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Hello everyone

Wow! The end of term already, and what a fabulous day to end on. Today we have worn our own clothes and we have seen some 'crazy' hair! We were raising money for our 'Helping Hands' project where we will use the money to buy extra resources for our school, we thank you so much for all the donations. Look out for photos in the next edition!



The children have worked incredibly hard over the last 4 weeks and we are so proud of what they have achieved post lockdown. We want the children to enjoy their two weeks at home now lockdown is easing, but there are plenty of educational opportunities available for your children to take part in. I would encourage all the children to continue daily reading and complete their 'CREATIVE' holiday homework.

Hasn't the weather been glorious this week, it really does make a difference to everyone's mood with the sunshine and the lighter evenings. Use the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Don't forget to TWEET what you get up to over the holidays.

Have a lovely break!

Charlotte Chilton Loach

Assistant Headteacher, Lead DSL



**Don't forget that Monday 19th April is a Teacher Training Day! All children are expected to return at the usual staggered start times on Tuesday 20th April: Year 6—8.30am, Year 5—8.40am, Year 4—8.50am, Year 3—9am.**

## Spring Term Remote Learning Survey—Parent/Carer views

5. The amount of remote learning work set was...

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too little	7
about the right amount	75
too much	7



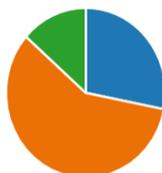
The most popular answers for what aspects of remote learning worked well were:

- Work set for a range of subjects
- Use of Google Classroom to set work
- Use of Google Meet to see and speak as a class
- Access to online platforms such as MyMaths, ReadingPlus, Times Table Rockstars

6. My child(ren) completed the remote learning work set...

[More Details](#)

independently, without any help	25
with a little bit of help	52
with a lot of help	12



The most popular answers to how we can improve remote learning further were:

- Continue to provide both online and offline resources
- Provide live lessons at set times each day

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## Covid-19 - What to do if your child tests positive during the Easter holidays

**Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where the child developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school.** This means if your child has Covid-19 symptoms on Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April and then tests positive you must inform the school by emailing:

**[covidinfo@thornton.bham.sch.uk](mailto:covidinfo@thornton.bham.sch.uk)**

Where your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, you are NOT required to inform school. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### Public Health testing scenario

Please find below a table that reminds you about the different testing scenarios. Particularly important is that families do not use lateral flow testing when they or their children have symptoms of COVID, instead a Covid-19 test must be booked.

	Who?	Action	Further action
Symptoms	Anyone	<a href="#">Order a test for people with symptoms</a> online or call 119.	Stay at home while you are waiting for a home test kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.
No symptoms (regular testing)	Secondary school pupils and college students	Every 3-4 days a rapid test needs to be completed.	<b>Negative Result</b> Complete another rapid test in 3-4 days' time and keep following all <a href="#">coronavirus advice</a> such as hand washing.
	Staff of primary or secondary schools and colleges (including temporary, part time, voluntary)	Follow the instructions set out in the home test kit. <a href="#">For information on how to do your test</a> <a href="#">Report your test result online</a> or by calling 119.	<b>Positive Result</b> Tell your workplace if you test positive. You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• self-isolate immediately, including anyone you live with or are in a bubble with.</li><li>• <a href="#">order a test for people with symptoms</a> or call 119 in order to confirm your result</li><li>• follow the <a href="#">stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</a></li></ul>

# SCHOOL Attendance

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

Year 4

4GJ- 98.7%

Year 5

5BA- 98.3%

Year 6

6HB- 99%

6HJ- 97%



Last week our whole school attendance was: 93%

**Thank you for your support in ensuring your children attend school everyday.**

Miss Loach and Mrs Mazar have made surprise visits this term to congratulate the classes who have achieved the school attendance target!

## Best Class Attendance Award

Congratulations to **6HJ** for winning the best class attendance award with **95.3%** for Spring Term 2. They will be awarded with a certificate and £50 voucher to buy new classroom resources or a VIP cinema experience in school next term.



## Look out!! Spring Term 2 Class Attendance rewards

Next term we will be re-introducing Class Attendance Rewards to help improve our whole school attendance. The classes who achieve the target of 97% and above will receive a certificate.



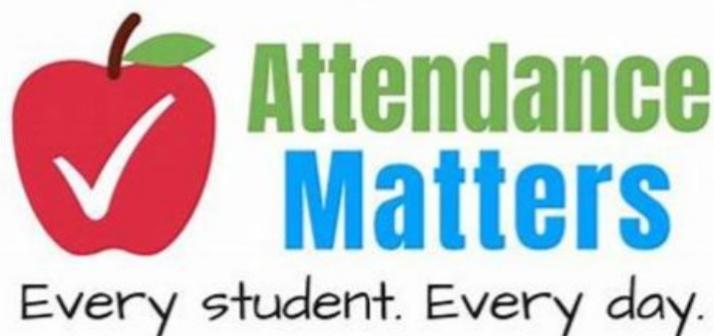
## 100% Class Attendance Weekly Reward

Classes who achieve 100% will be rewarded with a £25 gift voucher for the whole class to spend on new classroom resources.



## Best Class Attendance Reward

At the end of Summer Term 1, the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a £50 gift voucher to spend on new classroom resources or a VIP cinema experience in school.





## Year 5

**Year 5** are enjoying learning about volcanoes. This week we have been learning about the recent eruption of Mount Etna, in Italy.

We have made model volcanoes and carried out an experiment to recreate a volcanic eruption. We watched the mixture bubbled, grew and spilled over the volcanoes just like lava!



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Watch the volcanic eruption!



## Year 6

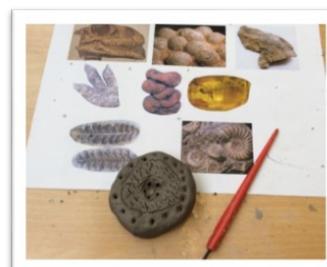


During our Science lessons this week, Year 6 have discovered that fossils are the stone remains of animals or plants that were once living. They recognised that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. The children

were excited to become fossil hunters for the afternoon. They studied pictures of fossils and, together with their partners, they had to decide what information the fossils provided them with about the former plant or animal.

**What do you think? Can you guess which animals these fossils belonged to?**

The children were also given the opportunity to create their own fossils using clay and applying the knowledge they had gained during our Science lessons. They showed resilience as they had to carefully work the clay. Here are some fantastic examples.



## Virtual Easter Egg-stravaganza!

### Egg Decorating Competition

It is that time of year again when we would like to invite all children to let their imaginations run wild and decorate an egg for our egg-cellent Easter competition!

Due to the current restrictions, we won't be able to bring eggs into school this year. Instead, please take a photograph of the finished creation and upload it to Google Classroom, any time before **WEDNESDAY 21st April**.

There will be a winner and two runner ups from each class, a winner from each year group and one overall **WINNER!**

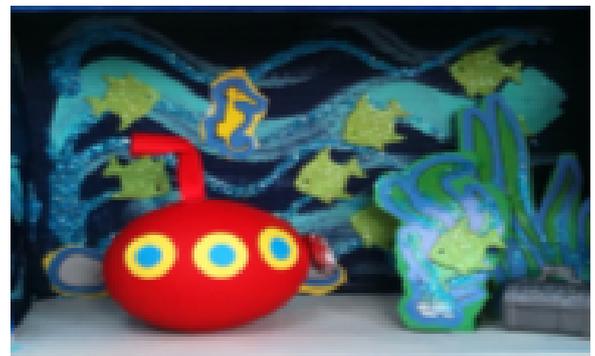


You have plenty of time to get creative over the Easter holidays with this competition.

You can use whatever materials you would like: paint, chalk, paper/card, pencils, felts... In the past we have suggested children use a hard-boiled egg to decorate (please be mindful of any allergies your child may have), but you could choose to decorate: an egg shell, a chocolate egg, an egg-shaped biscuit or an egg made of paper or card. You could even use a potato!



You might choose to take your design a step further and create a back drop also...



You might want to use a favourite book or TV programme as inspiration. It could have a sporting or music theme or simply a Spring or Easter inspired idea.

You could even take inspiration from the current pandemic.



We look forward to seeing your egg-cellent ideas!!!!

## World Book Day Competition Winners

Although World Book Day wasn't quite like it has been in other years, we still managed to celebrate our love of reading at Thornton. I'm blown away by the quality and inventiveness shown in some of our competition entries. Year Five in particular showed amazing skills in building models and filming animations. Our children are very talented and creative! Special thanks to all the relatives who helped the children complete their creations. Your support makes such a difference to the children's progress.

It was also really great to see parents and carers getting involved in guessing the masked readers during Book Week. We have a talented staff too!

-Ms Evans



Anah M 3SQ made a stunning tower for Rapunzel and used potatoes to create the characters from the story.



Bisma 5ZY won for great storytelling in her animation.



Owais 4AB made clever model inspired by The Jungle Book.



Najwa 5TR crafted a beautiful Cinderella model.



Maira 5ZY won for stunning animation.



Mustafa 6MF won for creating such an expressive set of Horrid Henry models.



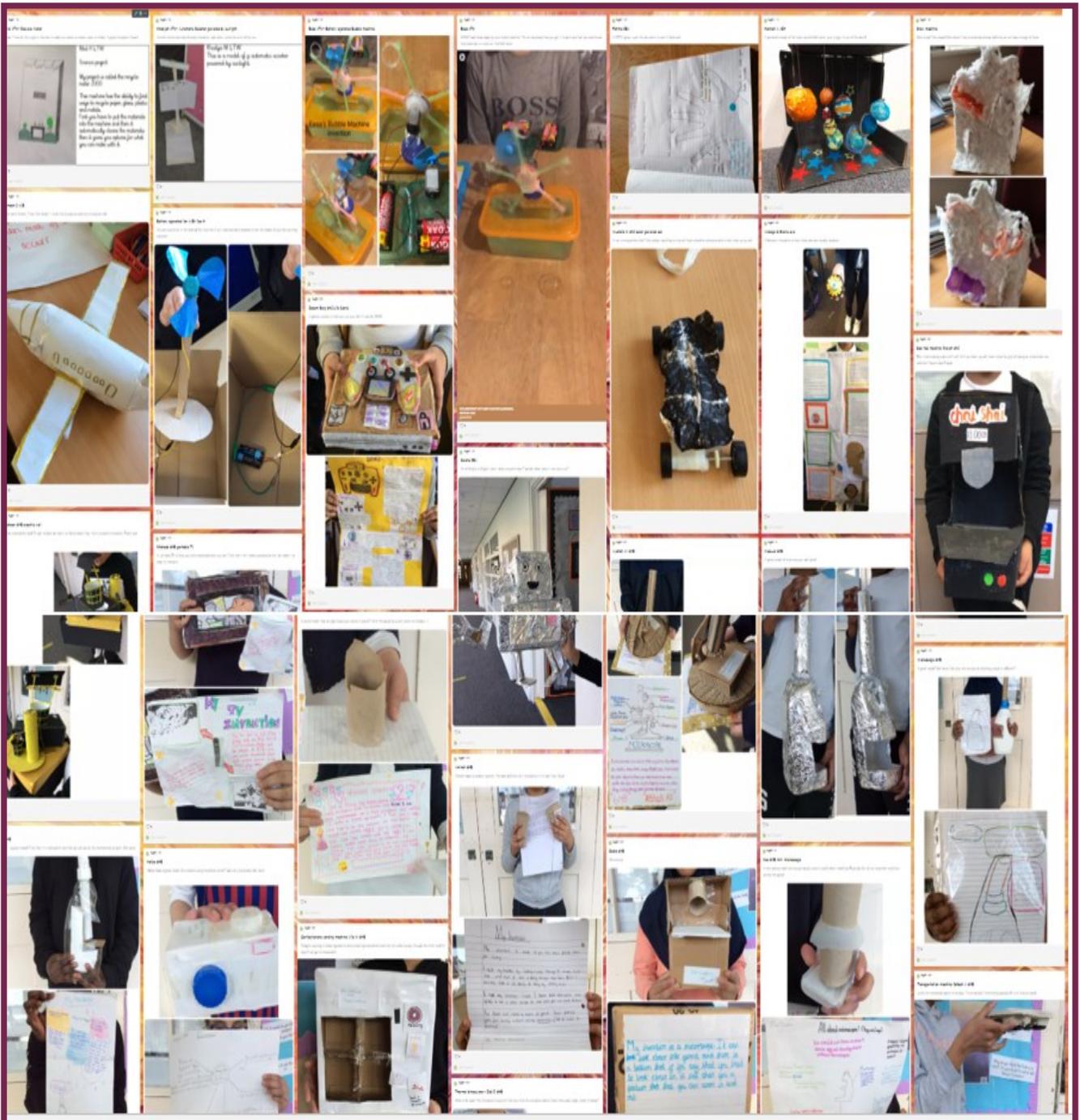
Hasnain 5TR brought Narnia to life.

# Science Week 2021

## Innovating for the Future.



Wow! The entries for Science Week this year were mind-blowing. Our children at Thornton, thought really hard about innovating for a cleaner and safer future. With ideas ranging from electric mops to electronic water wells—we were overwhelmed with great ideas and even greater models. Please scan our Padlet QR code and like your favourite entries. There will be prizes for the top three fantastic ideas and an extra prize for the invention with the most likes. Click on the heart and please show some appreciation!



## From Birmingham With Love

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We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it has just been getting harder, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Emergency food & fuel assistance** up to £100. Birmingham has announced an emergency food package —please contact one of our [local team](#) who will be able to help directly with a grant, often within 48 hours. There are also [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



3. **Mental health support.** For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available completely free at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with [Pause](#) or by calling 0207 841 4470. Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099. And remember to [stay active](#).



4. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job or are struggling for food or rent, there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



5. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#). Also [Ask for ANI](#) and the [Safe Spaces](#) scheme where victims can access help through pharmacies.



6. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#) or contact [Aquarius](#) for young people.

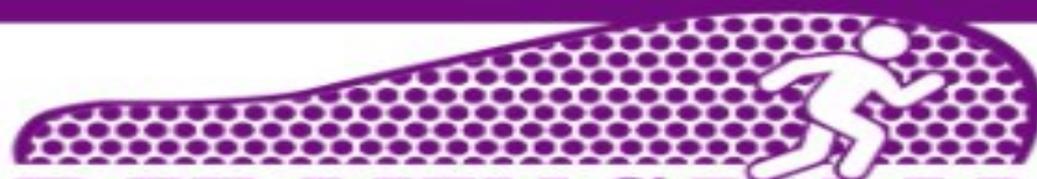


7. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#) or [Edward's Trust](#)

8. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police. For any other help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local team](#). There are ten area hubs across the city which can connect you to support.

# WHAT TO DO WITH THE KIDS THIS EASTER?



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## PE TIMETABLE

W/C 19/04/2021

Monday 19th April  
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 20th April  
Year 5

Wednesday 21st April  
Year 6

Thursday 22nd April  
Year 4

### Reporting Absence to school

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please ring the school office.

Thank you for your support.

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



### School Meals

If you would like to change your child's meal option, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. **You must contact the school office prior to doing so.**

Could you please ensure that all Dinner , Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared for the term. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office . **Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term Dates

#### Spring Term 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1 April 2021

#### Easter holiday:

Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021

#### Summer Term 1 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 20 April 2021

Monday 3rd May— May Bank Holiday

Teacher Training Day: Thursday 6 May 2021 School closed to Pupil's

Term Ends: Friday 28 May 2021

#### May Half Term holiday

Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

#### Summer Term 2 2021

Term Starts: Monday 7 June 2021

Term Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021



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