



The Thornton Times

The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.

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Friday 25th October 2019

Hello everyone,

We have arrived at the end of a very busy first term at Thornton. Thank you to you all for your support at our events here in school and also for supporting your children at home with their reading and other homework activities.

This week the children have been enjoying activities from Black Culture as part of Black History week so if you see a lot of graffiti around the school site it is only the children in Year 4 expressing themselves in response to the artwork of the famous black artist, Jean Michael Basquiat. I know the children have really enjoyed learning songs and dances from a different culture and we will soon have some work for you to enjoy once it is displayed after half term.



Don't forget it is a training day for teachers on 4th November, so we look forward to seeing you all back bright and early on Tuesday 5th November.

Have a great autumn break.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

Food Bank

This week, we had a special visit by Imran from Bearded Broz. The Year 5 School Councillors were there to welcome Imran! He came to Thornton Primary School to collect some donations for the Salma Foodbank. The school will also be donating to St Margaret's Church and the Trussell Foodbank in Stechford.

The school prides itself in supporting the wider community and if you know of anyone requiring items from the schools foodbank, then please contact Miss Devi for further information and support.

A big THANK YOU to Flying High nursery for their donations and thank you to all parents/carers for their donations



Maths Competition

8 students were selected to take part in an amazing opportunity at King Edwards Handsworth Girls Grammar School. The girls took part in a Maths competition that involved gifted students from around Birmingham.

The competition was led by the KEVIHS Maths Department and is a firm favourite every year. Our girls did extremely well, especially when the competitors were of a very high ability. Overall, Thornton came 3rd out of 11 schools. Well done do the girls. It was a magnificent achievement.



KING EDWARD VI
HANDSWORTH
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Hindu Assembly



This week, Year 5 enjoyed performing their Diwali assembly. Pupils explained the importance of Diya lamps and performed a mixture of Art, Dance, Drama and Poetry, to parents.

A big THANK YOU to parents for attending the assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you coming to see our great work.



Stone Age and Viking Museum

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Stone Age and Viking museum last Friday, what a fantastic turn out! We hope you enjoyed looking at all the children's learning.



Aladdin's 3 Wishes. Competition



I am overwhelmed by the fantastic response to the Aladdin's Three Wishes competition which we launched a few weeks ago. I've read some really moving wishes that I would love to come true - how wonderful it would be to end racism, homelessness and the suffering of sick people! There were lots of creative wishes, too. There will be a LOT of unicorns stomping around if all your wishes come true. I was particularly impressed by how you chose to share your wishes: drawing, sculpting, collage, modelling, sewing, writing, using recycled materials - so much creativity! A very big thank you to everyone who took the time and put in the effort to take part. Thanks to parents and carers who gave their support, too. Your involvement makes such a big difference.

Everyone has been pestering me to announce the winners, so here goes:

Aisha E, BO5, for a clear colourful design.

Halimah H, SO5 for a powerful message and inspirational images.

Adeeba A, TO5 for combining kind thoughts and creativity into a beautiful design.

Alishba A, GHO6 for making me cry with beautiful wishes and a stunning construction.

Eesa I, SO3 for the link to your class work and an original design.

Amina Z, GHO4 for a truly original item.

Well done to all these children and everyone who had a go.

Yours emotionally, Ms Evans



Year 3 and 4 African Dance

We have had a great time this Black History Week! Our classes especially enjoyed our African Dance workshop! In Year 3 and 4 we learnt a Zimbabwean dance of solidarity. It was pretty difficult with all the jump and steps, but after we practiced it a few times, we got much better at it and had fun.



Year 6 Street Dance

As part of black culture week the children had a fantastic time learning how to street dance with a professional dancer and trainer. They enjoyed learning a thrilling routine and even had the opportunity to show off their skills in a mini dance battle!



Year 3 Drumming Workshop

To celebrate Black History week in Year 3, on Thursday we had Andy Mason come in who is a freelance musician specialising in African and Caribbean percussion. He led a Caribbean drumming workshop with each class. The workshop encouraged children to explore the diverse sounds from a different culture, this followed nicely with our 'Reggae theme!' The children had a fantastic time in producing a rich mix of sounds and movement.



Art & Craft Club

A new arts, crafts and games club run from Glebe Farm Library which may be of interest to children and families.

Address is Glebe Farm Road, Birmingham, United Kingdom B33 9NA

0121 464 4210



Dates for your diary



Last day of Autumn Term 1 – Friday 25th October.

Teachers Training Day—Monday 4th November (school closed to pupils).

School Re-opens to pupils – Tuesday 5th November.

Children in Need— Friday 15th November



Class Attendance

Well done to **Eagle Owl 3** who achieved 100% attendance last week.



A huge well done to **YEAR 6** all 5 classes achieved 97% and above attendance! The following classes achieved 97% and above attendance last week

Year 3—Tawny Owl 3, Great Horned Owl 3, Barn Owl 3

Year 4—Tawny Owl 4, Eagle Owl 4

Year 5—Eagle Owl 5, Barn Owl 5, Tawny Owl 5,

Year 6— Eagle Owl 6, Barn Owl 6, Great Horned Owl 6, Tawny Owl 6, Snowy Owl 6 . WOW!!!

School Meals Themed Day

On Friday 8th November, the school kitchen will be hosting a Bonfire Meal for the pupils. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to book a dinner on this day please contact the school office.

Cost is £2.00 per pupil.



BONFIRE PARTY

FLYING HIGH NURSERY
THORNTON ROAD
(OPPOSITE THORNTON SCHOOL)

Tuesday 5th November
From 6.00 pm—7.30 p.m.

Fun activities for children

Fire pit

Roasting marshmallows

Sparklers

Fireworks



Come along and have a tour of our lovely nursery—if your child is 2 or 3 before January book your place NOW LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE (*2 year old places subject to eligibility)

Free entry for children—50p for adults

Happy Bonfire Night!

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Sky Rocket Lamb Kebab

Roman Candle Vegetable Sausage

Explosive Jacket Potatoes

Whizz Banger Baked Beans

Catherine Wheel Cookie

Come and Join the fun