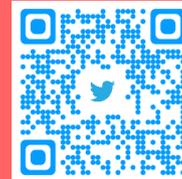




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Hello everyone

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week after a wet and windy and half term holiday! We were particularly impressed with the high standard of **creative homework** completed during the holidays too— a very BIG well done to those children!



We have been very busy this week settling back in and are excited that the **My Happy Mind** focus this term is 'appreciate'. We will be appreciating ourselves (including our character strengths), others and experiences.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we enjoyed welcoming **Karen Agent**, from **Letter Press Books**, back into school to hold some fun workshops with parents and children in Year 4. They explored wordless books and worked together to create their own picture book with a front cover designed by the one and only **kOrky Paul (our special visitor on World Book Day)**!



On Thursday, a group of **Year 5 children visited the Blue Coat School for a multimedia experience**. They used their fantastic skills to write, produce and deliver 'The News' with a focus on climate change! This will be shared with the whole school next week so we can showcase their tremendous talents! A very big thank you to the BCS for hosting us and providing such fun memories, and well done to the children for being excellent ambassadors!



Here are a few dates for your diary about upcoming events:

Tuesday 27th February—6NI and 6MF Library visit and Year 4 Roman Day

Wednesday 28th February—6ZB and 6HB Library visit

Thursday 29th February—Group of Year 5 and 6 children Athletics event

Monday 4th March—3AJ and 3GJ trip to the Think Tank

Tuesday 5th March—3SQ and 3MJ trip to the Think Tank

Friday 8th March—World Book Day celebrations—special visitor, illustrator Korky Paul!

Tuesday 12th March—Severn Trent visitors to talk to the children about sewage

Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (more information to follow)

And finally, we understand that the Local Authority have so far issued **16 fines** to our parents/ carers this year for **Leave in Term Time**. It is **extremely important that children attend school every day**, otherwise their education is negatively affected. The school holidays are the time to take children on holiday or to visit relatives. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend everyone!

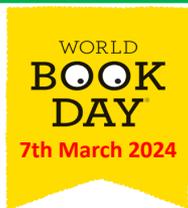
Cathy Grace, Headteacher



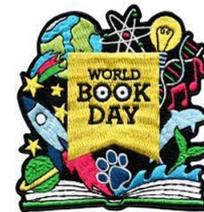
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World Book Day



World Book Day is celebrated nationally on Thursday 7th March.

At Thornton we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March 2024.

We have a number of activities planned for our children in school, but we also have activities you can join in at home with your child. Carry on reading to find out all about what we have planned for World Book Day!

Homework project

We would like you to work with your child over the next few weeks to create a 3D model of a significant object or character from a book they have read. Below are examples of projects from previous years. You will find some of the projects displayed in our school's reception area. The **deadline** for all projects to be brought into class is **Friday 8th March 2024**. All entrants will receive a certificate and a prize.



National Book Tokens design a gift card competition!

Children of all ages to get creative and share their love for books and reading by **designing their own fabulous gift cards!** The winning entrants will receive HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves. PLUS the **overall winner will get a £10 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class...** and the opportunity to spend them in a visit to a local bookshop!

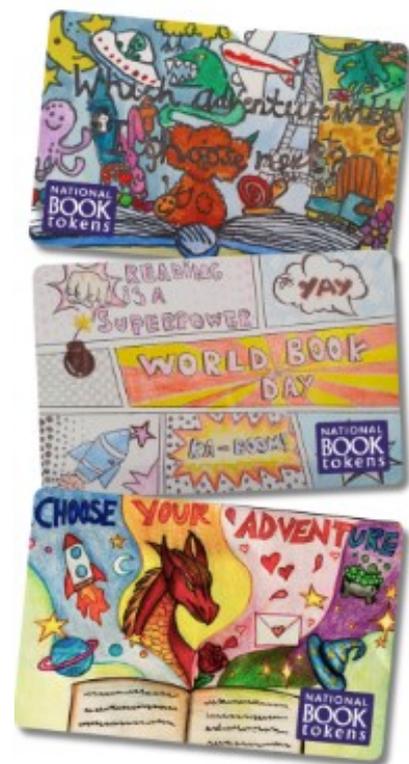
HOW TO ENTER

All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the template provided. Please ensure you state your child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form. Templates will be handed out by your child's class teacher.

This year's theme is 'Read Your Way'. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others.

The closing date for entries is Friday 15th March 2024.
Entries to be handed to Mrs Mazar (Assistant Headteacher).

Winners will be announced in May 2024.



Rock On Year 3!



In the week before half term, Year 3 were showcasing their multiplication times table talents. A friendly competition was run to discover which class were the most accurate, and which class could work best as a team.

Well done to 3GJ who triumphed in the accuracy category, **and well done to 3AJ** who were the most collaborative class. Both classes were awarded inflatable musical instruments to celebrate their success.

There was also some standout individual performers (pictured above). Particular credit goes to Hasan (3AJ) who was the highest scoring mathematician in the year group! Our other high scoring performers were **Ayaan (3SQ), Hannah (3MJ), Murtaza (3GJ) and Abdul (3GJ)**.

I look forward to telling you all about the next competitions in Year 3 and Year 4, that are set very soon...

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher and Maths Lead

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'enthusiastic'**

Enthusiastic is a word linked to our expectation to be ready, but what does it mean?

"Being enthusiastic means you are really ready to learn and to try your best," **Imaan 3SQ**.

I would agree with Imaan. By being eager and energetic (signs of enthusiasm) you are most likely to be at your best.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher



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PE TIMETABLE

Monday 26th February
Year 3

Tuesday 27th February
Year 5

Wednesday 28th February
Year 4

Thursday 29th February
Year 6

Swimming for Class 4TW

Friday 1st March
Swimming for Class 4NG

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to class **4NG** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above for the last week of Spring Term1.

Spring Term 1 whole school attendance

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 a school first aider please request a call back. Thank you very much for your support.

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