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Hello everyone

What a funny week we have had this week with Bank Holiday Monday and Polling Day on Thursday! It was lovely to see everyone back in school today, especially our Year 6 children who have worked incredibly hard to prepare for their Key Stage 2 SATs next week. Also, please remember **we are looking forward to welcoming all Year 6 children to a free special SATs breakfast club from 8am every morning next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.** We wish all our Year 6 the very best of luck for next week — we know you can do it, 'sock it to them!'.



Other important dates coming up include:

Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May from 8.30am — Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 tests week)

Friday 15th May 8.45-9.30am — 4NG & 4SH Multiplication workshop for parents/carers

Thursday 21st May at 1.30-3pm — Summer Fair for ALL parents/carers and children

Friday 22nd May at 9am — Year 3 Ramadan Assembly for Year 3 parents/carers



And finally, we have a new musical word this month for everyone to learn as we continue to expand our musical vocabulary!

Thornton's Musical Word of the Month is melody: a series of notes creating a distinctive and memorable sequence (often referred to as 'the tune')



Have a great weekend every!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



This week, the article of the week focused on Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

The children identified key needs such as good physical and mental health, education, healthy food, clean water, a safe home, and caring adults. They also included the importance of protection from harm, having a name and identity, time to relax and play, a good standard of living, and understanding their rights. The children added labels and pictures to show what children need to survive, develop, and thrive.



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Year 3

This week in Year 3, our pupils have been budding artists. We have been captivated by the work of **artist Antony Gormley**, and been inspired by his amazing work! We began by learning all the different techniques to mould and manipulate clay – by rolling, pinching, pushing, pressing and joining. Each child created their own artistic interpretation of Gormley's work, and produced one 3D sculpture of a figure that was either standing, sitting or doing a pose. Take a look at some of our work!



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been diving into the exciting world of **Varjak Paw by S.F. Said**. In Chapter 12, Varjak bravely heads into the busy city on a mission to find a dog who can help save his family.

The children explored the moment where Varjak comes across the “shiny metal monsters with sharp teeth” — his first encounter with cars! They discussed how strange and overwhelming the city must feel to a young cat who has never left home before.

Using this scene as inspiration, the children wrote their own versions of Varjak's adventure. They used powerful vocabulary, descriptive language and lots of imagination to show how Varjak might feel as he tries to stop the roaring traffic and continue his mission. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and enthusiasm. Year 4 have shown fantastic storytelling skills and a brilliant understanding of the text.

Dear Diary,

When midnight struck, I crept on the wet, clammy grass. I had to complete my mission to save my precious family. The moonlight cast my shadow, as I walked towards the magnificent megacities. I was alone and anxious. The large buildings loomed over me, causing my whole body to tremble. After a while, I heard commotion and I froze. My gut pinched. I heard people groups of them laughing, shouting and talking. I dashed towards a quiet looking alleyway. I froze in fear. I saw something mechanical. At the end of an alleyway, I saw columns of sleeping, mechanical beasts. I slowly crept to the screaming monsters. Their eyes were dull and they looked heartless. "They were DEAD!" I thought. In the distance, I heard a terrible roaring noise. I froze in fear and my gut stood on end. I knew they were dogs. This is my chance. I padded along the wide black road. I had to dig my claws into the rough tarmac because my stomach was in knots. I tried to plead with them but they wouldn't listen so I started to shout. "STOP please help me!"

A roaring amount of roaring beasts came towards me as I thought about F. the Paw and his amount of trust that he had given me. I stood my ground. A few moments later, the beasts' heart-rending voices came louder. BRAPPP! I ducked under the remaining dogs. They went left, right, left and zig-zag. I cowardly crawled back not daring to stand up.

Dear Diary,

On the opposite side of the alley, I spotted a pack of sleeping metallic and horrific sleeping beasts. As I got closer and closer, strangely their eyes seemed to dull and their bodies showed no signs of breathing that meant they were dead long time ago. My gut went upwards in the air as if still on my skin. I started to feel a breeze of wind and shrieking sounds along with roaring noises in the distance. Many more dogs stood on the other side of the pavement from where I was stood. I knew it was my chance at a desperate moment like this, so I walked towards the edge of the wide black road, stopped with white this whole time enough to be seen. Bravely, I stood to my feet. Instead of them I dug with my paws through the tarmac so that I wouldn't run away. They sprinted towards me before I yelled, "STOPPPP PLEASE HELP ME!"

Many beasts came sprinting towards my way as their deadly lights pierced through my head. I stood still on the ground afraid to even move a muscle. In these little fearsome moments I thought about how close I was.

As they got faster and closer, my heart started to thud loudly and be faster than usual.

BRAPPP! I did my hardest to crush my body into the tarmac. I lay almost over over me. I continued to keep my body on the ground out of fear as I started to shove from what had just happened. Cowardly I padded back onto the pavement. All my hopes of rescuing my loving family were gone.

Turns out the plan failed and Tello and Jerome were right all along about me being a liar for my life.

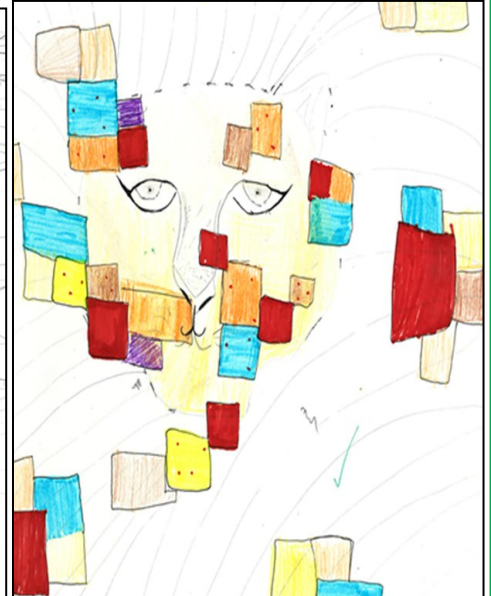
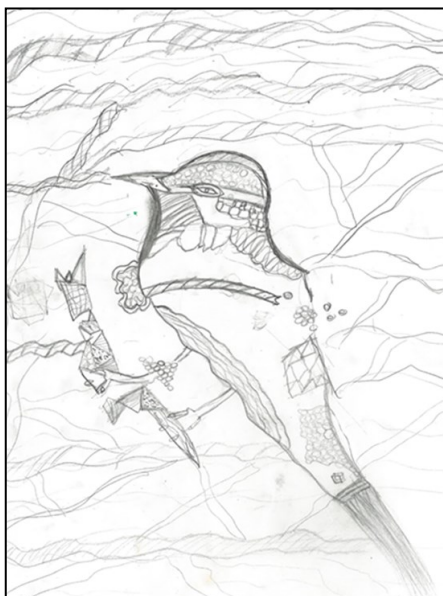
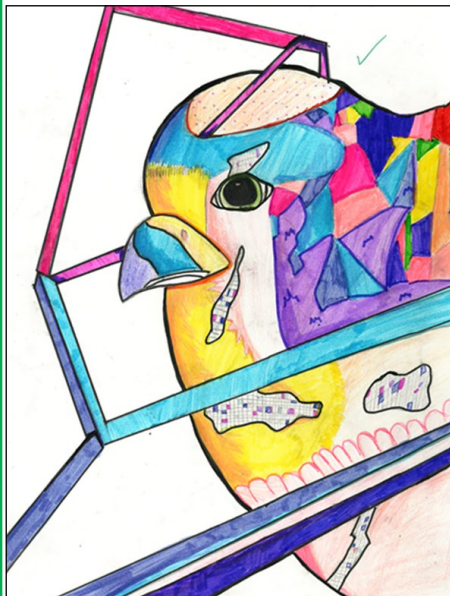
Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the work of the **Dutch and Flemish Renaissance artist, Pieter Bruegel the Elder**. The children have shown great interest in the depiction of ordinary people going about their daily lives in Bruegel's work. They have created their own portraits in a similar style, but they have also taken inspiration from contemporary **British artist Lubaina Himid's 3D installations**. Here is a selection of their creations.



Year 6

Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to create some **wonderful artwork** inspired by this term's artist **Juan Travieso**. Pupils had the opportunity to utilise the techniques that they had learnt during previous Art lessons and used these techniques within their own artwork.



A colorful poster for a school summer fair. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting hangs across the sky. Below it, the school's name is written in a curved banner. The main title 'SUMMER FAIR' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font. The date 'Thursday 21st May' is written in a red font inside a white cloud. A red ribbon below the date says 'FREE ENTRY'. A list of activities is provided in the center, and illustrations of a Ferris wheel and a carousel are at the bottom. The background is light blue with white clouds and small white flowers.

Thornton Primary School

SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 21st May

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Bouncy castle •
- Child Raffle •
- Fun Games •
- Jumble Sale •
- Adult Raffle •
- Music •
- stalls •
- yummy food •
- and much more!

If you would like to book a table please contact the school
on 0121 3270827

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

DINE

Main

Vegetarian

Sides

DINE

Dessert
STOP



Beef Burger



Beef Bolognese Bake



Roast Sausages



Spicy Chicken Pitta



Chicken Nuggets

Beetroot Burger

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Mac & Cheese

Cheese & Tomato Turnover

Vegetable Fingers

Herby Potatoes and Green Salad

Garlic Slice and Sweetcorn

Roasties, Broccoli and Gravy

Wedges and Carrots

Chips and Peas

Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Jacket Potato with choice of topping

Freshly made sandwiches and Salad Bar are also available

Chocolate Chip Cookie

Banana Sponge and Custard

Lime Iced Sponge Cake

Shortbread

Ice Cream

WEEK COMMENCING:
27/04, 18/05, 08/06, 29/06, 20/07,
31/08, 21/09, 12/10

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Mousse, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

Dinner and Club money payment reminders

Thank you to all parents who continue to pay regularly into Parentpay for their child's meals and club payments.

The office will be sending text reminders, letters and making phone calls to remind parents to keep their accounts up to date.

Please remember to inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangement changes as it can often cause your child being charged for meals that they did not have due to the change.

Call the office on 0121 327 0824 to let us know of any changes.

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

Dinner money

£2.70 a day

£13.50 a week

Breakfast Club
£2.50 per day and
£1.00 for any
siblings.

After school club
£4.00 per day and
£2.00 for any
siblings.

There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 94.9%

Well Done to **3MJ, 3ZY and 4TW** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!



The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Thank you to all Parents/Carers for raising our pupil's school attendance during the last initiative. We will be restarting the Magic 10 Project on Monday 11th May until Friday 22nd May for selected pupils. Letters and emails have been sent to parents/carers, please look out for these letters in your child's book bag.



Low Attendance Concern

This week low attendance concerns emails were also sent to parents for pupils with attendance below 90%. An attendance of 90% or below is recognised as Persistent Absence (PA) by the Department of Education and the Local Education Authority. We urge you to encourage your child to attend every day that they can and I would value your support in this matter. The children are much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off.

Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education.

The table below shows just how much a child with low attendance may miss:

Attendance for academic year	Number of days absent	Approximate number of weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	3.8 weeks	95 lessons
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	190 lessons
70%	57 days	11.4 weeks	285 lessons



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 11th May

Year 4

Wednesday 13th May
Year 3

Thursday 14th May
Year 5

Friday 15th May
Year 6

Summer Fair

If you wish to **hire a table** in our school hall for the Summer Fair tables are **£15 for a single table, £30 for a double table.**

Please contact the School Office to make the necessary arrangements. Thornton Primary school pupils have the opportunity to enter the pupil raffle. **Prizes for children are 'Hotwheels' Scooter and a 'Stitch' Scooter, also a football and a cricket game set. Tickets are £1 for 5 tickets.**

There will also be baskets full of prizes for adults, £5 for 5 adults raffle tickets. Tickets will be on sale in reception, just ask for Mrs Scott. The winners will be announced at the summer fair, Make sure you buy a ticket!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Good Luck Everyone!

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