

Hello everyone

A warm welcome back following the half-term holiday, and a very well done to everyone who has shared their amazing creative holiday homework—check out our 'X' (Twitter!) page to see examples of all the fantastic effort. We are really proud of you!

Next week, the children will be taking part in activities in school as part of anti-bullying week. As well as this, we will be joining in the annual Children in Need fun by wearing something spotty, sporty or dressed up like our sporting heroes on Friday 17th November! As part of our fund raising for this, we are asking the children to bring a 50p donation to school on that day if possible, thank you. During the day, the children will be taking part in some fun competitive sporting activities.

Here is a list of other important dates for your diary this half term:

Monday 13th November—9am Year 5 Diwali Assembly for Year 5 parents and carers

Thursday 16th November—9am My Happy Mind parent meeting for ALL parents and carers

Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day (wear something spotty, sporty or dress like your sporting hero)

Thursday 23rd November—9am Year 6 SATs parent meeting for Year 6 parents and carers

Friday 24th November—9am Year 3 parent Road Safety workshop for Year 3 parents and carers

Monday 27th November— 5BA and 5TR visit to Balaji Temple

Tuesday 28th November—5ST and 5ZY visit to Balaji Temple

Wednesday 29th November—School flu immunisations for children with consent

Friday 1st December—9am Year 6 Reading for Pleasure workshop for Year 6 parents and carers

Friday 8th December—Christmas Jumper Day for ALL children (wear a Christmas jumper or your own clothes)

Tuesday 19th December—Years 3 and 5 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December—Years 4 and 6 Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December—9am Year 3 Nativity for Year 3 parents and carers

Monday 8th January 2024—Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024— 8.30am ALL children return to school

Have a great weekend!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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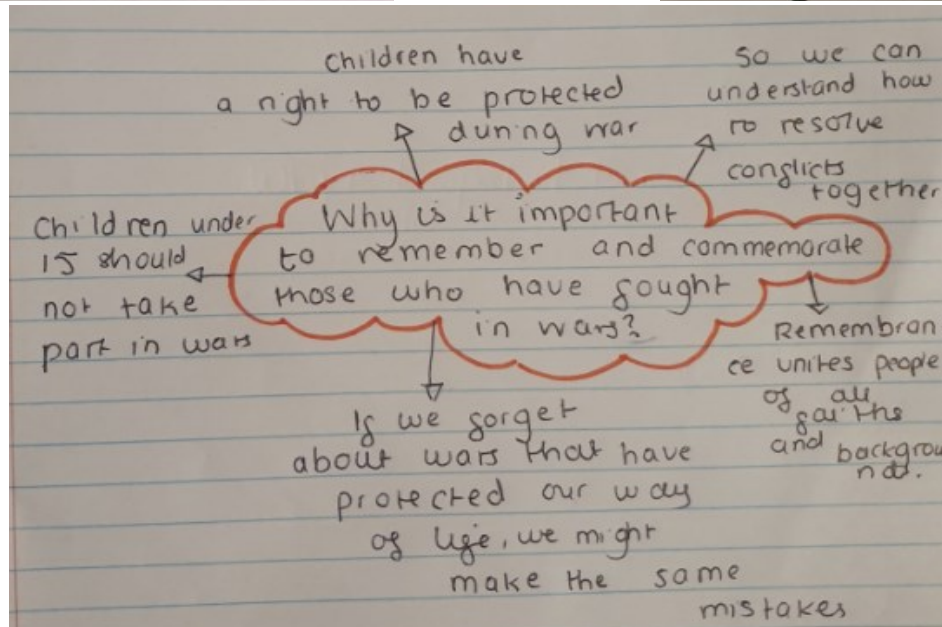
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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Remembrance & Article 38



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: **'awareness'**

Awareness is a word linked to our expectation to be ready and safe, but what does it mean?

Showing awareness, or being aware means that you are likely to know what is about to unfold. It means you will be ready to learn, as you will be listening to others, especially the teacher. It also means that you are aware of your surroundings, and therefore you're less likely to be accidentally hurt or to hurt others.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week.



We will launch Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 13th November with Odd Socks Day!

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler! We want everyone **(staff included)** to take part - the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day.



Scan the QR code to listen and learn the Odd Socks Day song 2023 – One Kind Word



Come and find out about **myHappyMind**, an NHS backed and approved program that Thornton has just introduced.

We would like to share a video presentation with you, explain some of the ways the program can support you and share links to the parent resources.

We want to share this information with as many of you as possible and really hope you can join us on **Thursday 16th November at 9am**. Refreshments will be available.



Year 3 Parent Workshop

There is a parent workshop on **Friday 24th November at 9am**.

In PSHE, your child will be learning about Road Safety during Road Safety Week, which is 20th-24th November. We would like to invite year 3 parents to come into school and find out what your child has been learning.

There will also be a local Police Officer joining the workshop to discuss the legal side of things and answer any questions you have.

We look forward to seeing you.





Mrs Bibi and Mrs Mazar are excited to announce the National Poetry Competition WINNERS!!!!

Hafsa 4NG, Ziyah 5TR, Fiza 5TR, Hala 6ZB

Well done to all the winners and all children that entered the competition.

Mrs Bibi has presented the winners with a prize and a certificate and a prize was given to all the children to entered the competition.

REFUGEE

Do you think we should all be treated equally,
everyone even if you are a refugee?

Well I have no good,
I have no money,
the sky is grey,
it is never ever sunny.

I have no home,
warm and nice,
I sit on a bench
cold like ice.

Governments should make sure I have good healthcare,
not just me but everyone all around the earth everywhere.

In the middle of war,
there are people arguing,
loud bangs and roars,
I'm sitting down starving.

Imagine being all lonely and sad,
no family, no friends, no mum or dad,
shivering on a cold road,
there is a big, smelly rubbish load.

Children crying,
I wonder why?
Is it that there are so much sights,
or do they just wish to be flying kites?

by
Hala - 6ZB

**REFUGEE
POEM**

I look back at my pain.
This poem is about my strength to recover.
The pain is my poet, precious beautifully
formed, graceful strength and body born
through suffering.

Forged by fire, I have risen, I am reborn.
I've witnessed the melodic of the wind.
I have taken the first breath,
Like blossom opening her eyes on the
arrival of spring.

These pains, you me and us,
It's time to heal
It's time to reveal the strength
the love, we all required
you, me and us!

F I Z A
5 T R

Refugee Poem 18.10.23

Reaching out to those in need,
Every ones hope we heed,
amilies sheltered with love and care
nderstanding rights and being aware
Finding hope for those in need
Every body finds a special place

Ziyad
5TR

Hafsa (4NG)

Every child has the right
to live every child
has the right
to give!

I feel bad for refugees
because they are
are living
in poverty.

Every child has the right
to a standard
living

I hope all refugees
have a happy
life with all
very happy

Reading Book Corner Competition

It was an absolute pleasure to look at and experience the wonderful reading corners in all the classrooms come to life. We entered space, roamed through a woodland and almost took off in a hot air balloon. It was truly exhilarating.

It was a very difficult decision for the judges, but we finally whistled down to the TOP THREE WINNERS who are:



SCAN ME

4NG (Miss Ibrar and Mrs Ahmed)



SCAN ME

5ST (Mrs Tahir and Mrs Ayyaz)



SCAN ME

Study Buddy (Mrs Mahmood , Mrs Price, Mr McAlinden and Mrs Wilcox)

Scan the QR codes for the three Winning reading corners.



School Attendance



Class Attendance

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

Year 4

4TW

Year 5

5BA

5ZY

Year 6

6MF

Our school attendance last week was 95.2%

The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project will start on **Monday 13th November until 8th December**. These projects will help the children to improve their attendance and punctuality this term. All the pupils who are part of the initiative have had an attendance assembly today explaining the initiative and a letter has been sent home to the parents/carers too.

The parents/carers will also be invited for a low attendance concern meeting to discuss how the school can support them and their child in improving their child's attendance.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 13th November

Year 5

Tuesday 14th November

Year 3

Wednesday 15th November

Year 4

Thursday 16th November

Year 6

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 17th November

Swimming for class 4SH

PE Kit

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in warm clothing as lessons may take place outside (weather permitting). It is important that the children have as much time exercising outside as possible. We would be really grateful if you could support us by making sure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E. kit on the day, they have P.E.

We do not expect children to wear their normal uniform on their P.E. day.

A perfect P.E. kit consists of the following:

Blue or black jog bottoms

Warm blue or black round neck jumper or tracksuit top

White Thornton t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt

Trainers or black pumps.

Parent Pay

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

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.

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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