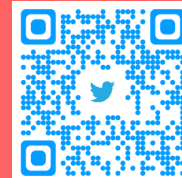


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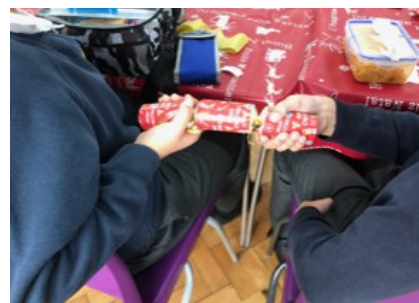
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16/12/2021

Hello everyone—Wow! Thornton children certainly know how to have fun and party! We have had a great week in school this week with highlights ranging from 'little reindeers' make an entertaining entrance into the dining hall on Christmas dinner days, to absolutely terrible jokes being shared from the crackers pulled, to an Oscar-worthy performance by Year 3 in the school's nativity play! A very BIG **'well done, Year 3'**! And a **special big thank you to Darren, our Head Chef, and his team** for providing a delicious Christmas meal, and making the many festive boxes for the children. Also thank you for helping us raise **£148** for the **NSPCC** on our Christmas Jumper Day!



As we begin the holidays, I would like to remind you that the children can enjoy preparing for next term's learning by choosing activities listed in their **creative homework** (stuck into their planners and shared on your child's class stream on Google Classroom). As well as this, they can practice their maths skills online using their logins



for MyMaths or Times Tables Rock Stars, or use their ReadingPlus login to develop their reading fluency! Please make sure that the children are safe online and appropriate safety controls are in place on your internet account at home. Don't forget to use the school website to find out more about helping to



keep your child safe on line www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/e-safety advice.



On behalf of the Governors and staff at Thornton, I would like to wish everyone who is celebrating Christmas a very **'Merry Christmas'** and to all a **'Peaceful and Happy New Year'**. I know everyone in school is very much looking forward to sharing some special time with loved ones during the holidays and taking time to recharge batteries for a busy and exciting term of learning which begins when the children return on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. The school gates will open at **8.30am** as usual so that children can get involved in catch up work straight away! ALL children must be in school by **8.45am**.

Thank you to every single member of our **#thorntonfamily** for working so incredibly hard to ensure the children have been fully supported this term. And finally, well done to everyone who has achieved the **Bronze Award for Attendance** this term (97% or above) — we have **313 golden ticket winners**! Children will find out about their special reward when they return to school in January...

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YOU

Have a lovely holiday everyone, and stay safe.

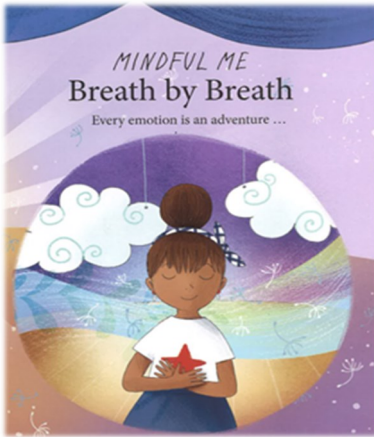
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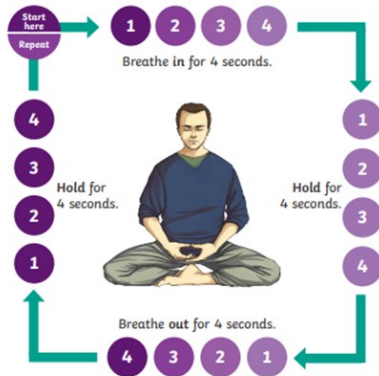
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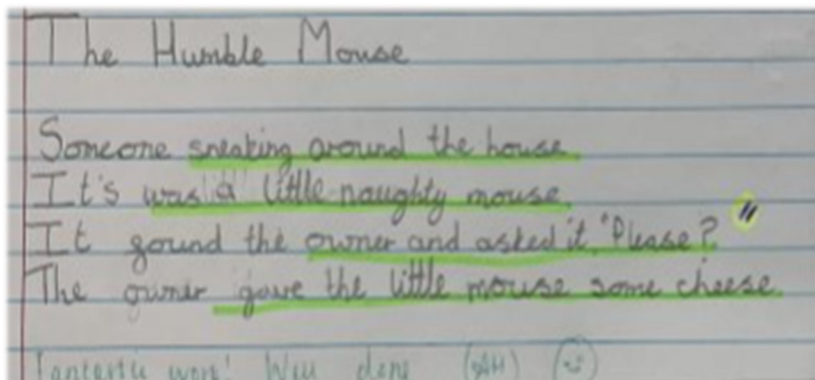
This week, Year 3 have been exploring different **strategies to help us to keep calm** when we are feeling distressed or anxious. We read 'Breath by Breath' to help us to understand how we can use 'breathing' to help us to feel calmer.

We practised different breathing techniques such as 'box breathing' and 'finger breathing'.

We then completed a mindfulness colouring activity and used it to make our Christmas cards!



YEAR 4

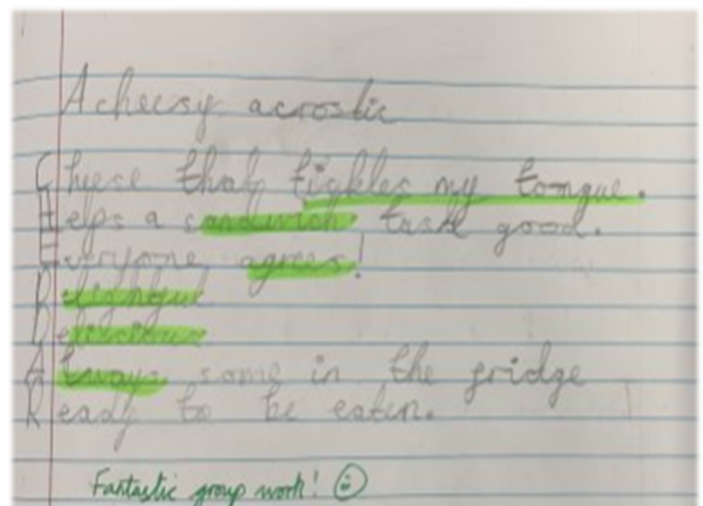
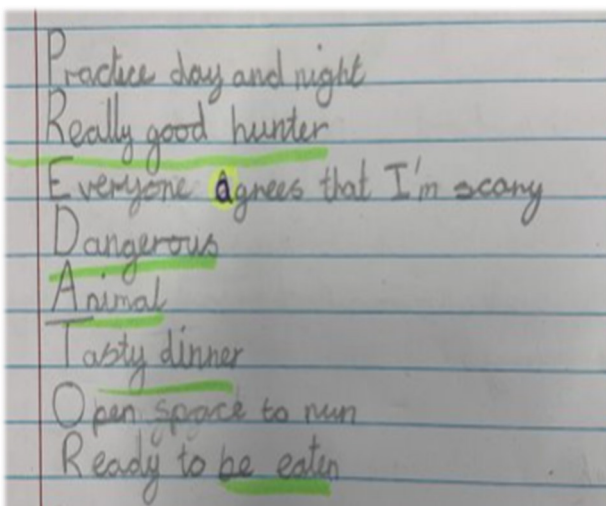


For the final week of 2021,
Lots of learning is going on.
We've tried our hand at poetry!
Quite a few became silly.

We wrote about sharks, bagels and
cheese,

We created rhyme about water bottles
and trees.

We explored syllables and how to rhyme.
Enjoy these efforts if you have the time...



YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, we have had an enjoyable week **exploring different poems**. Children have looked at various poems, memorised them and then presented them to their peers reciting with expression and intonation.

Some children even got inspired to write one of their own too! If you happen to come across a Year 5 pupil be sure to ask them about their favourite poem.

Gran Can You Rap?

Gran was in her chair she was taking a nap
When I tapped her on the shoulder to see if
she could rap.
Gran, can you rap? Can you rap? Can you,
Gran?
And she opened one eye and said to me, man,
I'm the best rapping Gran this world's ever
seen
I'm a tip-top, slip-slap, rap-rap queen.

And she rose from her chair in the corner of
the room
And she started to rap with a bim-bam-boom,
And she rolled up her eyes and she rolled
round her head
And as she rolled by this is what she said,
I'm the best rapping Gran this world's ever
seen
I'm a nip-nap, yip-yap, rap-rap queen.

OUTRIGHT



Year 6

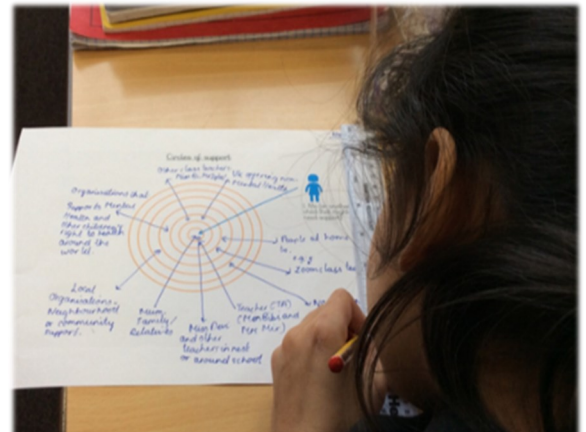
Pupils in year 6 watched Cel Spellman kick start off this year's **UNICEF campaign** with a special message about **Mental health**.

Pupils have enjoyed taking part in this year's campaign and have been learning about mental health and the importance of looking after it.



We also looked at the link between UNICEF articles and mental health.

Pupils had the opportunity to take part in discussions, create art work and write tips on how to improve mental health and wellbeing.



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Struggling to cope with feelings?
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Drop-in sessions will be offered around the Birmingham area, not just in City Centre. For up to date locations, visit our website for more information.

Pause can offer:

- A non-judgemental listening ear.
- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
- Detail of other support services that can help.

Each session last around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

Our Service Operates:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays - 10am-6pm
- Tuesdays 12pm-8pm
- Saturdays 10am-5pm
- We are Closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.

The
Children's
Society



Pause. Christmas Opening Times

Mon 20th December 2021 - 10am-6pm
Tue 21st December 2021 - 12pm-8pm
Wed 22nd December 2021 - 10am-6pm
Thu 23rd December 2021 - 10am-6pm
Fri 24th December 2021 - 11am-4pm
Sat 25th December 2021 - Closed
Sun 26th December 2021 - Closed
Mon 27th December 2021 - Closed
Tue 28th December 2021 - 11am-4pm

Wed 29th December 2021 - 10am-5pm
Thu 30th December 2021 - 10am-5pm
Fri 31st December 2021 - 11am-4pm
Sat 1st January 2022 - Closed
Sun 2nd January 2022 - Closed
Mon 3rd January 2022 - 11am-4pm
Tue 4th January 2022 - 12pm-8pm

Normal operating hours from Wed 5th
January 2022 onwards.

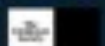
Please note that we won't be operating arranged
Face to Face drop-ins during these periods.



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022
Autumn Term 2 Dates 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

Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022

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

Payments

As we are approaching the end of term can all parents please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared before the holidays start . 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.



Thornton's Harvest Collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

Year 3 and 4: tinned food

Year 5: pasta/spaghetti/rice

Year 6: toiletries

All contributions will support the school foodbank and other local charities.

Thank you for your continued support.



Medical notice

If your child has missed the flu vaccination in school and you would still like your child to have the flu vaccination please call the Immunisation Team to arrange an appointment on : **0121 466 3410**

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!

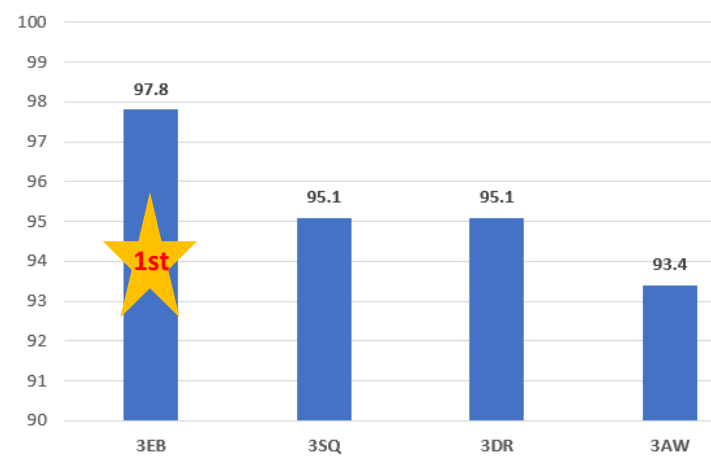
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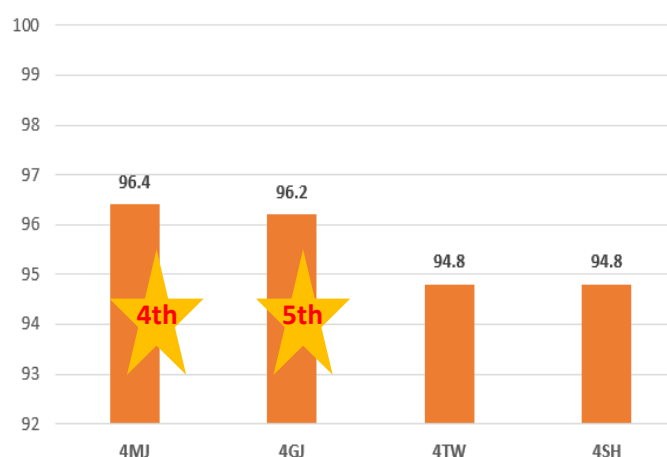


School Attendance

Autumn Term 2 Year 3 Attendance



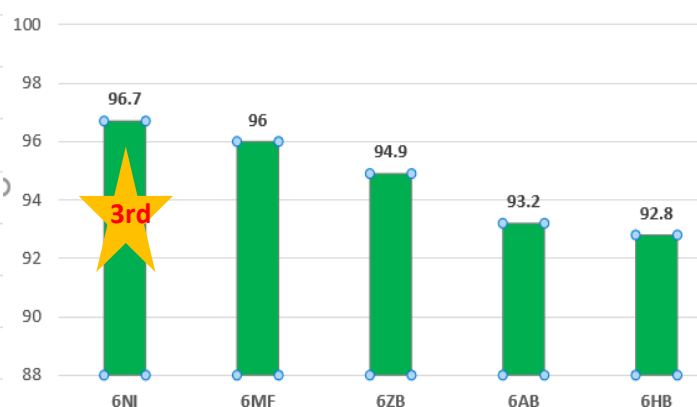
Autumn Term Year 4 Attendance



Autumn Term 2 Year 5 Attendance



Autumn Term 2 Year 6 Attendance



Best Class Attendance Reward

Congratulations to **3EB** for having the best class attendance for autumn term 2. **WOW!** 3EB beat the school target by achieving 97.8% . Mrs Grace surprised 3EB with the **£50 gift voucher** during the year 3 Nativity assembly.

A huge well done to **5ST** for also exceeding our school attendance target of 97.4% during autumn term 2. Mrs Grace rewarded them with a **£25 gift Voucher**.

These two classes will be voting for either new class resources or a VIP experience.

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents for ensuring the children come to school everyday and on time!

Our whole school attendance for Autumn Term 2 was 95.2%

PE TIMETABLE

Wednesday 5th January
Year 4

Thursday 6th January
Year 6

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