

Hello everyone,

I am really excited to share with you some fantastic news! Thornton Primary School has achieved the prestigious 'Gold' level: UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)! We are now one of only 643 schools in the whole country to be formally recognised at this high standard for our absolute commitment and contribution to the RRSA.

An extra special huge thank you to Mrs Bibi, our Global Citizenship Lead, for her continued tireless work, over many years, to drive this extremely important area of our school life. We are extremely proud of this achievement, and we know you will be too!

As part of our assessment, the Professional Adviser and the Accreditation and Standards Committee recognised:

#### Strengths of the school include:

- Children's breadth of knowledge about their rights, how they can claim them for themselves and their commitment to effect change to enable others to enjoy them locally, nationally and globally.
- Natural links to relevant rights are fully embedded across the curriculum in a way that enriches the learning for all children.
- Relationships based on mutual respect and trust. Learning about rights is clearly affecting relationships in a positive way contributing to pupils' increased confidence to speak up and take a more active role in their learning.
- Pupil leadership groups who are increasingly taking ownership for sharing their knowledge of children's rights within school and the wider community.



You can find out more about what a UNICEF Rights Respecting School is by visiting their website.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/what-is-a-rights-respecting-school/>

You can also ask your child about the 54 articles highlighted in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/> (they are also near the front of your child's homework diary!).

I would like to say thank you to Year 4 for such brilliant behaviour, curious questioning, and enthusiastic excitement to learn during their recent visit to the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara - well done! They are now looking forward to welcoming our Year 4 parents/carers on Thursday next week (at 2.15pm) to see the Year 4 Assembly about Buddhism.

Time is flying by at the moment, and next week is the last week of this half term! We have the normal finish time of 3.30pm next Friday and expect ALL children to return to school after the ONE WEEK holiday on Monday 6th November by 8.45am when gates close. Please remember, we open the gates at 8.30am every day so your child can take advantage of extra work to help them catch up on any missed learning. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend everyone!

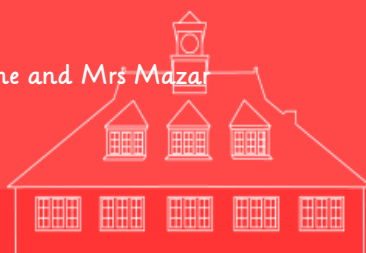
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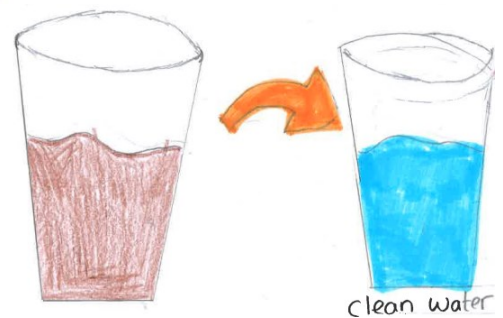
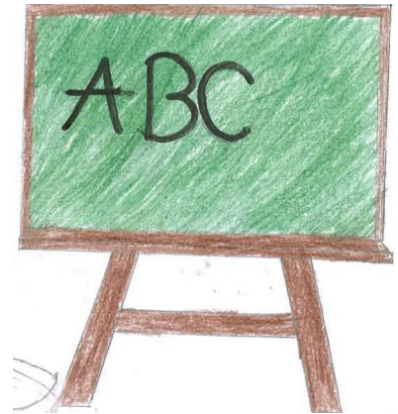
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# ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

## ARTICLE 6 (Life, Survival and Development)

Article 6 states that every child has the right to life and that the Governments must have to do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential. There are many things that children need to live and survive. All children have this right no matter where they live, how they look or whatever their culture.

Some of the many essentials you need to survive and develop is food, clean water, a safe place to live, people to look after you, an identity, protection, education, good health, a good standard of living, time to relax and play and knowledge of all your rights. Sadly, in countries or states in the world that are facing war, bankruptcy or natural disasters these rights may not be met. These rights are with you the moment you are born and cannot be taken away from you. All of these rights DO NOT have to be earned and all rights are equally important no matter where or who you are.



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## 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: **'resilient'**

Resilient is a word linked to our expectation to be ready, but what does it mean:

"It means to keep trying and trying and trying, even when things are difficult" – Jenna 5BA.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher





## School Attendance



### 100% Class Attendance

Congratulations to class 3GJ for achieving 100% attendance last week and exceeded our school attendance of 97%. They will be awarded a £25 gift voucher to purchase new classroom resources.



### Class Attendance

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

#### Year 3

3MJ

#### Year 4

4TW

4RE

#### Year 5

5BA

#### Year 6

6NI

6ZB

6MF

**Our school attendance last week was 96.4%**

### Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2024

The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school is on Tuesday 31st October 2023. You will not be able to apply after this date.

If you need help, please call the office for assistance alternatively use this url to access the form.

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



### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 23rd October**  
**Year 5**

**Tuesday 24th October**  
**Year 3**

**Wednesday 25th October**  
**Year 4**

**Thursday 26th October**  
**Year 6**

**Swimming for Class 4RE**

**Friday 27th October**  
**Swimming for Class 4SH**

### FIREWORKS - WE'RE HAVING A BLAST!

**Monday 6th November**

#### Mains

Banger in a Roll  
Cheese & Tomato Catherine Wheel

#### Sides

Potato Wedges  
BBQ Beans

#### Dessert

Rocket Lolly

#### Firework Feast menu 06.11.2023

Miquil, our school caterer will be hosting a special Firework Feast Menu on **Monday 6th November** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special Firework Feast school lunch, please call the school office to book the meal.

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The cost is £2.50 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.

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