

Hello everyone

Year 6 have been totally AWESOME this week! We are incredibly proud of everyone in our **#thorntonfamily** who has pulled together to ensure the children felt fully supported and ready to tackle their SATs! They performed brilliantly and demonstrated some excellent life-skills—determination, ambition, resilience and caring for others. A massive 'thank you' to all involved!

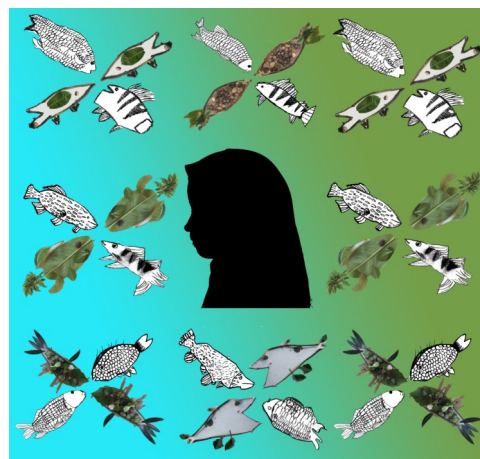


Today, we thoroughly enjoyed our **Eid parties**! It felt really good to get back to our whole school celebrations in a 'normal way'! Please check out our school Twitter feed (**@ThorntonOwls—the 0 for owls is a zero!**) to see some photos (link top right of this page).. The children looked stunning in their Eid outfits, and we are very grateful for the generous donations of food and drinks sent in to school.



Congratulations to the **School Football Team** who kept their playoff hopes alive with a 6-0 victory over Harper Bell on Thursday evening. Thornton showed some fluent passing and smart finishing to move up to third in the table and take it to the final week of the season at Castle Vale next week. Well done everyone!

Last term, Mr Wareing worked with a group of children to enter a competition for the **River of Hope**. This an arts-based learning project linking schools around the world through the study of rivers. In 2022, River of Hope forms a central part of **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**. The Queen has always shown a great love and respect for the natural environment. The project encouraged young people around the world to think about the importance of safeguarding the future of their own natural environment. Two hundred of the artworks created will be printed onto silk flags and will be processed as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant. In addition, there will be an online gallery to display all the artworks received from around the world. Last week we received an email stating, **'I am delighted to tell you that your design has been selected to be one of the 200 pieces featured as part of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant on the 5 June 2022.'** The Thames Festival Trust are currently working on an online gallery where they will announce the winning entries and show all the work, <https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/river-of-hope/>



And finally, we wanted to let you know that we are busy making plans for our **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**. These will happen on **Friday 27th May** and will definitely be a non-uniform day to wear something red, white or blue! We will tell you more about our plans next week ...

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone,
Mrs Mazar, Mrs McPherson, Miss Loach
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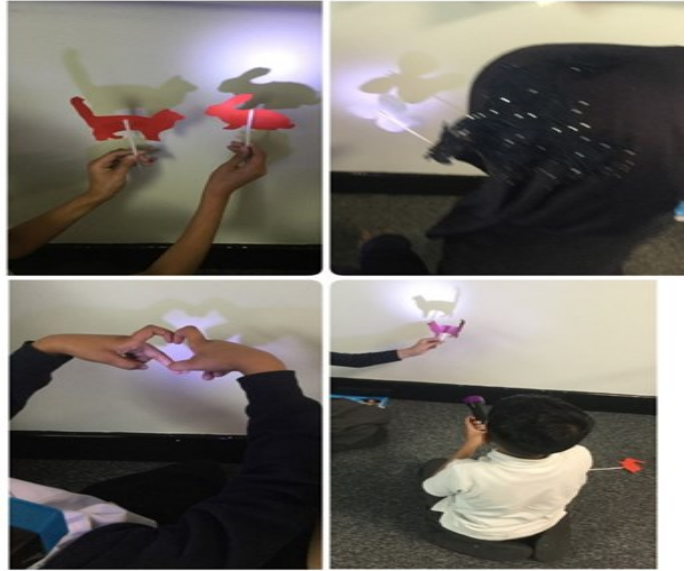
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Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about **light and shadows**. We have been learning how shadows are formed and how light travels.

The children enjoyed making shadow puppets and making shadows with our hands too.

BBC Bitesize online has a lovely activity that explains how to make a Chinese shadow puppet show. Why not take a look and have a go...



Year 4

This week in PSHE, Year 4 discussed what **loneliness** means and the positive steps they can take to overcome it.

We created acrostic poems with tips that everyone can follow when feeling lonely.

Haala

L	loneliness isn't fun
O	only be kind and helpful
N	nobody enjoys being on their own
E	express your feelings
L	little hints of kindness always save the day
I	if you see people lonely let them play with you
N	never feel like your not supported
E	enjoy your self
S	spend time with your friends
S	someone knows yourself

L	look out for people
O	offer people a hug
N	never be rude to people
E	everyone should be kind to others
L	let people join in
I	in playtime play fairly with the class
N	never keep secrets about your friend
E	everyone should play with other people
S	say something beautiful
S	spend time with friend or family

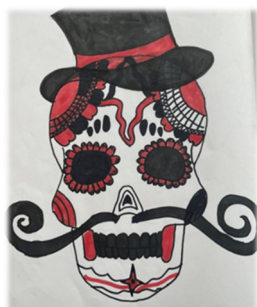
L	look out for people
O	on each others side
N	Never be unkind
E	each person should have others
L	let people join in
I	invest time in yourself
N	Never leave people behind
E	each person should have a right
S	spend time with family
S	spend time with others

Year 5

Last week, Year 5 enjoyed researching all about the **Commonwealth Games**. They created some fantastic pieces of work. They also discovered a lot of fun facts about the country that was assigned to each class. If you get the opportunity, come and speak to a Year 5 child they will share lots of facts with you!



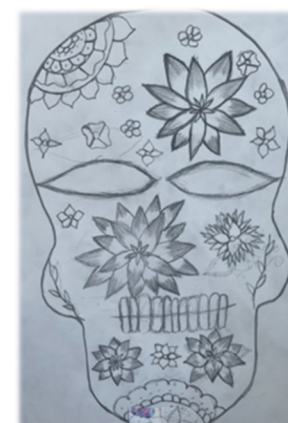
Year 6



In Year 6 we are learning about Mexico. An important festival that is celebrated in Mexico is called **Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)**. It takes place annually in Mexico to remember deceased loved ones and to welcome their spirits home. Skeletons (calacas) are a constant symbol during Day of the Dead.

Sometimes parades are held where people dress up as skeletons and wear elaborate costumes and masks. The masks represent becoming another person or another being – alive or dead.

The Year 6 students have been designing some intricate, detailed Day of The Dead Masks in class (as well as completing their SATs!).



Times Table Rock Star Competition Results

Position	Accuracy	Percentage of Pupils who are active
1 st	3EB (95.3%)	3SQ (87%)
2 nd	3AW (94.3%)	3AW (57%)
3 rd	3DR (94.1%)	3EB (50%)
4 th	3SQ (91.1%)	3DR (43%)

Last week we had our fourth year 3 times table competition. Congratulations to 3EB, who were the most accurate class, and 3SQ who had the highest levels of participation with 87% of the class taking part. I'm sure that 3AW, after weeks of dominance will be determined to bounce back and 3DR will be equally determined to win for the first time

Position	Accuracy	Percentage of Pupils who are active
1 st	4SH (95.8%)	4GJ (97%)
2 nd	4GJ (95.1%)	4MJ (81%)
3 rd	4MJ (94.3%)	4TW (73%)
4 th	4TW (90.0%)	4SH (61%)

At the same time, we also ran another competition in year 4. This was our sixth times table competition, and by now the classes are becoming extremely competitive. As you can see, the honours on this occasion were shared between 4SH and 4GJ, so well done to both of these classes.

The next competition in Y3 and Y4 commences next Friday (20.05.22) and will run until the following Friday. I look forward to sharing the outcome of the next competition once it is completed. Keep up the good work learning your multiplication times tables everyone.



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: '**caution**'

"Caution is the act of being careful so we keep ourselves and others self,"
Ismaeel 4MJ

As Ismaeel has explained, cautious does indeed mean to be mindful of the need to be safe. At Thornton we place safety at the forefront of all we do, This is a key part of our behaviour policy, which helps to ensure that all members of our school community consider their safety and that of others at all times.





We Love Spring!

Census Day Thursday 19th May

**Spicy Chicken Burger
With Tomato Ketchup**

**Vegetable Burger
With Tomato Ketchup**

**Chips
Baked Beans**

Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce

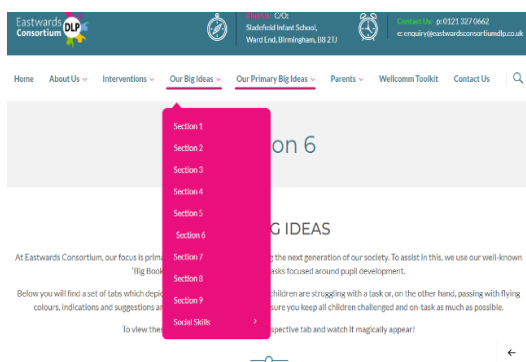
If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like to book the special We Love Spring school dinner. Can you please contact the school office by Tuesday 17th May. The special dinner will cost £2.40.

Please make the payment via Parent pay.

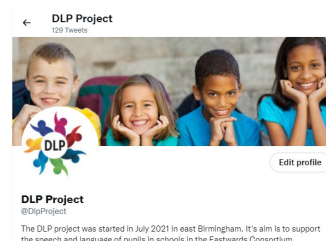


The DLP Team (based at Sladefield Infant School, Ward End) are running a Speech and Language project until Summer 2023, working with 26 schools from the Eastwards Consortium and Birmingham City Council. Your child's school is part of the Eastwards Consortium and is taking part in the project.

We would like as many parents and carers as possible to get involved to support their children's speech and language development. Please visit the website www.ecdpl.co.uk (or scan the QR code) for more information. Select the menu 'Our Big Ideas' or 'Our Primary Big Ideas' for different activities you can use with your child:



Please also follow @DlpProject on Twitter for daily activities and games that you can do with your child:



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 30th June 2022.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Summer Term 1 2022

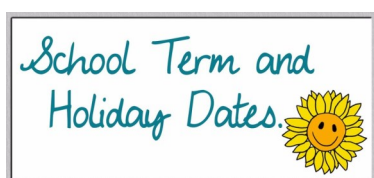
Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

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 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.

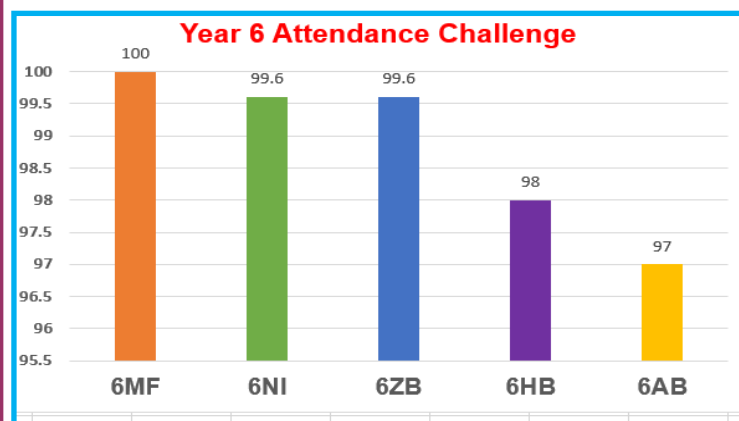
Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

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

Year 6 Attendance Challenge

Last week the Year 6 Attendance challenge was launched. The challenge is that each class must achieve 97% and above attendance to receive a golden ticket.

Year 6 did incredibly well this week and each class **WON** their first golden ticket.



Congratulations to **6MF** who achieved 100% attendance this week. They had a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were rewarded a £25 gift voucher to spent on a VIP experience or classroom resources.



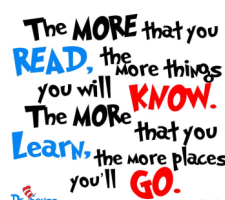
Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award

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 is currently organising a exciting final reward. Look out for further details of the fantastic attendance trip in next week's newsletter. Well done to all the pupils who have attended school every day on time. **Good Luck Everyone!**

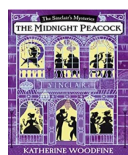
Why reading is important in our life?

Reading **teaches you new words and perspectives**. It helps strengthen language and sharpens sentence structure. It gives you a better command over the language. All of these are critical for being a good speaker.

Mrs McPherson - Assistant Headteacher



Thornton Staff Book Review



I have been reading *The Midnight Peacock* by Katherine Woodfine. This is the final book her series *The Sinclair's Mysteries*. The story is set in and around a fantastic department store in Georgian London. It centres on the adventures of Sophie, a brave detective, and her friends who come from a variety of social backgrounds, as she investigates mysteries in her past and tries to foil the wicked plans of her dastardly foe, The Baron. The characters are really vibrant and it's great fun to try to solve the mystery faster than they do. I feel like I've actually visited all the places she describes. The novel also shows how challenging life was for many people in the last century if they weren't wealthy, white and male. I recommend this to readers who have enjoyed Pullman's *Sally Lockhart* books or Stevens' *Murder Most Unladylike* series. - Ms Evans

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 16th May

Year 3

Tuesday 17th May

Year 5

Wednesday 18th May

Year 4

Thursday 19th May

Year 6

Friday 20th May
Swimming for
classes
5TR - 5ZY

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