

Hello everyone

I am so proud to share with you another super successful week at Thornton! A group of **Year 5** children spent Thursday at **Blue Coat School** enjoying a multi-media experience. This involved learning all the skills needed to produce a live TV newscast: they directed, created and edited videos, as well as creating graphics. Thank you to Blue Coat School for hosting this event and for making us feel so welcome again!



On Tuesday, we took a group of year 6 children to the home of

**Birmingham Rockets for the Annual School Games Basketball Tournament.** There were 13 other schools competing and standards were high! Our Thornton team showed off all the brilliant skills they had been learning in school with some fantastic passing moves and fine shooting. This paid off as they came out as **group winners!** Congratulations to the team! (Mr Bates, we are so proud of you too!)

**Anti-Bullying Week** was launched on Monday with **Odd Socks Day!** Pupils have taken part in numerous activities relating to this year's theme 'One Kind Word'. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.



These 3 articles (UN Rights of the Child) provide a particularly strong link this week.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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#AntiBullyingWeek

**ANTI-BULLYING  
WEEK 2021**

## YEAR 3

This week is Anti -Bullying week and for year 3 the focus was **verbal bullying**. In our PSHE lesson, we learnt that verbal bullying is the most common form of bullying and that this type of bullying will likely have

the most powerful effect on children's lives in years to come. Each class completed an activity in which we identified **5 times someone showed us kindness** and how this made us feel. Finally, we played a Kahoot quiz which focused on what we have learnt throughout the week to test our knowledge and understanding.

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5 TIMES SOMEONE SHOWED YOU KINDNESS	HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?	5 TIMES SOMEONE SHOWED YOU KINDNESS	HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?
At home	happy 😊	At school	happy 😊
In school	cheerful 😊	At home	excited 😊
On the playground	joyful 😊	At P.E	joyful 😊
eating lunch	excited 😊	At home	peaceful 😊
At mosque	calm 😊	At playground	calm 😊

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## YEAR 4

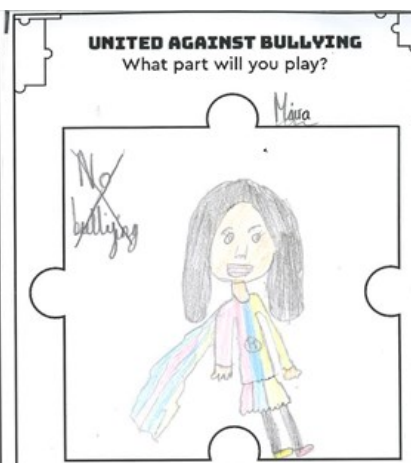
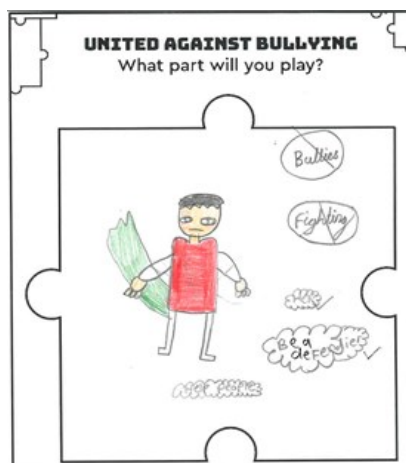
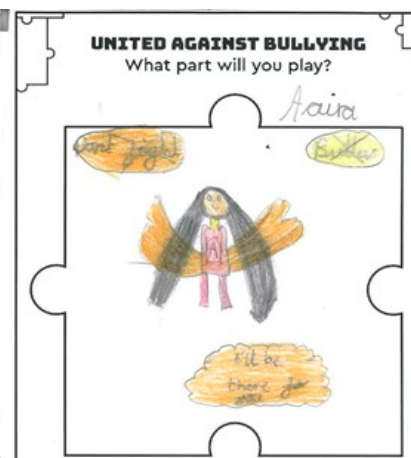
For Anti Bullying Week, year 4 discussed the positive steps they should choose to help others in and around school. All of the children agreed to become "defenders" who will stand up to bullying by telling an adult.

**Defender(s)** - Stands up for someone being bullied. Knows that bullying is wrong and feels confident enough to do something about it. This might involve talking to an adult in school.

After discussing what bullying is and how to deal with bullying, the children designed their **Anti-Bullying Superheroes** to show how we all should protect each other.

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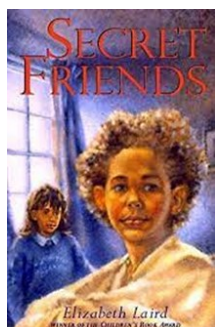




## YEAR 5

This week, year 5 have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week.

We have worn our odd socks and sung along to 'One Kind Word'.



5TR have been reading 'Secret Friends' by Elizabeth Laird – a story about **peer social bullying**. Children have found how bullying affects everyone and that there are not always happy endings! They described the book as 'sad but interesting' and 'a really good book'.

We have been working on Anti-Bullying posters. Mrs Grace will be happy to know that 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' was evident in the work, both directly and in the messages given - Ready to help those in need and to report things we see that are wrong; Respectful of each other's rights and of differences and playing Safely.



## Year 6

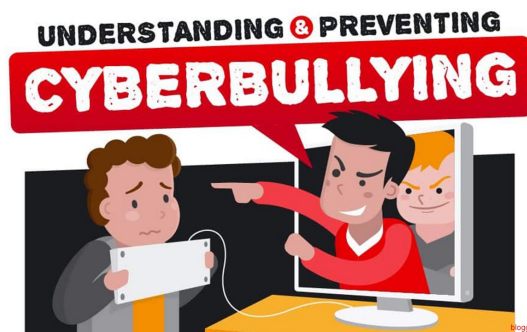
In year 6 this week, as part of Anti-Bullying Week, the children had to create posters on how to prevent and deal with bullying.

We had discussed the different types of bullying especially **cyber bullying**. We talked about how everything we do online leaves a digital footprint, and how important it is to report any online concerns to an adult.



We came up with some things we can do to stay safe online. These are some of our ideas:

- Make sure you do not share any personal information
- Protect your passwords
- Being careful with typing in what you are searching for
- Being careful with the type of pictures and posts you post online, as once it is on the internet, it cannot be taken down!



# School Attendance

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

**Come on Year 3 and 4 lets try and get more classes with 97% above class attendance next week!**

## Year 5

**5BA –98.3%**

**5ST– 99.3%**

**5TR—99.3%**

## Year 6

**6NI - 98.0%**

**6MF– 98.7%**



Huge congratulations to Class **3EB** for winning the £25 gift voucher to buy new classroom resources. They achieved 100% class attendance last week. They were surprised with a special visit from Mrs Biddle–Rawbone this week and were delighted with their £25 gift voucher and certificate!



**Our whole school attendance for last week was 95.6%**



## Year 6 Attendance Challenge!

We will be introducing the exciting year 6 attendance challenge next week. The challenge will run across three school weeks and start on **Monday 22nd November** and end on **Friday 10th December**.

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 3 golden tickets!

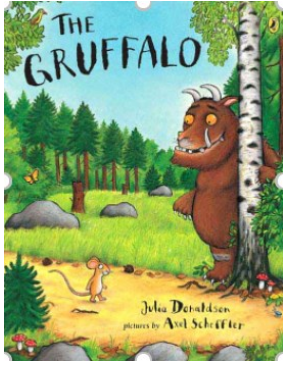


The children in the year 6 classes who win 3 Golden tickets will have any opportunity to choose one reward from the following:

- be part of Mr Bates World Cup Football competition—teams of 7 will compete against each other to try to qualify for the ultimate place in the final!
- a VIP cinema experience with popcorn!

**GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!**





## Thornton's Staff Book Reviews

### Mrs Thompson's Book Review

One of my most treasured books is The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. I love reading it and looking at the illustrations with my grandchildren. I have fond memories of them trying to act it out, using different tones of voice and sound effects for the characters. We love sharing this story with each other. It's a bit like life: no matter how big or small you are, you can get yourself out of a tricky situation. Just like the small mouse, who sets out on a journey and has obstacles that he must overcome. – Mrs. Thompson

## Basketball Tournament

These are the winning results of our Year 6 team from the Basketball Tournament (at the home of the Birmingham Rockets):

Thornton Primary 0-2 Harper Bell Primary

Thornton Primary 6-1 Clifton Primary

Lea forest Primary 4-4 Thornton Primary

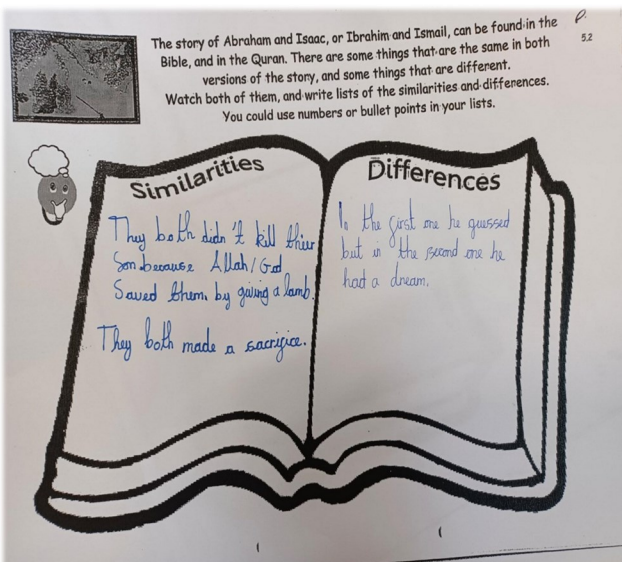
Hillstone Primary 2-4 Thornton Primary

Parkfield Primary 1-5 Thornton Primary

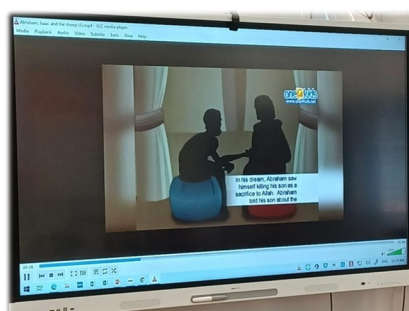
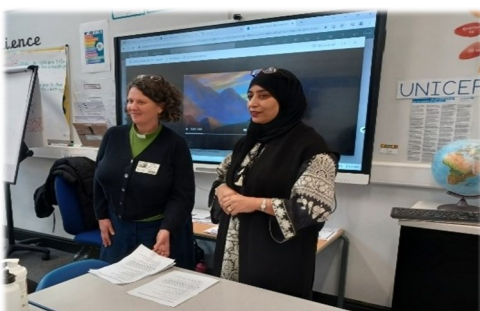


Well done to our Basket Ball Team! We are so proud of you!

## Special visit from the Unity Hub



As part of **inter-faith week** we welcomed two visitors from the local church, a vicar and community development manager. They worked together with the children in year 5 and were a brilliant example of how people from different faiths can have similarities and shared interests. The children took part in a quiz about Ruth and Rashta which helped them to address common misconceptions and then moved on to look at the story of Abraham in the Bible and Ibrahim (as) in the Quran. The children reflected on similarities and differences in these stories and were able to appreciate the fact that interfaith dialogue is healthy and possible. Well done, Year 5!



Thank you to Mrs Ayub for organising the visit.



## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 22nd November  
Year 3

Tuesday 23rd November  
Year 5

Wednesday 24th November  
Year 4

Thursday 25th November  
Year 6

### Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back. Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts!

**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am .**



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 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**

### Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

**Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April**

### Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

**Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

**Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022**

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

**Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**

### Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

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