

Hello everyone



What a colourful day we have had in school today! There has been an abundance of **Christmas jumpers** and brightly coloured jumpers in school as we have looked good whilst raising money for the **NSPCC**. We will let you know next week how much money we have raised...

Next week, we will also be holding our **Christmas dinner** days with **Years 3 and 5 on Tuesday 14th December** and **Years 4 and 6 on Wednesday 15th December**. We are all really looking forward to enjoying the delicious food, crackers and terrible jokes!



Our last day of the term, **Friday 17th December** will be a **non-uniform day**, and we would encourage the children to dress in their favourite (warm!) outfit so they can fully enter into the **party** spirit! Children are encouraged to bring in

a small amount of party food they wish to eat themselves, and I must remind everyone that we will not be allowing any sharing of food this year in-line with our covid-safety measures. I also need to remind you that we are a nut-free school and no fizzy drinks are allowed. Thank you for your support with this, it is very much appreciated.



*Just
married*
❤️



Continuing with our celebratory vibe this week, I am sure you would like to join me in saying **congratulations to our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Mason**, who graduated from the University of Birmingham on Tuesday with a **Masters in Education (Leadership)**. We are incredibly proud of him and inspired by all his hard work and knowledge which we will be taking advantage of to help further improve Thornton.

Congratulations also to Miss Brown, Head of Year 3, who has today married her true love and become **Mrs Mountain!** Again, I am sure you will join me in wishing her a lifetime of happiness as she begins her journey into married life.

And finally, the children have one more week in school before the holidays and will then return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. They can arrive from 8.30am to begin catch-up work, but must be in school by **8.45am at the latest!** Good punctuality is just as important as good attendance.

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe,

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



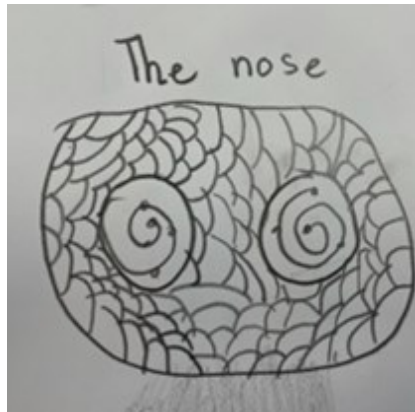
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YEAR 3

In Year 3 this week our budding artists have been **exploring and applying different texture within their drawings**. In the art lesson, we examined some of the main features of a polar bear's body, focussing especially on its nose, eyes and paws. The children thoroughly enjoyed drawing these body parts using a range of different artistic styles that they have been experimenting with. This included making rough, soft, smooth and sharp marks with their pencils to create these images. Take a look at some of their fantastic work!



YEAR 4

Starting last week, Year 4 have been practicing and showing off our **times tables knowledge** in class in a number of ways. Not only have we been challenging ourselves by more and more of us getting onto our Depth and Greater Depth Tasks, we've been using peer support and problem-solving skills to achieve more each lesson together. As well as this, we've been consolidating our knowledge of the 3x and 4x table in our arithmetic sessions by practicing our repeated addition, drawing representations and even singing a song with **Cyril, the Swansea football team mascot**! The classes are currently locked in an epic battle to be the top scoring class on TT Rockstars this week. Thank you to all the parents and children who have found a little extra time this week to show off what you can do. There's still time to bank some points over the weekend! Go for it!



0 7 1 2 1

Depth task
Share 33 cubes between 3 groups.
Complete:
There are 11 groups with 11 cubes in each group.
33 divided by 3 = 11

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What is the same about these two divisions? What is different?

Let the stick statements be: 33 is 3 groups of 11.
33 is 11 groups of 3.

Greater Depth
Zack has 18 seeds.
He plants 7 seeds in each pot.
Which bar model matches the problem?

A

B

Explain your choice.

B Because 18 seeds / 6 pots = 3 seeds in each pot.

0 5 1 2 2 1

calculation
groups of 4

1. $4 \div 4 = 1$
2. $8 \div 4 = 2$
3. $12 \div 4 = 3$
4. $16 \div 4 = 4$
5. $20 \div 4 = 5$
6. $24 \div 4 = 6$

Depth Task
Complete this using the appropriate digit so the statements are correct.
 $8 \times 8 = 7 \square$

$6 \times 15 = \square$

Greater Depth
What values could each shape be?
Find as many possibilities as you can.

$\heartsuit \div \heartsuit = \blacktriangle$

$\square \times \blacktriangle = 4$

What shape would complete the calculation?

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What is the same about these two divisions? What is different?

They are all 11!
For the first one it is 3 groups but for the 2nd one it is 11 groups.

1. $30 \div 3 = 10$
2. $18 \div 3 = 6$
3. $27 \div 3 = 9$
4. $12 \div 3 = 4$
5. $36 \div 3 = 12$
6. $15 \div 3 = 5$

1. $10 \times 3 = 30$
2. $6 \times 3 = 18$
3. $9 \times 3 = 27$
4. $4 \times 3 = 12$
5. $12 \times 3 = 36$
6. $5 \times 3 = 15$

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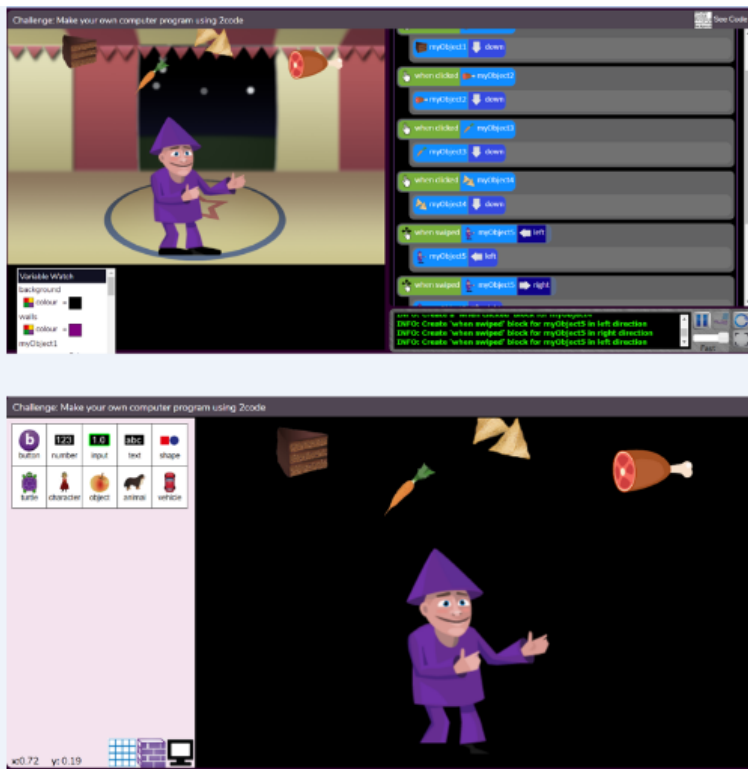
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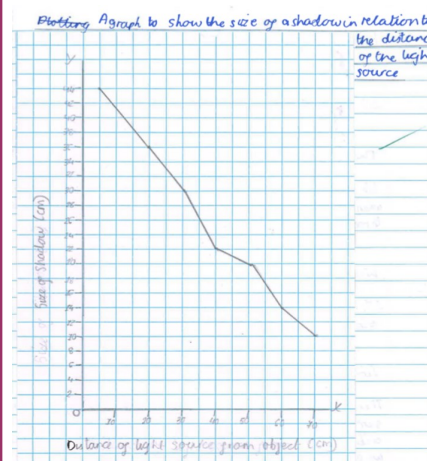
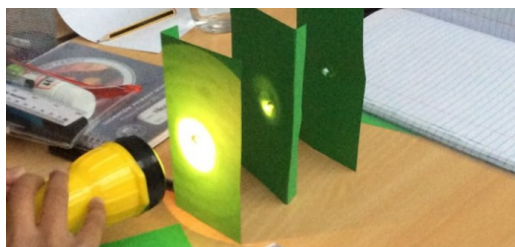
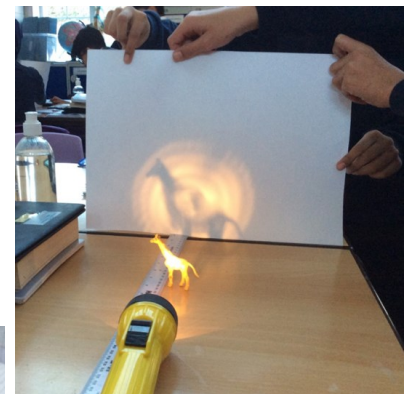
YEAR 5

In Computing, Year 5 children made an **algorithm** to create a simple game. They used their code to make fruit or other objects fall and then they programmed the character to catch the objects. If the character caught the healthy food, they would win points and if they caught unhealthy food, they lost points. Here is one of the best examples from the whole year group. It is the amazing work of Haseeb from 5NG. Well done, young man!



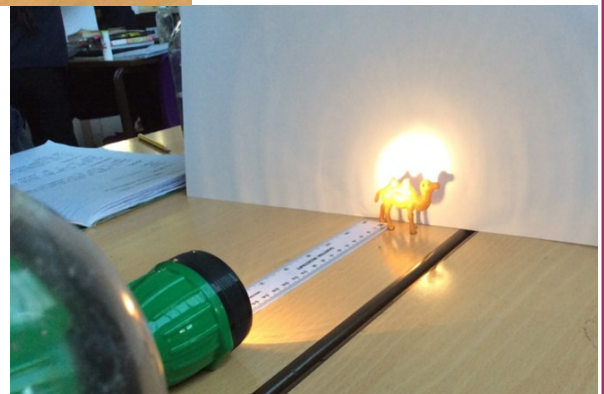
Year 6

Year 6 students investigated **how the size of a shadow is affected by the distance of the light source from the object**. Pupils worked in Kagan groups and used torches to create shadows from the object blocking the light. They recorded their data in a table to see if there was any correlation between the distance of the light source and the size of the shadow. Line graphs were then created to present the data.



Analysing my results...

My results show that the closer the light source is to the object, the larger the shadow will become. The further away the light source is to the object the smaller the shadow will





School Attendance

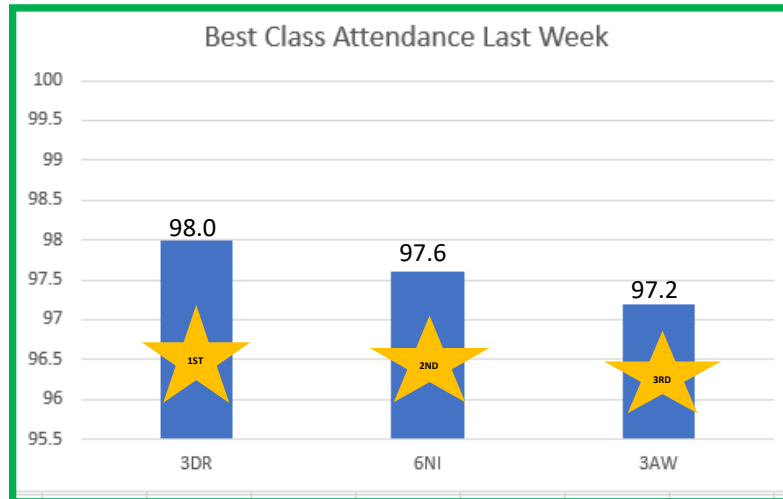


Best Class Attendance Reward

Congratulations to **4GJ** for achieving **99%** and class attendance for the past two consecutive school weeks. We are very proud of everyone in class 4GJ and would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for ensuring their child attends school every day on time.

Mrs Grace awarded the class with a £25 gift voucher during the whole school assembly. **WELL DONE 4GJ!**

Well done also to our top 3 classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week:



Our whole school attendance for last week was 94.2%

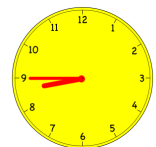
Year 6 Attendance Challenge

Class 6NI were awarded with the first golden ticket for the Year 6 Attendance challenge last week. The year 6 class that wins 3 golden tickets will take part in a special treat in January 2022. Lets see who wins this week?



Magic 20 Raising attendance and Punctuality Project

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our Magic 20 Raising attendance and Punctuality Project. Well done to all the children who attended school for 20 consecutive days . Attendance celebration details to follow next term.



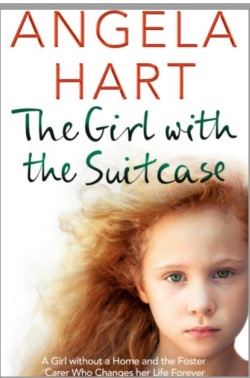
Golden Ticket Initiative

Look out for exciting details to follow next term from Mrs Grace regarding the **BRONZE Golden Ticket** attendance celebration soon .To qualify for the Bronze Golden Ticket pupils need to have achieved 97% and above during the Autumn Term.



Good Luck Everyone!





Thornton's Staff Book Reviews

I have been reading *The girl with the Suitcase* by Angela Hart. It's about a girl called Grace who had been in foster care since she was only three. Grace is trying to find a family who understand her and love her for who she is but she has been with eight different foster families. She is desperate to be loved and Angela and Jonathan are her last hope. Will Angela and Jonathan be able to help Grace and figure out the key to saving Grace? - **Mrs Mir**

Bring it on Brum Winter 2021 Holiday Activity Programme

'Bring it on Brum!' is Birmingham's, Department for Education funded, Holiday Activity and Food Programme, that's helping children, young people and their families have active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays.

'Bring it on Brum!' is for children who access free school meals. The approach in Birmingham will see provision across the city, serving disadvantaged communities, those most vulnerable and those most impacted upon by the pressures of school holidays.

Their winter holiday programme will be delivered in over 180 venues across the city. Many holiday activity providers are ready to take bookings now; some are still finalising their plans. Most programmes will run for 4 or 5 days from Monday 20th December. There will be a smaller number of programmes available after Christmas until schools return.

Please visit the 'Bring it on Brum!' website for more information:

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>



Have you used maternity services in Birmingham or Solihull in the last 3 years?



BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL
Maternity Voices
Working in partnership to improve maternity services

Coffee Morning Session

Dolphin Women's Centre,
Ward End Park, Washwood Heath Road B8 2HB
Monday 13th December 10am—11am

Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) is an NHS working group that helps to improve maternity services by sharing feedback. Please come along to our coffee morning to share opinions about your maternity experiences. Discussions will include:

- Introduction to the MVP service
- Breastfeeding
- Covid vaccine in pregnancy
- Navigating health and maternity services

These are informal sessions to share information and support women from pre to post pregnancy.

Contact Brianna, MVP Coordinator:
b.dymond@gatewayfs.org
07742 406339



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 13th December

Year 4

Tuesday 14th December

Year 6

Wednesday 15th December

Year 3

Thursday 16th December

Year 5

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2 Dates 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



As we are approaching the end of term can all parents please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared before the holidays start. 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.

Thornton's Harvest Collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

Year 3 and 4: tinned food
Year 5: pasta/spaghetti/rice
Year 6: toiletries

All contributions will support the school foodbank and other local charities.

Thank you for your continued support.



Medical notice

If your child has missed the flu vaccination in school and you would still like your child to have the flu vaccination please call the Immunisation Team to arrange an appointment on :

0121 466 3410



Christmas Lunch YR3&YR5
-Tuesday 14th December



Christmas Lunch YR4&YR6
Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Parties—
Friday 17th December –
Children may bring in their OWN party food to eat on this day.



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