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Hello everyone

We have really enjoyed celebrating successes with you via the 'parents' evening' telephone calls over the past two weeks! Everyone is incredibly proud of the progress the children have made this academic year, despite the significant challenges they have faced—their resilience is second to none!

The children were also super excited to meet their **new class teacher** on Wednesday and take part in some fun transition activities. We shared some of this experience with you via Twitter this week—if you haven't had chance to look yet, make sure you take a few moments to check it out (you can scan the QR code in the top right hand corner of the newsletter for quick access!).



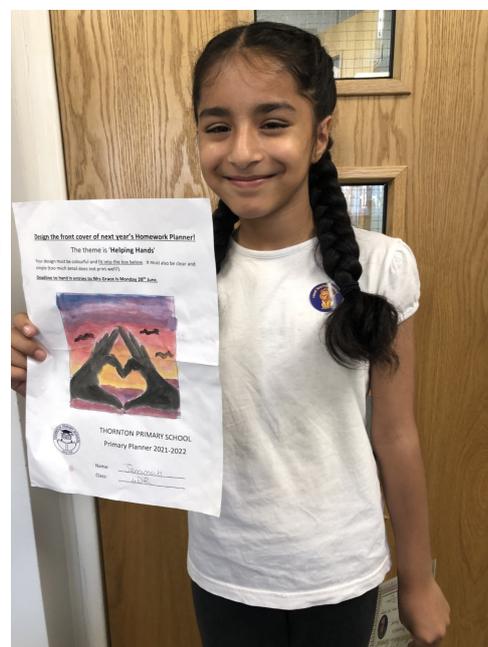
Thank you to everyone for helping to make sure **Green Day** was a huge success—Mrs Bibi will let you know how much money we have raised to fund our school allotment next week...

And finally, I am really proud to announce the winner for the beautiful front cover design for the **Homework Planner 2021-2022**...Jemimah in 4DR! The judges were blown away with the artistic talent and inspirational symbolism that Jemimah created, well done! Thank you to everyone who entered, especially to those runners up who received certificates and prizes yesterday for their fantastic entries. We look forward to seeing the winning design next year on our new Homework Planners.



Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe!

Cathy Grace,
Headteacher



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Dear Parents,

Thornton Primary School will celebrate **Bastille Day** on **Wednesday 14th July**. All the children will be involved in exciting French activities in Art, DT, PE and Music, throughout the day, to show what they have learnt.

On the day, children will be invited to dress in **red**, white and **blue**; the colours of the French flag. So, for example, they could wear blue jeans, a white t shirt and red socks.

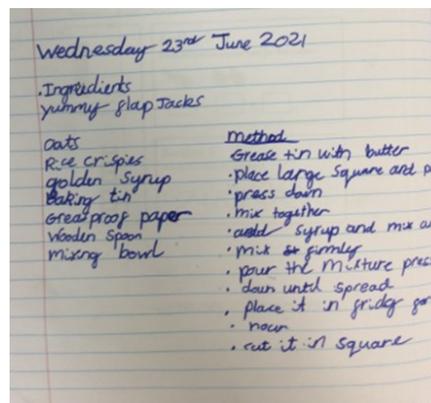
Our School Kitchen will prepare a delicious French menu for lunch. Please can those whose children do not have school lunches, include something French, such as a croissant or baguette in their packed lunch, so that they can join in.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C. Harmer



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been designing and creating labels for Smoothie drinks in preparation for our 'Smoothie' making lessons next week. We have been focusing on healthy eating this half term. The children have worked hard and produced some great work this week, Well –done Year 3.



Year 4



reading plus®



Join the summer reading challenge by accessing Reading Plus daily. Reading Plus is an

online site which can be used to read a range of texts about different topics. Your child should

be reading at least five texts a week to achieve a combo.

Scan the QR code or click on the link to access Reading Plus.



Monday 5th July 2021

Task One: Read "I Am The River," then answer these comprehension questions.

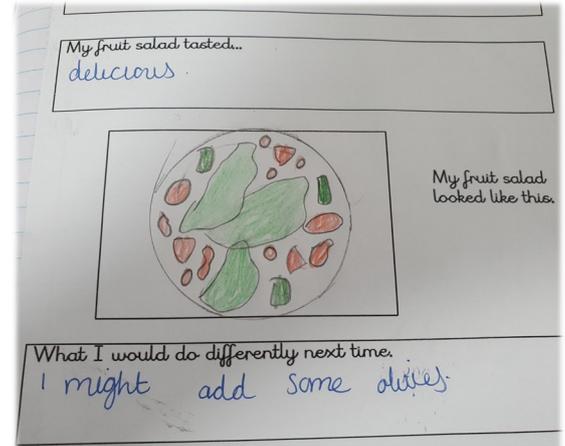
1. Where can the river's spring be found?
2. Give two causes of water from the river being released?
3. In the past, what stopped the floodgates from opening?
4. How does the poet feel about the freed water? Quote the text in your answer.
5. I Am The River is a metaphor for something else. Can you work out what else the river and the dry land could be from reading the poem closely?



1. from the deep.
2. a kind word or a secret ✓
3. The fences ✓
4. unwanted ✓
5. Someone's emotions ✓

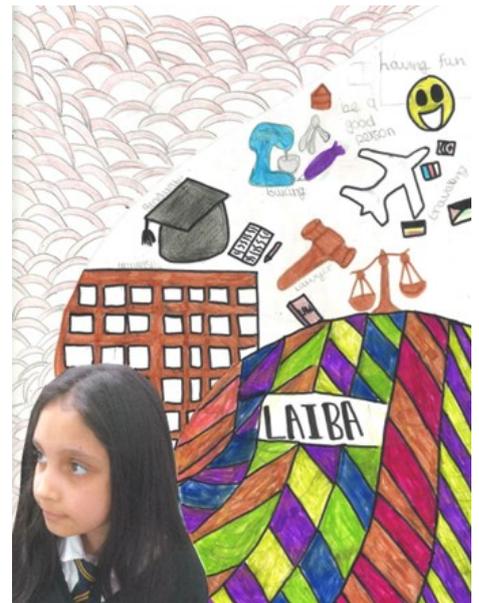
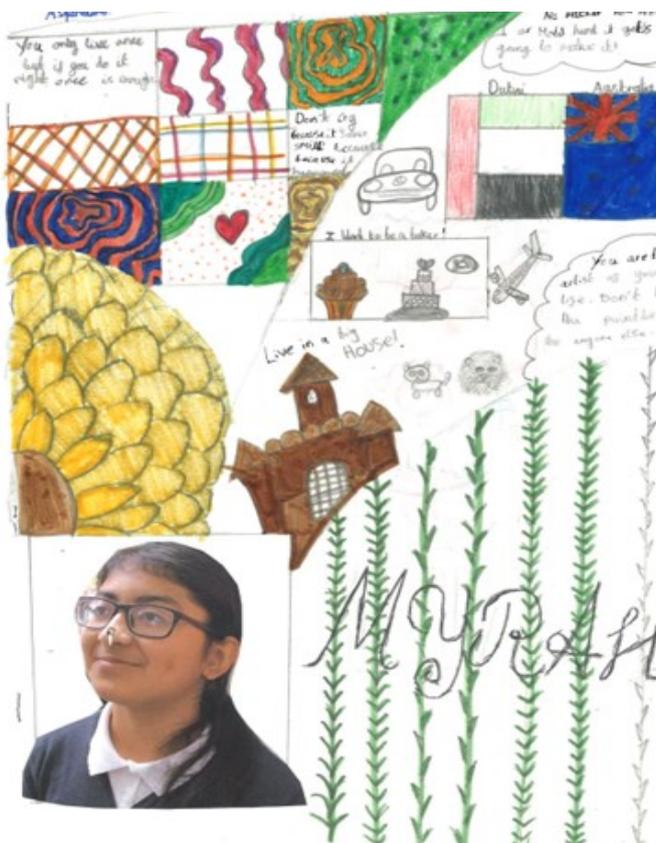
Year 5

As part of our Allotments theme for the Summer Term, Year 5 have been learning about foods that are healthy and eco-friendly. Last week, the children sampled different fruits and vegetables to see which ones they liked the taste of, and which they thought would work well together. This week, they used this knowledge to create their own salad based on compatibility, texture and taste. For some of the children, it was the first time they had tried some of the salad items, so naturally they were quite apprehensive to try a raw pepper! Great growth mindset, guys!



Year 6

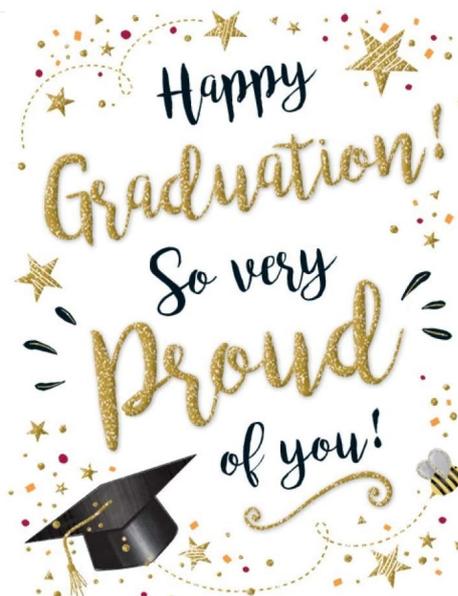
Our wonderful Year 6 children are ready to move on to secondary school now. The children have worked exceptionally hard and have not let anything get in their way! They've all made fantastic progress and now it is time to think about transitioning onto a new phase of their lives. We asked the children to create a poster that illustrates their hopes, dreams and aspirations. They came up with some great ideas. Have a look!



Year 6 Graduation



This week we had the Year 6 graduation ceremonies. Even though it has been an unusual year, the children have worked extremely hard. All the children had their time to shine on stage with Mrs. Grace and their class teachers as they were handed their scrolls and prizes. The ceremony began with the scrolls and gifts being handed to individual children, then it moved onto award winners and it finished with the classic throwing of the mortar boards (graduation hats) in the air! We feel it was the perfect ending to the year and a last effort to recognise our achievements as a year group.



Attendance Celebration

Last week our whole school
attendance was: 94.1%



Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Raising Project

All the children who have achieved the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Raising Project will receive a small prize, light refreshments and extra playtime on Monday 12th July.



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 small 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, a certificate and a sticker with extra play time!

WELL DONE TO ALL THE PUPILS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THE SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS!



Article 28

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

IMPORTANT!
All parents eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

Birmingham City Council has secured the provision of supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) over the summer holidays, using funding that has been allocated through the government's COVID Local Support Grant. **The school will be issuing vouchers to the value of £60 for each FSM eligible primary school child for the summer break via email as we have done previously.** The email will be sent before the school breaks up for the summer break.

The vouchers will need to be redeemed as soon as possible so please keep a lookout for the email from the school. Please add the following email address to your safe list: fsm@thornton.bham.sch.uk so that you do not miss out!

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. As we are approaching the end of term, please clear all your dinner debts before the holidays start.

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.



Walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations this week

Walk-in (no appointment) COVID vaccinations are available at the following venue:

**Washwood Heath Health and Wellbeing Centre
(4 Clodeshall Road, Birmingham, B8 3SN)**

Pfizer and AstraZeneca

All adults over 18

Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 July

15:00 to 19:00 on Thursday and Friday.

and

08:00 to 13:00 on Saturday.

PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 12/07/2021

Monday 12th July

Year 4

Tuesday 13th July

Year 6

Wednesday 14th July

Year 3

Thursday 15th July

Year 5

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

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