



Hello everyone

What a super busy week we have had as we approach the half term holidays! **Year 4 started our week off in style** with a very entertaining and polished performance as they shared lots of learning about **Chinese New Year**. Each year group has been full of praise for their performance, as well as parents/carers. Very well done and thank you to Year 4 for their hard work!

The **Year 4 boys' football team** ended last week in **a blaze of glory** as they won 6 out of 7 matches, and drew 1! They are undefeated in their first ever competitive games this year — woo hool!! A massive congratulations and thank you to all the team, including the brilliant Mr Bates!



Tuesday and Thursday saw many parents/carers attending the **Digital Safety Workshop** led by Mr Mason. This was in response to requests made during parents' evening this term. We understand how difficult it is to navigate the ever evolving digital world we now live in and will be offering more sessions like this during the rest of this year...

Today, we were delighted to see parents/carers at our anti-bullying and positive mental health workshop run by **Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Team**—thank you to the team for running a great day full of activities for the children too!

A gentle reminder that **World Book Day** is coming up on **Friday 8th March**. Please check your email for an electronic copy of the paper letter that was sent home last week! As well as this, please add **Comic Relief Day** to your calendar on **Friday 15th March**. We will be asking everyone to wear something red and bring in an appropriate joke to add to the book we will be writing for our school library. There is no need to buy a new costume for this event.

On behalf of the Governors and staff at Thornton, we wish you a lovely one week holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 19th February from 8.30am**.
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand.



Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 19, Protection from violence, abuse and neglect - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone **else who looks after them**.



Article 34, Sexual exploitation - Governments must protect children from forms of sexual abuse and exploitation. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet. 4NG thought about the things that are great about the internet and things that we don't like about the internet.

Here our some of our ideas:



We watched a Newsround video about fake news and then discussed how to make sure the information we receive is not fake. We decided that it is important to ask questions, speak to people who were there or verify any pictures or check any other websites. Scan the QR code to Watch the video yourself to learn more about how to spot fake news. <https://watchkin.com/91793c8a0d>



Things that we like:

Being able to find information quickly
Being able to connect with friends and family who live far away
Learning new things
Playing games

Things that we didn't like:

Online bullying
Unreliable information
Spending too much time online

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School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to **5ST** for achieving 100% attendance for the last

week. Mrs Grace made a surprise visit to the class and they have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher which will be used to purchase new classroom resources.

Well done to classes **3SQ, 4SH and 6MF** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week .

Our school attendance last week was 93.8%

Golden Ticket Initiative

Mrs Grace will be introducing the next Golden Ticket attendance initiative for this term. Everyone has an opportunity to win a Golden Ticket for an amazing and fun attendance treat!



- **Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve 98% or above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow later this term.
- **Summer Term Gold Award** – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the whole of the academic year in order to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting at the end of the academic year!

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: '**courtesy**'

Courtesy is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful, but what does it mean?

"It is about using your manners. Like saying please and thank you, and saying hello and goodbye" **Hareem 3GJ**

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

Ready

Respectful

Safe

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 19th February

Year 6

Tuesday 20th February

Year 4

Wednesday 21st February

Year 3

Thursday 22nd February

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4TW

Friday 23rd February

Swimming for Class 4NG

Parent Pay

All Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club payments must be paid at the start of each week.

We will be sending payment reminders via text, letter and email to those parents who need a gentle reminder.

Payments can be made via parent pay or cash if you are not able to use parent pay.

Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.

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