



Hello everyone

Let me start by confirming that **next Friday we will finish at the normal time of 3.30pm** when we break up for ONE week's holiday (Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June). The **children will return to school on Monday 6th June from 8.30am** for the usual daily catch up sessions. ALL children MUST be in school by 8.45am - punctuality is important in helping your child settle quickly into the start of each school day!



On **Friday 27th May we will be holding our Platinum Jubilee celebrations!** We will be having a whole school picnic (hopefully outdoors!). Children who have a school meal will be given a 'Jubilee Picnic Box' and **children who usually bring sandwiches can bring in a treat or two in their sandwich box** if they would like to (Please remember we are a nut

free school, thank you!). School Councillors met yesterday to give some ideas for marking the Platinum Jubilee: suggestions included planting a tree, wearing non-uniform, having a whole school quiz and having extra playtime.

If you follow us on twitter, you may have seen the development of our very own '**Platinum Jubilee Selfie Booth!**' Next week, classes will be visiting the Selfie Booth and also have an opportunity to play pin the tail on the corgi! Here is Mrs Tahir, Y5 Teacher, meeting HRH Queen Elizabeth II...!



On Tuesday this week we were pleased to welcome our local **PCSOs**, Sam Loach and Stephen Kite, into school again to do some **work with Year 6 on the subject of gangs**. The children were enthusiastic and got fully involved in the discussions about what the police and the community can do to help improve the current situation—well done Year 6!



A **huge congratulations to our fabulous football team** who played brilliantly last night at Castle Vale Stadium. They really enjoyed their experience, played as a team with confident passing, and were super ambassadors for Thornton. Results: Thornton 2-0 SS Peter and Paul's, St. Wilfred's 2-1 Thornton .

Have a great weekend everyone, Cathy Grace, Headteacher

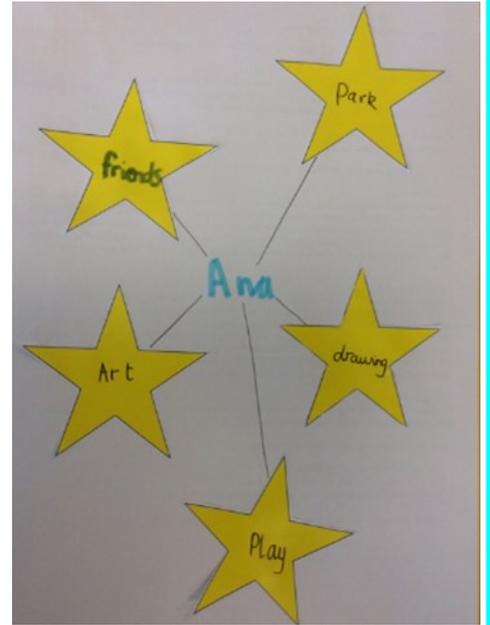
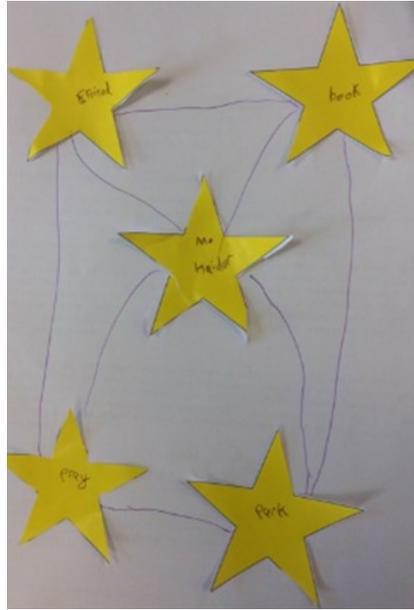
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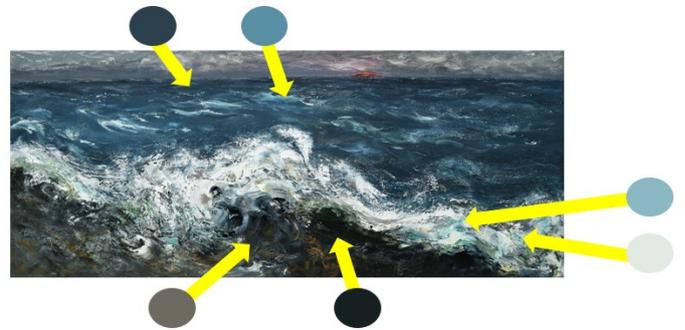
## Year 3

In PSHE this week, Year 3 have been looking at **loneliness** and the affect it has on **our mental health**. We looked at how we can recognise loneliness in others and how we can help them tackle loneliness. We completed a 'constellation of connections' activity, to help us understand the people, places and activities we have in our lives that we can turn to for support when we feel lonely.



## Year 4

In Year Four this week, we have been exploring how to use **tints and shades when painting to create light and dark**. We only had access to the colours blue, white and black to create a spectrum of different tones that we can incorporate into future ocean landscape paintings. If you'd like to know more about how Year Four children create movement and drama in water paintings, give us a **wave!**



Present new: What are **tone**, **tints** and **shades**?

**Tone:**

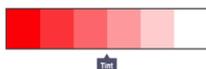
Tone is the lightness or darkness of something, and allows us to see how light or dark a colour is. It also means tone could be a shade.

**Tints:**

Tints is where an artist adds white (or grey) to a colour. This allows you to create a lighter colour.

**Shades:**

Shades is where an artist adds black to a colour. This allows you to create a darker colour.

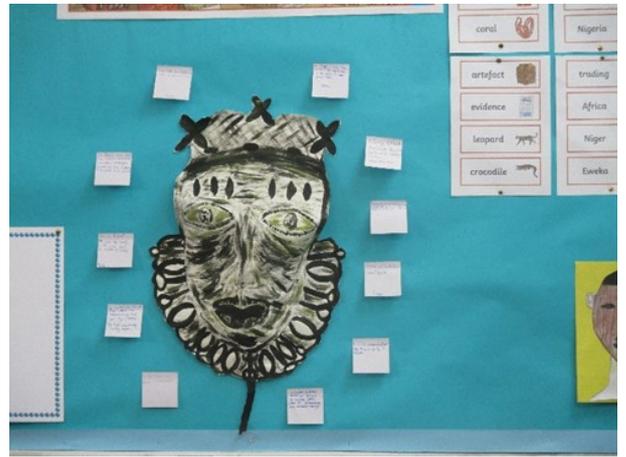


## Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the culture of **Ancient Benin**. Craftspeople from Benin were expert bronze casters and made beautiful masks and ceremonial busts. Year 5 tried making our own masks. Rather than set fire to the school, we decided to reuse waste cardboard and make relief models.

Some children were confused by the facial features and good discussion was had on how we get used to facial features we see a lot, even when they are different to each other, but notice different things about faces when

we meet people from a new place. It is our perception that is key, not the people's faces.



## Year 6

This week year 6 have focused on **Commonwealth** activities. Pupils have had the opportunity to create medals representing their country, designing animated maps for their Commonwealth country and making flags. Pupils have also created wonderful fact files explaining how the Commonwealth first began and explained how their countries were involved with the Commonwealth.





Join us to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee

Friday 27th May



**Queens Coronation Chicken  
Sandwich**

**Regal Cheese & Cucumber sandwich**

**Vanilla Jubilee cupcake**

**Royal Fruit**

**If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like to book the Queen's Jubilee meal . Can you please contact the school office by Wednesday 25th May. The special dinner will cost £2.40.**

**Please make the payment via Parent pay.**



## Council Tax Rebate

Birmingham City council has started to pay the £150 Council Tax Rebate to households in council tax bands A to D. Families who are currently paying their council tax bill by direct debit will automatically receive their rebate.

Families who don't pay by direct debit should apply for the rebate, [please click here.](#)



## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a nut free healthy snack to have at break time. For example, a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar. Strictly **NO** nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school crisps and chocolates.

**Break time snacks really help to give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Make sure your child does bring a piece of fruit in for mid morning break.**



## Registration for Entrance Test - The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham for entry to Year 7 in September 2023. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The test will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The Grammar Schools  
in Birmingham



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

### Summer Term 1 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

Half Term: **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**

### Summer Term 2 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

School Term and  
Holiday Dates. 

## 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

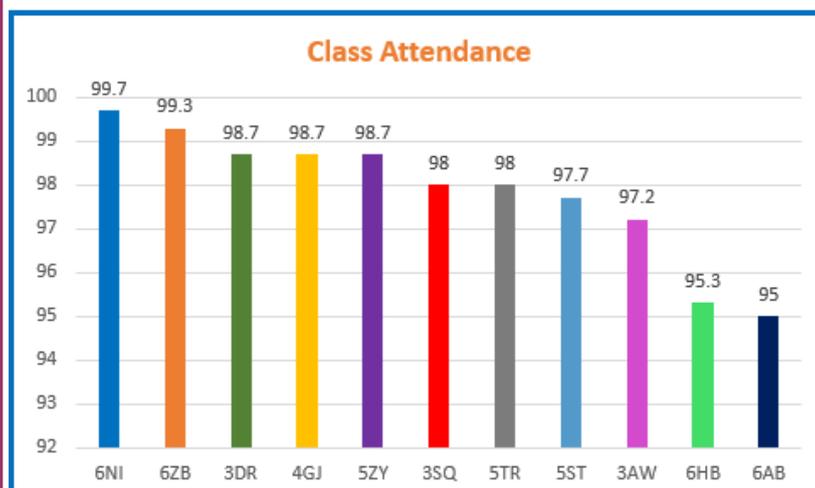
Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

**Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**

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



## Year 6 Attendance Challenge



Congratulations to **4MJ** who achieved 100% attendance this week. They had a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience or classroom resources.

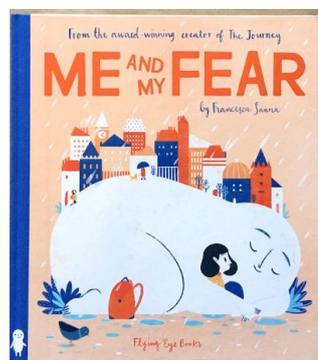


## Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award

Our final Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award can be won by pupils who will achieve 100% attendance for the whole academic year. Mrs Grace has organised an exciting attendance day trip. Look out for further details next week! Well done to all the pupils who have attended school every day on time.

**Good Luck Everyone!**

## Thornton Staff Book Review



I absolutely adore *Me and my Fear* by Francesca Sanna and I regularly use it as part of transition with Sladefield. I read it again this morning and I forgot how much I love it and wanted to share it with you all. When a young girl has to move countries and start at a new school, her fear tells her to be alone and afraid. Throughout the book the little girl's fear can be pictured as growing with each new change she encounters until she realises that it is not just her who has fears and towards the end of the book

her fear gets smaller each day and she understands that everyone has a fear and that's ok. The illustrations are amazing and you don't even need the text to tell the story. As the Sunday Times reviewed- 'An original and inventively illustrated story of a girl in a new country who uses fear to protect herself and comes to realise she is not alone.'

**Charlotte C Loach**  
Assistant Headteacher

## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 23rd May**

**Year 4**

**Tuesday 24th May**

**Year 6**

**Wednesday 25th**

**May**

**Year 3**

**Thursday 26th May**

**Year 5**

**Friday 27th May**

**Swimming for**

**classes**

**5TR - 5ZY**

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