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Hello everyone

A huge thank you to the parents/carers who joined us this week for the Year 4 and Year 6 **parents' information meetings**. It was great to share with you what your children will be learning this year and how you can support them at home. We are looking forward to welcoming **Year 3 parents/carers next week on Wednesday at 9am and Year 5 parents/carers on Thursday at 9am** to share information with you too!



On Monday 25th September, we have the school photographer in school taking individual photographs of the children. Please make sure your child comes to school in their school uniform even if they have PE on that day. Thank you for your support with this.



Please can I also ask any parents/carers who have not returned their **child's contact form** yet to please do so on Monday. This is extremely important as we need to make sure we have up-to-date emergency contact information, as well as medical needs information. Again, thank you in advance for your support with this.

I have been asked by Miss Spears, from Sladfield Infant School, to share with you some information about a **weekly coffee morning** they organise that is run on **Thursdays from 9am to 10am** where parents meet to chat about a range of topics. The coffee mornings are held at the **Ward End Wellbeing Centre on Sladfield Road**. Why not pop along next Thursday to find out more...

A very big thank you to all those parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles/neighbours who park so courteously when collecting the children from school. We really do value the part you play in helping us to keep the children safe on their way to and from school.



However, I do need to remind the odd person about the legality of not parking on the yellow zig zags outside school on both Thornton Road and St. Agatha's Road. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAGS!**

The safety of our children is our number one priority. Double parking on the road is just as dangerous and puts our children at risk of being hurt!

And, finally, are you looking for something your children will enjoy this weekend? **The Birmingham Allotment Project begins its exhibition on Saturday 16th September** (to Saturday 25th November) at The Library of Birmingham—The Gallery Floor 3. As many of our children have been involved in this project, we thought you would like to pop along and find out more!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Exhibition Opening:
Saturday 16th
September
2.00 - 4.00pm

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Assistant Headteachers -
Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
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Let me introduce staff you will meet on the school gates....

The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Grace,
Headteacher



Mr Mason,
Deputy Headteacher & Lead DSL



Mrs Biddle-Rawbone,
Assistant Headteacher &
Strategic Lead for Years 3 & 4



Mrs Mazar,
Assistant Headteacher &
Strategic Lead for Years 5 & 6



Mrs Ahmed,
School Business Manager

The Inclusion Team



Mrs Price
Inclusion Manager & SENDCo



Miss Devi,
Pastoral Manager



Miss Wilcox,
SEND Teaching Assistant



Mr McAlinden,
SEND Teaching Assistant



Mr Bates,
Sports Coach

Please come and say 'hello' and ask us any questions you may have, we are always happy to talk!

Thornton Multiplication Tables Rugby World Cup

Next Monday is the start of the second Thornton multiplication tables world cup. Building on the success of last year's competition, all classes will compete to be crowned tables champion. Our reign champions are 5TR, now 6NI. However, will they be able to keep their title, or will another class triumph this time?

On this occasion, as the Rugby World Cup is taking place in France, the competition will have a rugby theme. Therefore, each class have adopted a nation who are competing in France (see below).

To help their class/country, each child will need to log on to their Times Tables Rockstars account and play as they normally would. Login details have been shared with the children and added to their diaries. The game can be played on any internet ready device. Simply visit <https://trockstars.com/> and sign in.

Please look out for the results of each head-to-head match in our weekly newsletters.

Mr Mason

Deputy Headteacher

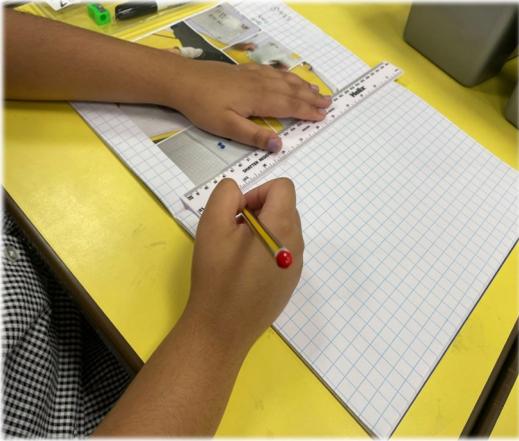
Group A – Y6	Group B – Y5
Ireland: 6HB	Italy: 5ST
South Africa: 6NI	France: 5BA
Romania: 6MF	Uruguay: 5ZY
Scotland: 6ZB	New Zealand: 5TR



Group C – Y3	Group D – Y4
Australia: 3SQ	Japan: 4SH
Wales: 3GJ	England 4TW
Fiji: 3MJ	Samoa: 4NG
Georgia: 3AJ	Argentina: 4RE



Year 3



Year 3 have been getting into all the new routines that we do at Thornton. So far, we've shown off what we can do in our Maths and English lessons as well as enjoying the Art and Creative lessons we have done in the afternoons. On Tuesday, we had our first P.E. lesson with Mr Bates where we showed him our football skills. We've also had assemblies with Mr Mason, Mrs Grace and Miss Ahmed already!

The teachers would like to say a very big well done to the new Year 3s! You're following an amazing Year 4 group but have made a fantastic start to life at Thornton. Keep up the good work, do yourselves proud!



Mount Fuji Japan



Height

3776m

Eruption Cycle

25 to 400 years

Last Erupted

1708

Fact

This volcano is the highest volcano and highest peak in Japan and considered one of the three holy mountains.

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Year 4

In Year 4, we started our Geography topic '**Angry Earth**' by completing a treasure hunt in the playground.

Working in pairs, children read the information and recorded key facts about volcanoes around the world.

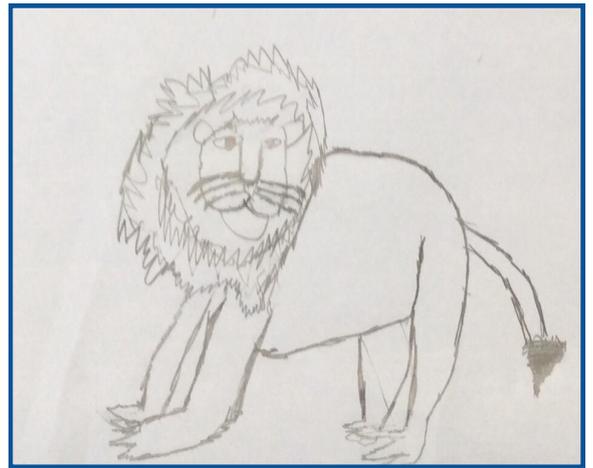
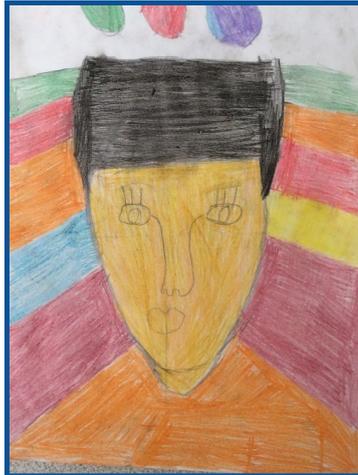
The children were able to share their new knowledge with their peers. It was definitely a fun start to our Geography lessons.



Year 5



At Thornton Primary, we kicked off the new academic year by thoroughly immersing ourselves in a whole lot of culture! The children listened to a variety of music and expressed their personalities through their amazing artwork. It was a fantastic way of affirming our school values: equality, aspiration, resilience, teamwork and honesty. Year 5 really enjoyed these sessions and have produced some excellent work in the process. Here are just some of their examples.

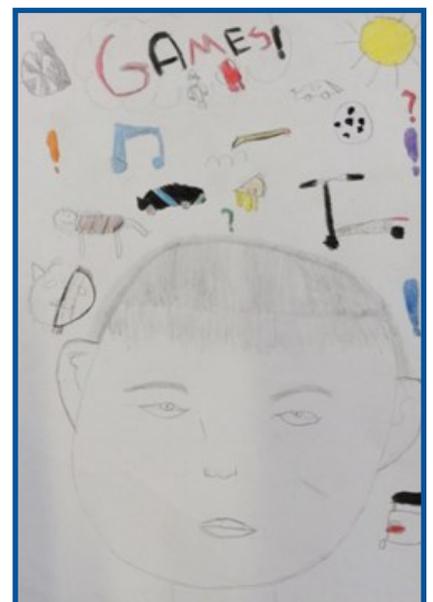


Year 6



The Year 6 have been developing their artistic skills over a series of lessons. They have considered how artists use colours, tone and other artistic elements for effect. The children have also worked through the steps needed to draw a self-portrait. Their final pieces have been amazing. Inspired by the artist, **Ritu Chopra**, who created a piece called "**High Aspirations**", the children have chosen images that represent them now and images that represent what they hope to achieve in the future.

Well done, Year 6!



School Attendance

Class Attendance

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

Year 4

Year 5

4TW

5BA

4NG

Our school attendance last week was **94.1%**

Golden Ticket Initiative



How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again this academic year for all pupils.

Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

- **Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify - More details of the reward to follow this term.**
- **Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify - More details of the reward will follow in the Spring Term!**
- **Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting at the end of the academic year!!!!!!**

Why is Good Punctuality Important

Being at school every day from 8.30am is important to your child's education. They benefit from well planned sequences of lessons designed to ensure that they make the best possible progress. If they are frequently absent this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up.

Studies have shown that the children with poor attendance fail to reach their potential and struggle at secondary school and as an adult.

Being on time for school is a life skill that children need to learn as early as possible. Being at school early means that they are ready for the start of lessons and alert and ready to learn. Children who arrive late are often tired and miss the very important explanations at the start of lessons by teachers. This can make children anxious and worried about their learning. It also disrupts other children's learning.

Did you know that

If you are....	You have been absent for an equivalent of
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10minutes late each day	6 ½ days lost
15minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

This year's Harvest collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

- Year 3 and 4 – canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)
- Year 5 – pasta/spaghetti and rice
- Year 6 – toiletries (toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/shampoo etc.)



Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.

[Thank you for your donations.](#)



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An oral history project by General Public, celebrating one of Birmingham's greatest hidden assets.

Working closely with Birmingham and District Allotment Confederation, allotment associations, plot-holders city-wide and a committed volunteer team, the project presents an alternative social history of Birmingham via its allotment culture.

Birmingham has 113 allotment sites spread across 631 acres and nearly 7,000 plots more than any other local authority in the UK. At one point in the late 1960s, Birmingham was known as the 'allotment capital' of the UK. The project aims to encourage people to learn about the history of allotments and articulate why – in the context of environmental catastrophe – they are more important to the city than ever before.

Image Credits: Councillor Flo Pickering - personal archive of Josie Coey; Lime Tree Road Allotments - Ward End Gardeners Association; Hester Blewitt.

Accessing the project:
If you are unable to visit the exhibition, please visit the project website to listen to 150 audio clips from the project.

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Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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PE TIMETABLE

Monday 18th September
Year 6

Tuesday 19th September
Year 4

Wednesday 20th September
Year 3

Thursday 21st September
Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 22nd September
Swimming for class 4SH

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024



Autumn Term 1 Ends

Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term Holidays :

Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Autumn Term 2 Starts

Monday 6th November 2023

School Photographer

On **Monday 25th September** we have booked a School Photography company to take photos of the children. Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in their uniform on this day. Year 5 have PE on Monday and need to come in normal school uniform and not in their PE kit.

Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2024

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2023 are now live on the following website:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Coffee Morning

Coffee morning every Thursday 9am until 10am at the ' **Wellbeing Centre**' at the end of the Sladefield Road run by Miss Spears from Sladefield Infant school for all the parents.

Coffee Morning



Parent Pay

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

Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

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

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

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.

Please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week and talk to us if you need help with this, thank you.

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