

Hello everyone

Rock Stars Emerge in Year 4!

As many of you are already aware, year 4 are currently working very hard to improve their multiplication times table knowledge. To motivate the pupils, we have been holding regular times table competitions. The third such competition ended this Monday. On this occasion 4SH have been both the most accurate class and the class which has the highest average number of correct answers per pupil. So, a big congratulations goes to the pupils of 4SH! As it is the first time that one class has won both categories, every child from 4SH has been rewarded with a small prize to mark this achievement.

4SH Winners of 'Highest Accuracy' category

(95.05%)

4SH Winners of 'Highest Average Correct Answers Per Child' category

(1,995)



As well as wanting to recognise the efforts of 4SH as a class. We also wanted to recognise pupils in each of the year 4 classes who have shown a particular dedication to learning and practising their times tables. Over the past month four pupils have particularly stood out for their effort on the Rock Stars platform. These pupils are: **Rayyan** (4GJ), **Zain** (4MJ), **Muhammad Rehaan** (4SH) and **Aamir** (4TW). The boys are pictured above!

Further in to the newsletter, you will find more achievements from across the school. Please take the time to read about these successes as well. I am sure, like me, you will be impressed by what you see. I hope that you all have an enjoyable, and safe weekend, and look forward to seeing you on the school gate next week.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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Year 3

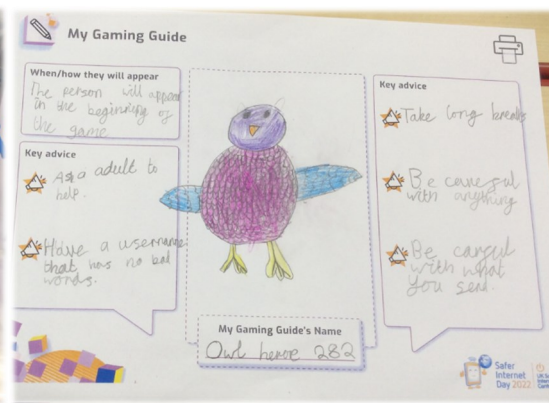
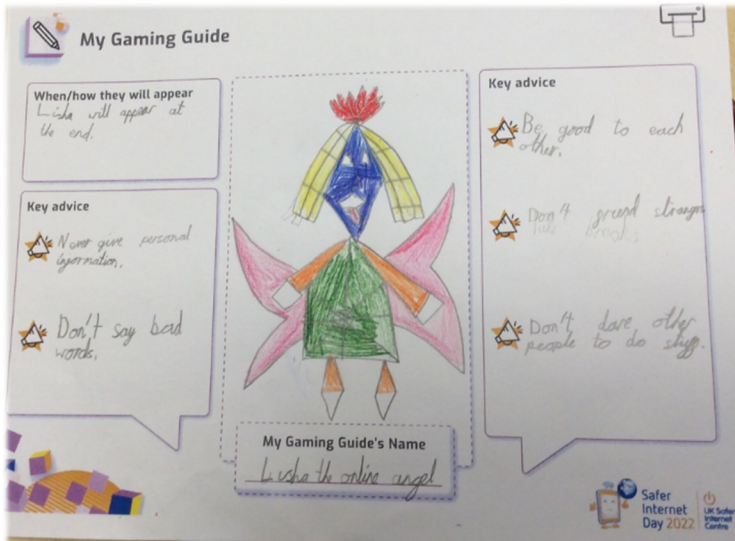
This week we celebrate **Safer Internet Day** on **Tuesday, 8th February 2022**.

Year 3 celebrated with the other year groups looking at the theme: **ALL FUN AND GAMES? Exploring respect and relationship online.**

Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. The platforms young people use are spaces for connection, community and collaboration, and the day challenges them

to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces.

Here are some of the fun activities we did during the week.

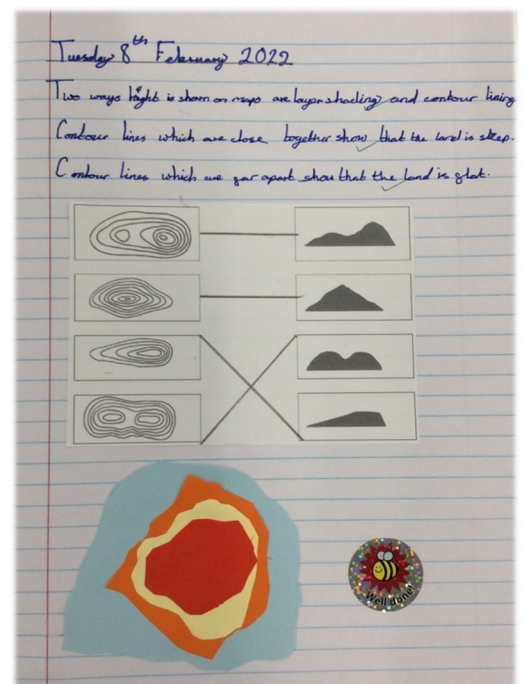
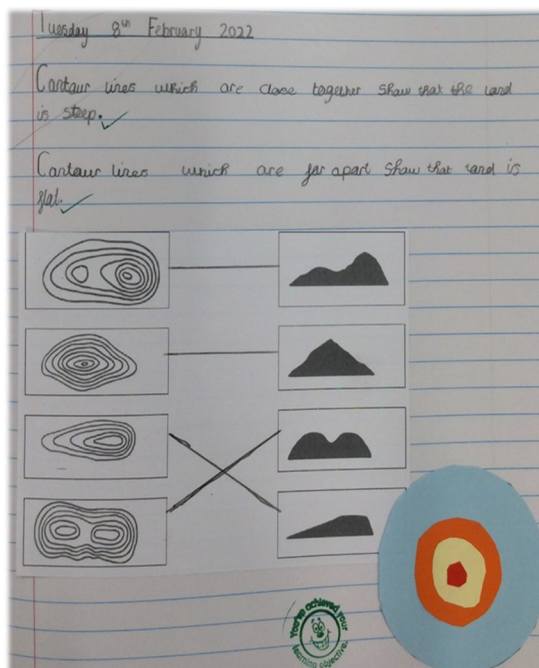
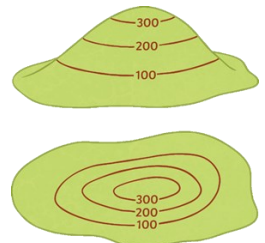


Year 4

For Topic this week, we have been learning about '**Contour Maps**'. The children learnt about how heights on maps are shown by using layer shading and contour lines. They learnt that layer shading is often used on maps of very large areas like countries and the flatter areas are usually shown as green and the highest areas are usually shaded in red, brown and white. The children

also learnt that some maps contain brown contour lines and these are lines that show high and low areas of land. They created their own contour maps. Why not have a go at making one!

You will need:
different coloured,
paper, card,
scissors and glue.



Year 5

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am writing this letter to you because I feel devastated about climate change. I think you should do something because it's your job to keep everyone safe in the U.K. Climate change is affecting our world. Humans are destroying our planet. If we don't act now, then maybe we'll have no place to call home anymore. It doesn't have to be like this. It's not too late if we act quickly.

Fossil fuels are one of the problems causing climate change. Oil, gas and coal are taken from the ground and burnt then it releases carbon dioxide (CO_2). Carbon dioxide is bad for our planet. Too much of this gas (CO_2) in our atmosphere is making our planet get too hot. This gas (CO_2) is very bad for us humans too. It is causing the deaths of animal life. Storms are getting worse because of fossil fuels this hurts people and animals.

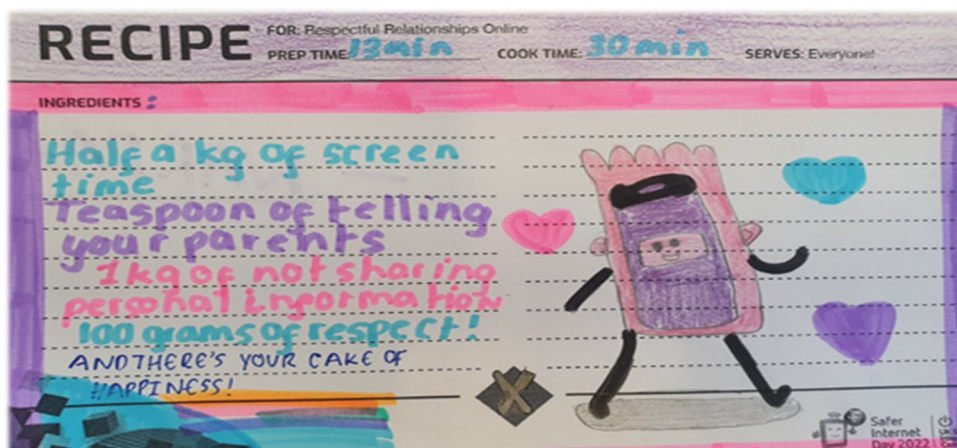
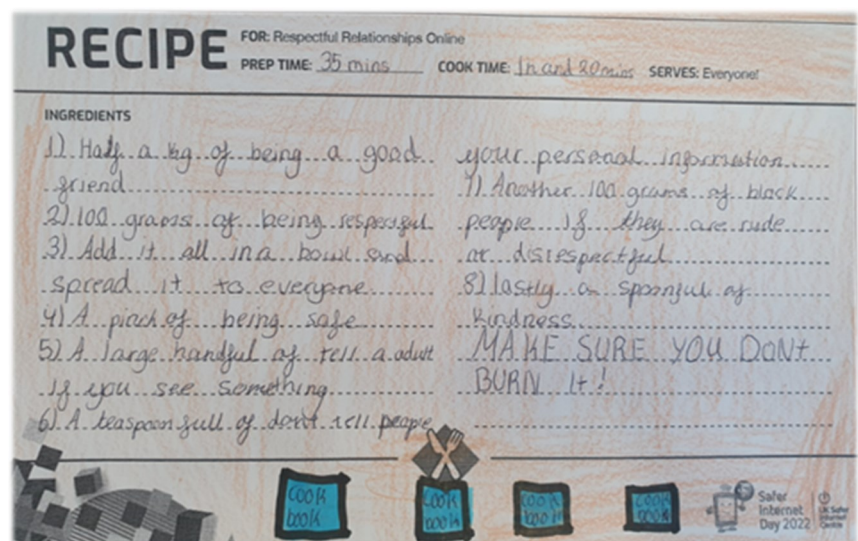
In Year Five we have been exploring **climate change**. We wrote persuasive letters to convince other people of the seriousness of the situation, and to take positive action to help our world. We explored different techniques to appeal to the reader and did lots of research so we understood the situation.

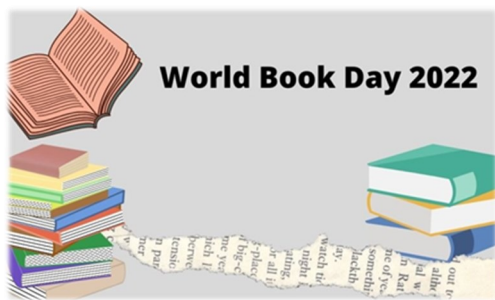
You can read here how Ana developed her ideas over a series of sentences to build very compelling persuasive paragraphs in her letter to the Prime Minister.

We can make things better. You can pass a law to stop banks investing in this terrifying industry. Humans can stop using normal cars and use electric cars. You can make them cheaper. Did you ever think of making these changes?

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we completed work based around Safer Internet Day throughout the week. We discussed the importance of staying safe online and focused on respect and relationships, including how to behave appropriately when using the internet and how to look out for any potential dangers. We particularly enjoyed putting our top tips for staying safe online into a cooking recipe.



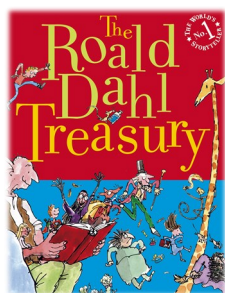


World Book Day 2022

World Book Day

This year the theme for World Book Day is 'You are a reader.' Thornton Primary School's World Book Day will be celebrated on **Friday 4th March**. Children will be invited to dress up as their favourite character and are also encouraged to be creative and make their own costume. Children who do not wish to dress up in costume can wear non-uniform and come as authors!

On World Book Day the children will all be authors for the day and will be making their own mini books. In preparation for this exciting event, please encourage your child to start thinking about the six-sentence story book they are going to create. Your class teacher will be posting details about this event on Google Classroom next week so you can find out in advance what they will be doing!



Thornton Staff Book Review by Miss Wilcox

I have been reading *The Roald Dahl Treasury*. This is a book I am fond of, as it is one I read during my childhood. I am now sharing this with my daughter so she can enjoy the collection of stories and poems too. I've always adored the medley of characters and their interesting quirks. My favourite character is the BFG.

Why not read this book and see which character becomes your favourite...

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Spring Term 1 Dates 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

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**

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.





Children's Positive Mental Health

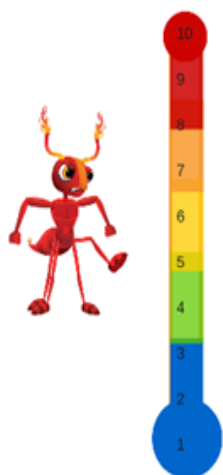
As a school, our focus next week is Children's Positive Mental Health Week. The theme this year is **Growing Together**. **Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem, and many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement.



Feelings Thermometer



In school we have two qualified mental health trainers; Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Ms Devi. Children are given opportunities in school on a daily basis to talk about how they are feeling and why. We do daily check in's which we refer to as our 'Feelings Thermometer'.

If you want to access the virtual assembly that has been put together in conjunction with Place2Be, BAFTA Kids and Oak National Academy scan the QR code:



There is a very special message from BAFTA and Oscar-winning actress, **Olivia Colman**.

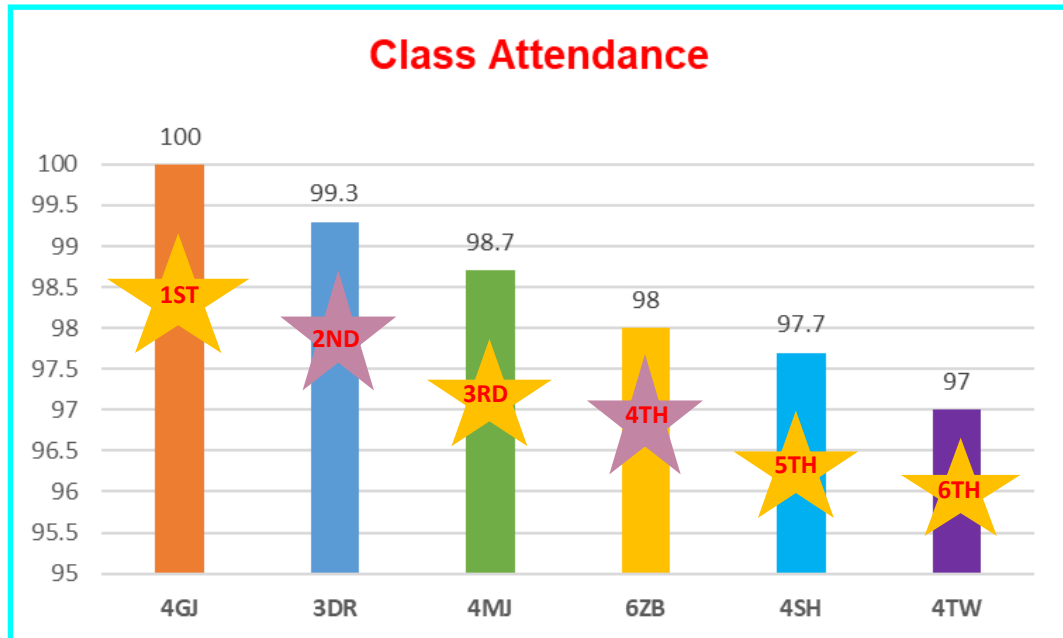
School Attendance



100% Class Attendance Weekly Reward

Congratulations to 4GJ who achieved 100% they had a surprise visit from Mrs Biddle-Rawbone on Monday and were rewarded with a £25 gift voucher for the whole class.

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



Wow !!!! A huge congratulations to year 4 the whole year group achieved the school attendance target last week.

Well done to 3DR and 6ZB for achieving the school attendance target.

Our whole school attendance for last week was 94.7%

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**

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 14th February
Year 3

Tuesday 15th February
Year 5

Wednesday 16th February
Year 4

Thursday 17th February
Year 6

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