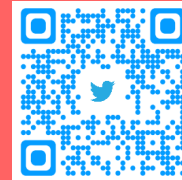




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Hello everyone

What a strange week we have had this week, but a super busy one! We hope everyone who celebrated Eid at the start of this week enjoyed a great time with family and friends—the children were certainly full of excitement when sharing Eid stories with us on Wednesday! We will be celebrating next week with **Eid class parties** being held on **Friday 13th May**. This year we are really going to go for it! Children can come to school in their own clothes (party wear is encouraged!) and can bring some party food to share with their friends if they want to (but nothing containing nuts, thank you). School will provide some snacks and drinks so please don't feel you have to send anything into school if you would rather not.



This week the children have been busy researching their Commonwealth country as part of the learning we are doing about the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. They have started to decorate their classroom doors and think about making flags ready for sports day! This year we have decided to have a truly memorable sports day for the children. **Years 3 and 4** are going to be taking advantage of the amazing sports facilities at The Blue Coat School on **Friday 15th July**, and **Years 5 and 6** will be holding their sports day at The Pingles Stadium on **Monday 27th June**.



A **HUGE well done to Year 6 children** for coming to school as our VIP learners yesterday (Voting Day) to do extra SATs booster work. We are proud of their determination to work hard and impressed by their ambition and excellent attitude to learning! We are also want to say a **BIG thank you to the amazing Year 6 Teaching Staff team**, they have certainly gone above and beyond! **Everyone in the #thorntonfamily is wishing Year 6 the very best of luck for next week** as they show the world all the knowledge and skills they have learned up to now! We know they will be amazing and shine brightly because they have worked so hard! Don't forget, **Year 6 will be receiving VIP treatment every morning next week from Monday to Thursday** - they can come to school **from 8am** to join in the

special Year 6 breakfast and 'chill out' time, and enjoy being served by the glamorous Year 6 Teaching Staff and Senior Leaders!



Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!



Cathy Grace, Headteacher

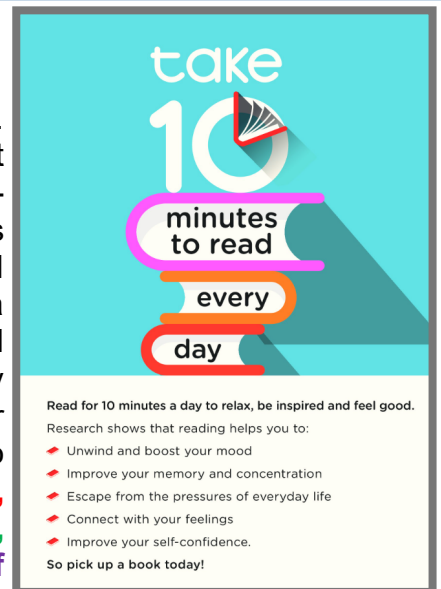
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Reading and discussing books is good for you!

For many people when they are feeling low, they turn to reading. Scientific research shows that reading and then talking about what you have read could be beneficial to mental health and well-being. Bibliotherapy, is a therapeutic approach employing books and other forms of literature, typically alongside more traditional therapy which helps to support a patient's mental health. It has a profound effect on people suffering with depression. Liverpool Health Inequalities Research Institute examined a two weekly reading group program for people diagnosed with depression over a 12-month period and reported a significant improvement to mental health. Participants reported **improved concentration, better emotional understanding, increased self-awareness, and the ability to discuss meaningful issues related to self and being.**



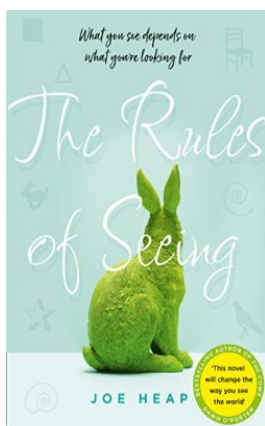
Read for 10 minutes a day to relax, be inspired and feel good.
Research shows that reading helps you to:

- Unwind and boost your mood
- Improve your memory and concentration
- Escape from the pressures of everyday life
- Connect with your feelings
- Improve your self-confidence.

So pick up a book today!

GET READING & SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE READ WITH OTHERS!

Mrs. D. McPherson – Assistant Headteacher.



Thornton Staff Book Review

"Faces scare her, because they seem like any other objects – lamps or tables or toilets – yet imbued with life. She can't tell what they are thinking. Voices are clear. She can hear truth or lies in a voice. But human faces to Nova are no different to insect faces – alive, but grotesque and inscrutable."

The Rules of Seeing by Joe Heap could be described as a love story or a psychological thriller but it is more than just that. What makes this book different is the way it made me re-evaluate my senses. What would it be like if you'd been blind from birth then had surgery to see for the first time as an adult - how would you know what you were seeing? What is colour? What is movement? Is gaining sight necessarily a good thing? This book made me question lots of my assumptions about the human senses and disabilities. It made me wonder if there are other senses that we are as yet unaware of - and are we missing out if we have never known them?

You can just read the book and enjoy a well-written story, or you can let your brain wander down all the rabbit holes. Guess which I did?

Mrs Tahir

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

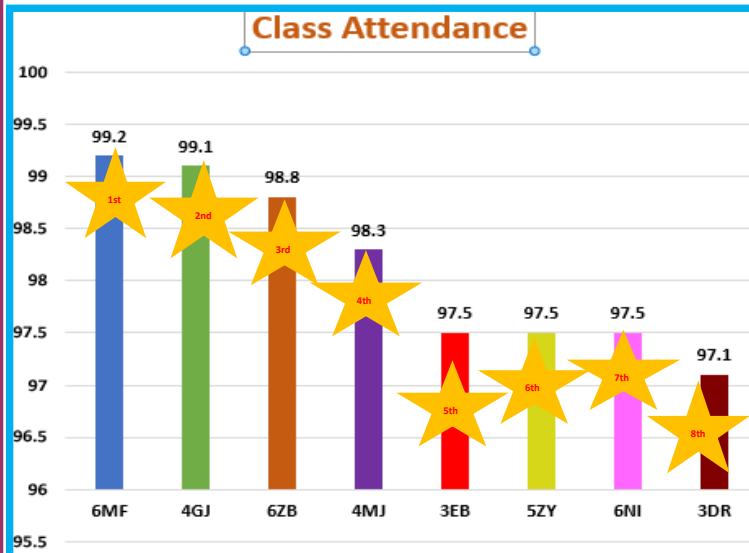


Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

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.

School Attendance



Well done to 6MF, 4GJ, 6ZB, 4MJ, 3EB, 5ZY, 6NI, 3DR who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above during the last week.

Our whole school attendance last week was **95.5%**

Year 6 Attendance Challenge!

We have introduced a YEAR 6 challenge board to encourage all the Year 6 classes to improve their attendance and to win the Golden Tickets!

Look out for the attendance challenge board in the school dining hall.

The challenge will run across two school weeks and will start on **Tuesday 3rd May** until **Friday 13th May**.

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 2 golden tickets!

Mrs Grace will announce the reward next term. **Good Luck Year 6!**



IMPORTANT DATES

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**

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 9th May

Year 4

Tuesday 10th May

Year 6

Wednesday 11th May

Year 3

Thursday 12th May

Year 5

Friday 13th May
Swimming for classes
5TR - 5ZY

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