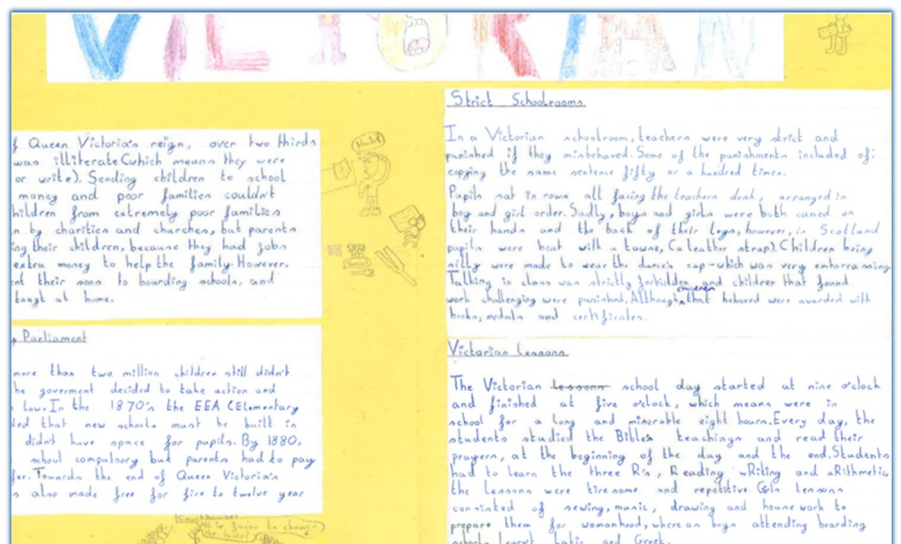
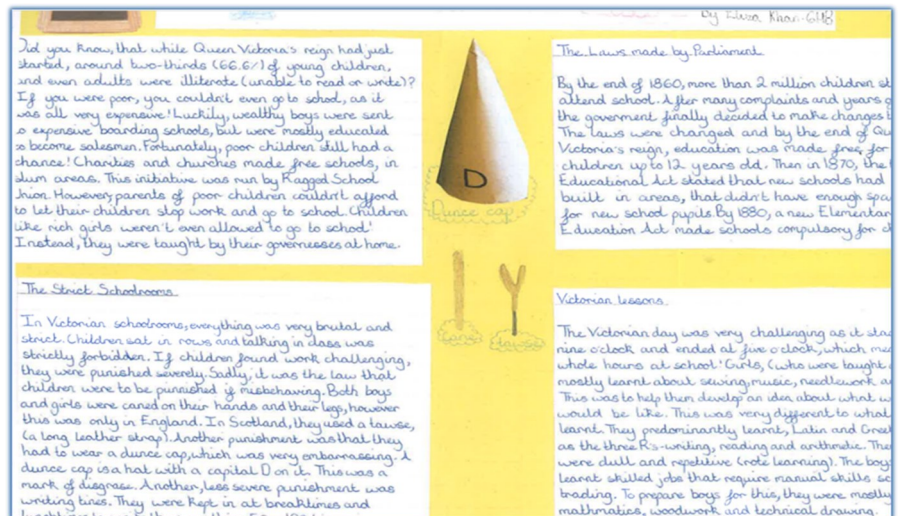
Year 5

As part of their topic Year 5 have been learning all about the **Solar System**. They have researched using various texts as well as the internet. Following on from their research, they wrote some wonderful Information Reports. Our enthusiastic writers would love to share their findings with you. If you get the chance do ask them for some interesting facts!



Year 6

In Year 6, children have been learning about the **Victorian education system**. Children have learnt that schools were very different in the Victorian times! Teachers were allowed to hit children with a cane and would make children stand in the corner wearing a dunce hat if they had been naughty. As you can imagine, Victorian classrooms were no fun! In Writing lessons, children have been researching Victorian schools and have written a non-chronological report. Children divided their reports into four sections. The four sections were: introduction, strict schoolrooms, Victorian lessons and laws made by parliament. Here is an example of all of the fantastic pieces of work the children have produced...



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: 'courtesy'

Courtesy is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful, but how do you show courtesy? "Courtesy is about using your manners. You should use the words please and thank you. Also, you should greet people and say hello" (Hannah, 6NI)

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

This year's Harvest collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

- Year 3 and 4 - canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)
- Year 5 - pasta/spaghetti and rice
- Year 6 - toiletries (toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/shampoo etc.)



Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.

Thank you for your donations.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term 1 Ends: Friday 21st October

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

Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

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

KEEP
CALM
AND
GET TO SCHOOL
ON TIME EVERY DAY

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.

Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



School Attendance

Class Attendance

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

| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 3GJ | 4TW | 5TR | Lets see if you can do it next week! |

Our school attendance last week was **94.1%**

Top tips for getting to school on time!

1. Parents; Set an appropriate bedtime and stick to it during the week.
2. Make sure your child gets to bed on time so you can get up fresh in the morning.
3. Put uniform, homework and PE kit ready the night before.
4. Set your alarm a little earlier than you think— say 10 minutes—it makes all the difference.
5. Put the breakfast things out ready for the morning.
6. Set off in good time so you don't have to rush. The school gates open at 8:30 am .



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.

Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary School

Applications September 2023

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2023 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 3rd October
Year 6

Tuesday 4th October
Year 4

Wednesday 5th October
Year 3

Thursday 6th October
Year 5

Friday 7th October
Swimming for classes 4ZY
& 5BA

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

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