



Hello everyone

School Reports

Today, your child will be bringing home their annual school report. We recognise that this year the reports are very different due to the global pandemic and, as a school, we have chosen to celebrate the children's achievements for the time they were in school instead of focussing on any learning missed as a result of illness and national lockdown. Teachers have included some key next steps for children in core subjects, and we have also included a separate letter with the reports this year to provide additional guidance on how you can further support your child over the summer holiday.

Discussing Reports

You will be aware that opportunities to discuss reports with class teachers are already scheduled to take place over the next two weeks. If you haven't made your appointment, please speak with your child's class teacher or telephone the school office to make the necessary arrangements (0121 327 0824), thank you.



Magic Breakfast

Thornton is proud to be in partnership with Magic Breakfast, providing healthy breakfasts to our pupils so that they are settled and ready to learn. Magic Breakfast provides ALL pupils with the option of having a nutritious breakfast bagel in their classroom from 8.30am to ensure children start their school day in the best possible way. Breakfast gives children the energy needed for the busy school morning, enabling them to focus on their lessons, and we can definitely see the positive impact this has on our children!

Covid-19—increase in spread of Delta variant

As you will be aware, Birmingham is seeing a steady increase in the rise of the Covid-19 Delta variant being spread and is now an area of enhanced support. We have been advised by the Local Authority that our school is in one of the 15 focus areas across the city where daily case rates are higher, and where testing and vaccine rates are lower. In order to keep everyone in our community safe, it is essential we do everything we can to minimise the spread of the virus. You can help do this by isolating with your household if you have symptoms and getting a PCR test straight away. You can also help by getting a vaccine — this weekend, the NHS will publicise details of all the walk-in clinics that will be available to enable you to **'Grab a Jab'** - nhs.uk/grab-a-jab

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe!
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Assistant Headteachers - Miss Loach,

Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar



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Year 3

The children in Year 3 have been very busy with sports day this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and took part in racing, javelin and speed bounce.

The support displayed by the children for their peers was absolutely phenomenal—you probably heard them from your own home! Excellent encouragement and sportsmanship displayed by all, thank you children.

A fantastic effort to all the children for taking part and a huge well done to **3EB** for winning overall!



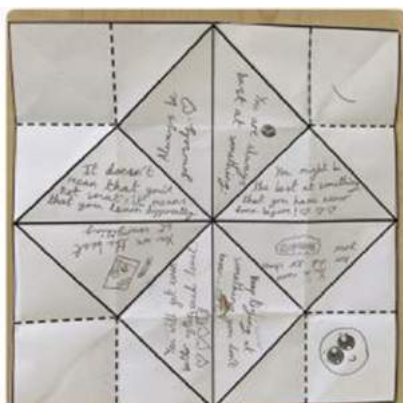
Year 4

This week in PSHE, Year 4 have been identify words and phrases that can restrict us as effective learners. We learnt about different people such as, Walt Disney, Mahatma Gandhi and Oprah Winfrey and how they had to overcome many difficult situations in their life. However, they were still able to achieve their full potential.



We created chatterboxes with positive words or phrases such as, 'You can do it', 'I am amazing', 'I've got this' and 'This is possible!' If you want to make your own chatterbox watch the video below and remember to use positive words or phrases.

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SCHOOL Attendance

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

Year 4

4GJ—99.3%

4SH— 98.3%

Year 5

5BA— 97.8%

5TR— 98.0%

Year 6

6ZB—97.3%



Last week our whole school
attendance was: 94.5%



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

GOLDEN TICKET

Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards

All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance Silver award!

On Monday 12th July all the Silver Award qualifying children will receive a refreshment treat, a prize, certificate and a sticker with extra play time!

100% Attendance for the whole academic year!

All the children who have achieved **100%** attendance and above for this academic year will receive the golden ticket Attendance **GOLD** award!

The qualifying children will be part of a special assembly as well as a fabulous smoothie making session in school. They will get a chance to get on the smoothie making bike and make their own healthy smoothie!



On Monday 12th July all the Gold Award qualifying children will receive a prize , certificate and a sticker with extra play time!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

Year 5

Year 5 have been looking at life cycles in Science and have been looking at metamorphosis in butterflies. Each class has had caterpillars and watched them pupate then emerge as beautiful butterflies, before we set them free to carry on the cycle.

Zara said, **"I think the butterflies were developing in a very good way."**

Maryam said, **"They were beautiful and colourful which made me happy."**



www.twitter.com/ThorntonOwls

Year 5 have uploaded a video on our school twitter account of releasing the beautiful butterfly.

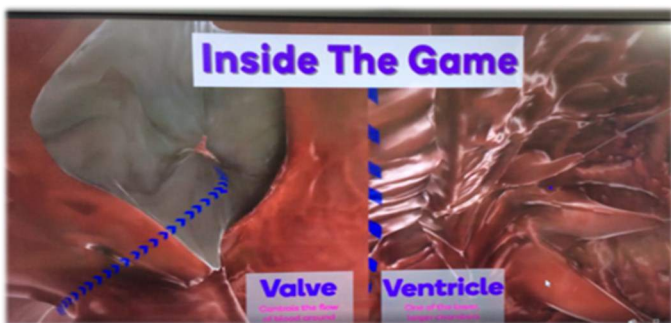


We have also been growing vegetables and have had our first crop.



Year 6

This week, we explored the heart virtually! Heart Research UK sent year 6 some fantastic state of the art headsets to allow us to explore the inner workings of the heart. The children wore the headsets and followed the journey of the blood through a beating heart!

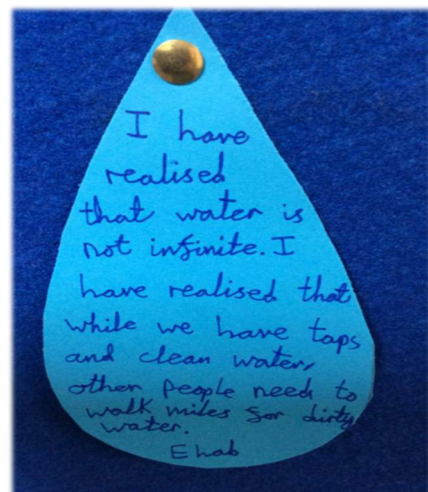
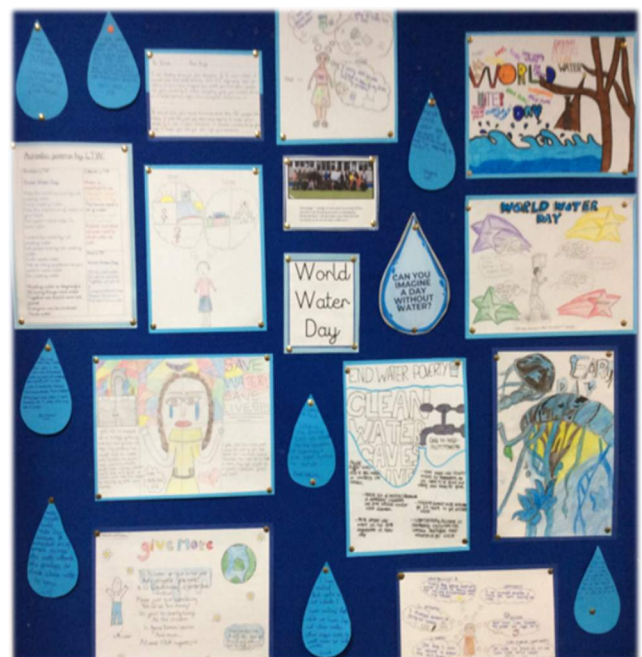
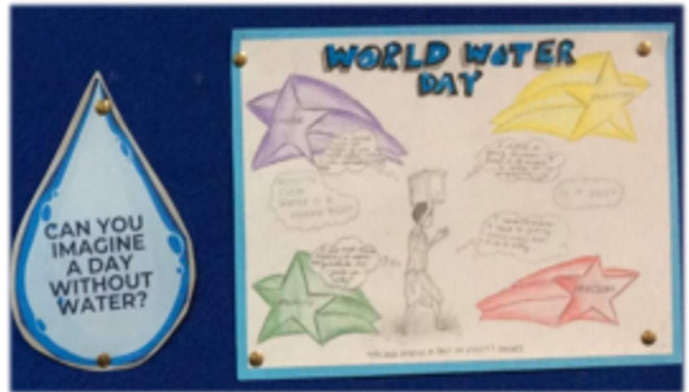


Congratulations!

Many congratulations to everyone at Thornton Primary School on being **Highly Commended** for your project 'World Water Day' in the **Better Energy School Awards 2021**! In an incredibly challenging year for schools, we still received entries from over 13,000 children, so being selected to win an Award is a real achievement, especially as standards remained very high this year. We loved your work on World Water Day. It was great that the whole school got involved in such a great range of activities around this important environmental theme.

A big 'well done!' to all pupils and staff for their support during World Water Day. We sent examples of some work to 'Better Energy Awards'. The school's efforts were recognized and pupil work was highly commended.

Mrs Bibi, Global Citizen Lead



Secret City Arts

Session 2

As promised, here is an update of the work the Year 5 children have completed during their second session with Secret City Arts. During this session, the pupils had an opportunity to create a conversation between a tree and different types of weather or nature, including animals. Some of the questions included: ‘

What conversation might a bird have with a tree?

What questions would they ask each other?’

During this session pupils were also encouraged to think about these questions,

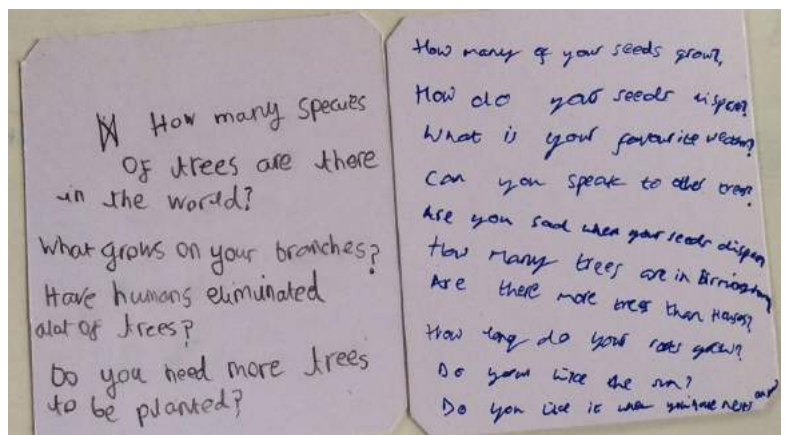
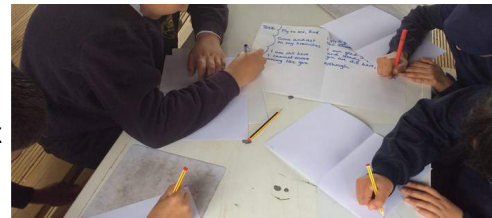
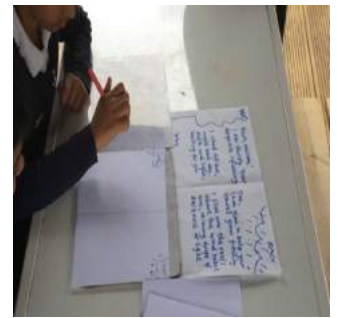
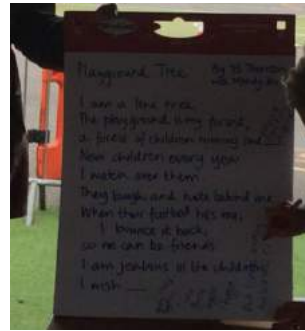
‘What might a tree within an urban setting say to another tree?’

‘What do trees provide us with?’

All the ideas were collated by the author, who commented on the pupil’s wonderful contributions and enthusiasm.

At the end of the session, the children were encouraged to think about ways in which they could prompt others to think about trees in their local environment.

Ms Ferrante



World Book Day

The wait is over! Here are photos of our World Book Day winners with their certificates and prizes. A BIG ‘congratulations’ to:

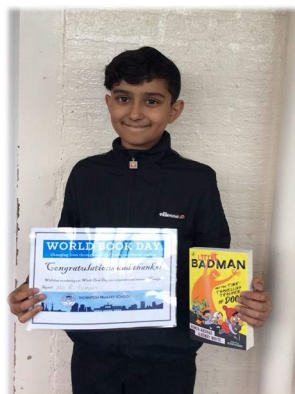
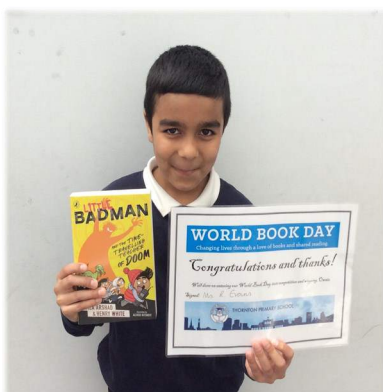
Anah M, 3SQ

Owais W, 4AB

Najwa A and Hasnain Z, 5TR

Maira A and Bisma F, 5ZY

Mustafa Z, 6MF



School Meals

Changing from Dinner 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 dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and ordering.

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.



Medical Notice

We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also, parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our **school website under the parents tab**. Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication. Thank you for your support with this to ensure all medication is given safely to children as prescribed.



The Grammar Schools in Birmingham- Admissions 2022

Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before **4pm on 30th June 2021**. The test will take place on **11th September 2021**.

Parents of current **Year 5** children can register by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Thank you

Admissions

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road

Birmingham, B15 2UD

Website: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Email: admissions@ske.uk.net

Healthy Packed Lunch



If you send a packed lunch into school for your child please can you ensure it is a healthy option that consists of :

Healthy Sandwich

Piece of Fruit

Yogurt

Healthy drink (not fizzy/energy types!)

Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school!

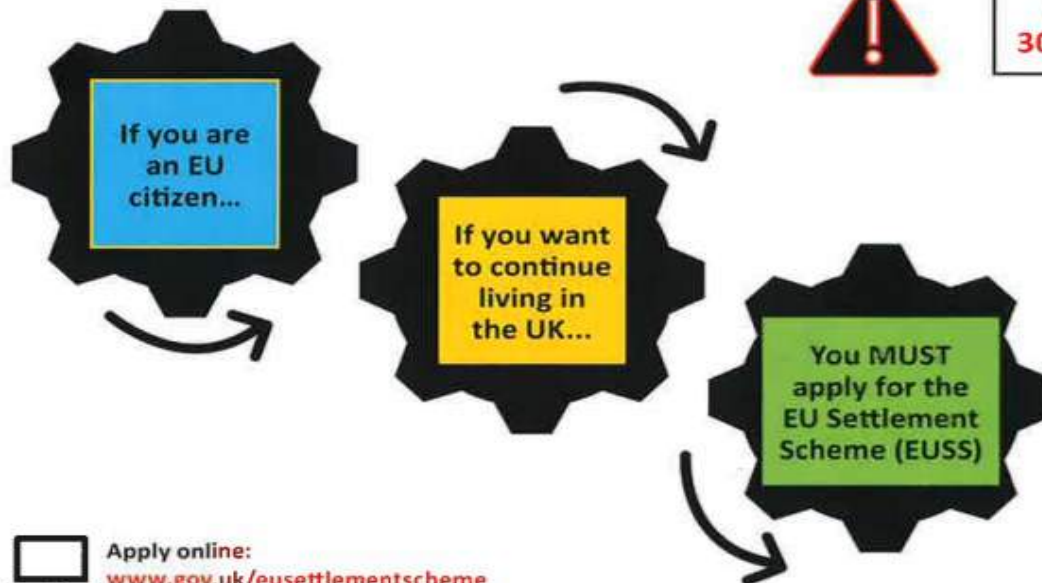
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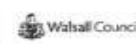


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Estonia,
Finland,
France,
Germany,
Greece,
Hungary,
Ireland, Italy,
Latvia,
Lithuania,
Luxembourg,
Malta,
Netherlands,
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Portugal,
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Slovakia,
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Spain,
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EU Settlement Resolution Centre: **0300 123 7379**



Get FREE application support: <https://bit.ly/2QARLPa>

PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 28/06/2021

Monday 28th June

Year 4

Tuesday 29th June

Year 6

Wednesday 30th June

Year 3

Thursday 1st June

Year 5

Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school 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 from Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



Summer Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 7th June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20th July 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21st July 2021

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

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: **Friday 22nd July 2022**



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Vice-Chair of Governors—Mr Johur Uddin



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