

Hello everyone

A very big thank you to everyone for their generous donations, crazy hairstyles and creative outfits last Friday! We are proud to announce that **we managed to raise a whopping £746.83 for Children In Need**. It was heart-warming to see the whole school coming together to have fun whilst raising money for a very worthwhile charity.



A bit of advanced notice that **our next outdoor coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 7th December** in the outdoor classroom on the St.Agatha's Road playground. Our focus this time is **e-safety** and we will be sharing information about how you and your child can help stay safe online. Please do try and join us as there will lots of warming drinks available, including hot chocolate!

Wowzers! **Mr Bates has worked his magic again this week...he is unstoppable!** On Tuesday, Thornton went to our local rivals the Rosary Catholic School for a friendly with 8 children making their competitive debuts for Thornton. There was some fantastic passing and fine finishing and **Thornton ran riot with a 13-2 win!**

On Thursday, Thornton went to Yardley 5s for the annual football trophy. Thornton had a tough group with Parkfield, Timberley and Short Heath. We went unbeaten with 1 win and 2 draws to qualify for the quarter finals. There we went on to meet Yardley, and after a pulsating game of end to end football the game finished 1-1 with sudden death penalty's deciding who progressed to the semi final. Unfortunately, Thornton fell just short, going down 5-4 on penalties. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved.



Congratulations also to **6NI who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school sports hall athletics event at Nechells** leisure centre on Wednesday. The children participated in relay races and field events for points against 7 other school from across Birmingham well done all!



And finally, please ensure that appropriately warm coats are worn to school everyday now that the weather is much colder. It would be super helpful if coats, hats, gloves and scarves are named too, just in case we need to reunite owner and garment! Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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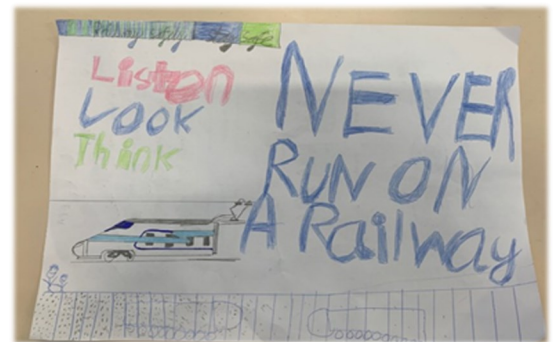


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## YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been exploring **Rail Safety**. During our PSHE lesson, we learned about the dangers of being on the railways. We role played how to cross a level crossing safely and completed an online quiz. We also investigated what National Rail's role is in helping everybody to stay safe.



## YEAR 4

For Science this term, we have been learning about 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile'. This week, the children learned about **teeth and their functions**. The children were able to identify the five types of teeth: incisors, canines, premolars, molars and wisdom teeth. They named and described the function and investigated which teeth they would use to eat an apple. They found out that it was the incisors, molars and premolars. By the end of the week, they learned how important their teeth are and why they need to look after them!

Apply to demonstrate: Let's eat!

Step 1: You each have a piece of apple. Take one bite and think about what teeth you use when you bite into your apple.

Step 2: Discuss this with your partner. What teeth are you using?

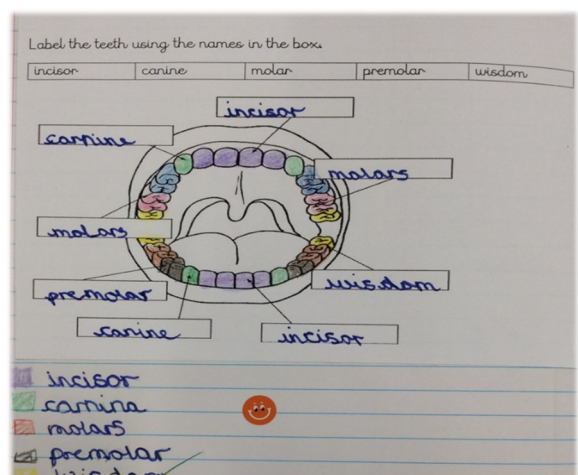


Step 3: Have another bite of your apple. After you bite the apple, what happens next? How does the apple break down for you to swallow the apple?



Step 4: Describe the function your different teeth had when you ate your apple.

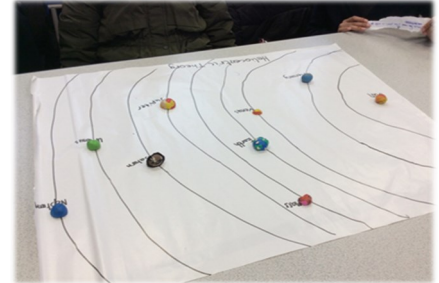
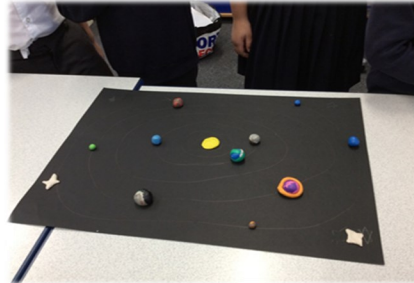
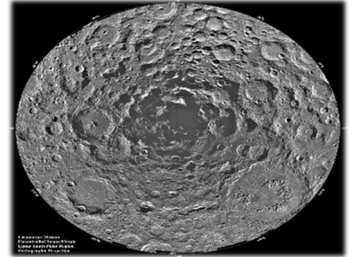
molar - used to chew and grind food.  
 canine - used for tearing and ripping food.  
 incisor - help you bite and chew food.  
 premolar - used to chew and grind food.  
 wisdom - these are the last teeth to grow.



## YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have carried out presentations and investigations in Science as part of our topic 'Stargazers'.

We used our knowledge and understanding of the **heliocentric and geocentric theories** to create models with playdough to show the movement of the planets and the sun. We then presented our theories to the class.



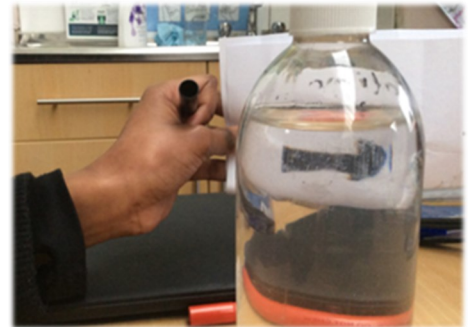
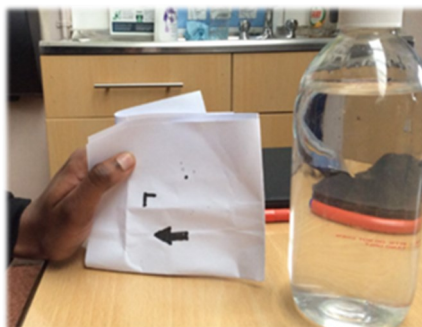
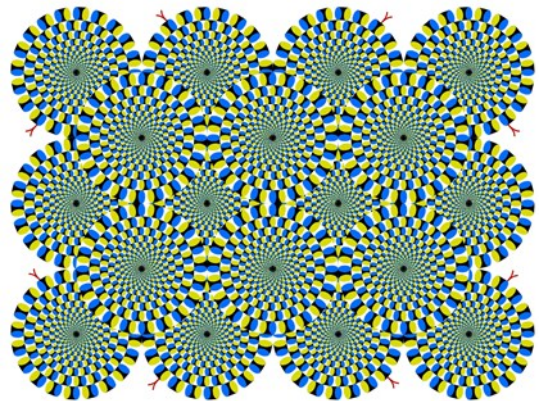
We investigated the formation of craters by dropping 'meteors' into a tray of flour and observing the craters produced. Luckily, the meteors were quite small so the dispersed flour didn't travel too far!



## Year 6

In Year 6 we have started our Science topic on '**Light**'. We have begun this week looking at the human eye and how it takes in information about the world around us and constantly sends images to the brain so that they can be processed. We also looked at how our eyes and brains can be fooled using optical illusions.

We investigated what happens to light when it travels through mediums of varying density. We carried out an investigation using a water bottle and a glass to see how an image is altered due to the refracted light. We also made predictions based on what we already know about light and how it travels. Why not ask Year 6 how accurate their predictions were!



# School Attendance

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

## Year 3

3EB-97.2%

## Year 4

4MJ-97.2%

4SH-99%

## Year 5

5BA -97.3%

5ST- 98.5%

## Year 6

6MF- 99.0%



**Our whole school attendance for last week was 95.9%**

## Year 6 Attendance Challenge!

We have introduced a YEAR 6 challenge board to encourage all the Year 6 classes to improve their attendance to win the Golden Ticket .

The challenge will run across three school weeks and started on **Monday 22nd November** and will end on **Friday 10th December**.

The classes in Year 6 will need to achieve the school attendance target of **97%** and above each week to earn a golden ticket.

To qualify for the Year 6 attendance challenge reward, **6NI, 6AB, 6ZB, 6MF and 6HB** will need to collect 3 golden tickets!



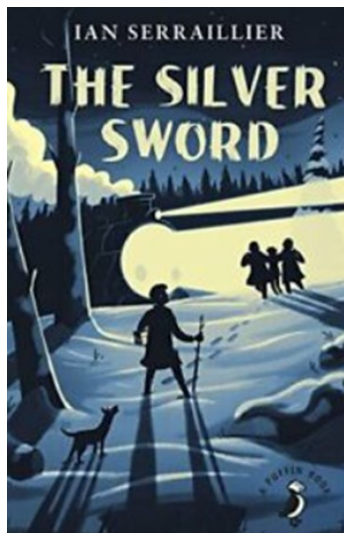
The children in the year 6 classes who win 3 Golden tickets will have an opportunity to choose one reward from the following:

- Take part in Mr Bates World Cup Football competition—teams of 7 will compete against each other to try to qualify for the ultimate place in the final!
- a VIP cinema experience with popcorn!



**GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!**





## Thornton's Staff Book Reviews

### Mrs Baylay's Book Review

A book that I remember enjoying reading when I was at junior school was *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serraillier. Set in the chaos of war-torn Poland, it is about three children who have lost their parents and are left to fend for themselves whilst hiding from the Nazis. They meet a scruffy orphan boy, who carries with him a precious paperknife - a silver sword - which had been given to him to look after by an escaped prisoner of war. It's a story of courage and determination that I think many children would enjoy. I highly recommend it!

## Class Time Table

**Watch this space Coming soon !!**  
**The year 4 Class Times Table show down.**

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100



## Polite reminder: we are a nut free school!

It is lovely to have the opportunity to share cake or sweets with friends when it is a special occasion, such as a birthday. However, we respectfully ask that children do not bring anything into school that contains nuts.

We have several children who have allergies to nuts, some of which can potentially be life threatening. Therefore, in order to keep everyone in school safe, we continue to declare ourselves a nut free school.

We are very grateful for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe. Thank you.



## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 29th November

Year 4

Tuesday 30th November

Year 6

Wednesday 1st December

Year 3

Thursday 2nd December

Year 5

### School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our Whole School Attendance for last week was **95.9%**.

Please can parents support the school to raise our Attendance by sending your children to school everyday. This will help us achieve our school attendance target of 97% and above.

### Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts!

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



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

### 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

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

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

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