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Hello everyone

Year 6 you were awesome this week! Your absolute commitment to doing your very best, together with your excellent attitude and resilience was super impressive. **We are really proud of your performance during the mock SATs week**, and know you are nearly ready for the real thing in May!



A BIG thank you to Karen Argent for delivering some inspiring sessions about reading with 4SH and 4NG this week—it is always a real delight to welcome Karen to Thornton. Karen is the Director of **The Letterpress Project**, which is a not for profit initiative promoting the importance of the printed book—you can find out more about this by looking at the website <https://letterpressproject.co.uk/> I know 4AA and 4NG are very much looking forward to their sessions on Tuesday next week!



A huge thank you also to Mrs Miah, the Community Champion at Tesco's Hodge Hill Superstore, who visited school on Thursday to make some **donations to put in the baskets for our fantastic Spring Fair raffle!** Please look out for our special letter about the **Spring Fair / Eid Celebrations happening on Friday 4th April 1.30-3pm!**



We look forward to welcoming **Year 6 parents/carers on Wednesday 26th March 8.45am-9.15am for the Villa Vision Parent workshop.**



Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



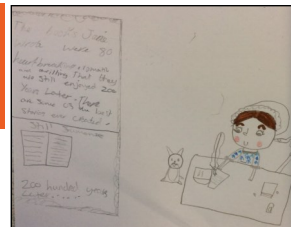
Article 2 – Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated as a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

It is important to have a special day to **celebrate women:**

- To celebrate how amazing women are.
- To recognise how women have changed the world.
- To acknowledge the challenges women still face around the world. Fewer girls than boys go to school – this isn't right.
- Women often get paid less than men for doing the same job.
- It is about equality and ensuring all are treated fairly and not discriminated against—celebrating achievements of women.



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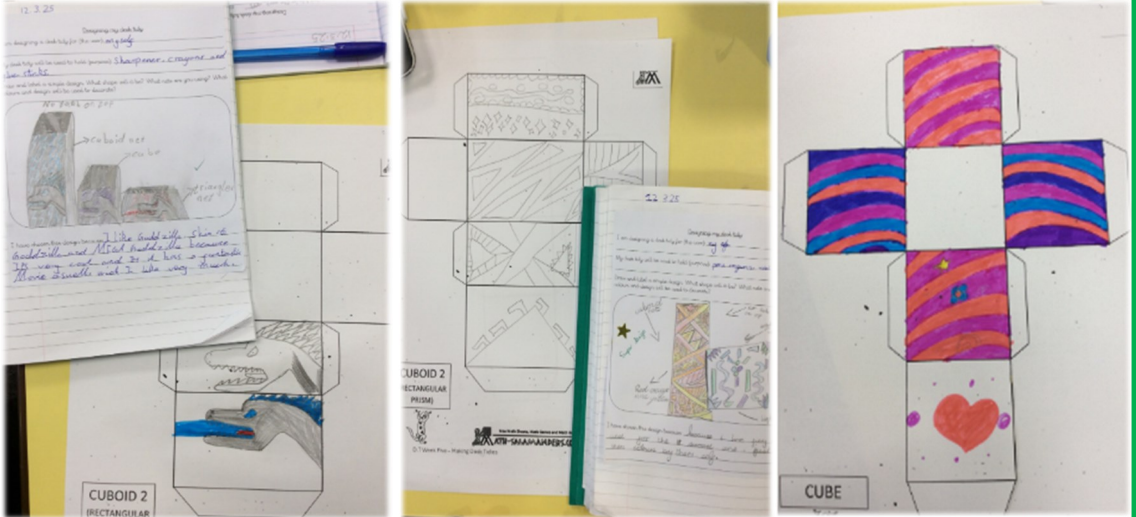
Year 3

Year 3 have been extremely busy this week!

In our D.T. lesson, we have been **creating desk tidies**.

We explored the process of selecting the appropriate shapes for our

desk tidies and then created our containers using 3D nets. We really enjoyed following the patterns and colour themes in our designs to match and decorate our products. We even developed our scoring skills to help us fold the nets with ease!

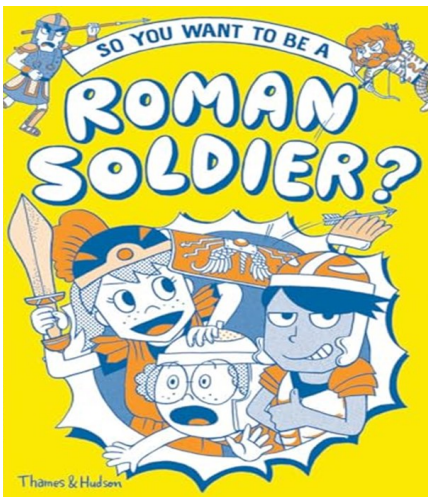


Roman soldiers spend most of their time in busy base camps keeping the books on their best behaviour. All base camps had the same layout, so it was impossible to get lost. Roman soldiers slept in the barracks and they had to share two small one for storage and the other for sleeping. A soldier's daily routine started with waking up before dawn and they ate cheese and a new meat for breakfast. Being a Roman soldier was so busy that even bathing and going to the toilet were social activities. They didn't have toilet paper back then so they used a shared sponge on a stick to wipe their urine. When they were ready for the day, all the Roman soldiers lined up for the parade where they were told orders, notices were given and a role at all taken out. The duties he they were given were cleaning the toilets, gate duty and sweeping the yard.

Year 4

Year 4 have been gathering information and creating their writing plan using the non-fiction text '**So you want to be a Roman soldier?**' By Georgia Amson-Bradshaw.

They have then described the daily life of a Roman soldier. Please enjoy reading Layla and Hareem's fantastic examples!



The daily life of a Roman Soldier
Roman Soldiers spend most of their time in base camp, not fighting enemies. The layout at all base camps was the same so they wouldn't get lost. Base camp had a hospital, barracks, principia and a via principal. Soldiers slept in barracks shared with eight men. The other room was for storage. The parade is where the soldiers were told notices and orders. They heard notices and duties. Their duties were to clean the toilets, gate duty and bring food to eat. Bathing and going toilet were social activities. They ate cold meat and cheese before dawn, then went for a roll-call (register).

Year 5

Continuing with **Oranges in No Man's Land**, Year 5 have been writing a letter as Ayesha - the protagonist in the story. In it, Ayesha breaks the heartbreaking news to her father that her mother has passed away in heavy bombardment. The children have shown great sensitivity, empathy and maturity in the way they have crafted their words together. The standard was very high across the year group, but here is one particularly great example by Alyzah from 5ST.

Ayesha's Letter to Baba

Salamun Daba,

I hope, and pray, that you are well. Thank you for your letter. I am so sorry that I didn't reply sooner. So much has been going on in my life lately that I haven't been able to reply. Let me guess, you want to know how everyone is doing.

Beyond I go any further, I just make you aware of some very tragic news. De strong Baba. Nine months ago bombardment happened and struck the house. Mama was packing the last few things. I don't even want to write this part. The house was destroyed. We left with no injuries, but mama didn't. Mama passed away. She was inside when the house was hit. Sorry for the tear stains, it was just the hardest time in my life. Baba, I wish I was there to hug you.

We sat on the side of the road and prayed. Granny took us somewhere safe. There was this lady named Mrs Zainab who gave us a home. She was like mama, but I will never forget mama.

Speaking of Mrs Zainab, I want to tell you all about Samar - her daughter. I couldn't believe she is the same age as me. We are best friends. It is like we are sisters. Guess what? Samar is unique! She is both day and night! This doesn't affect our friendship one bit. You won't believe what I am going to say, she taught me sign language. It was difficult at first but soon I got the hang of it. It's a new way to communicate. I can't wait to show you! Did I mention she taught me cots cradle? It's really fun. Here I am talking about my best friend before my brothers. Typical me!

Who should I start with? I know we should start with Ahmed ab. Despite the troubles, Ahmed is thriving. He is the heaviest 10 month old baby in his history (not to be rude). He is so heavy that when Granny asks me to carry him, it feels like my hip is fractured. Can you believe he is crawling and learning how to stand? (He still needs support). Inshallah, he is going to walk soon! Really hope so!

Don't even get me started on the other one! Latif is still annoying but he is starting to listen to Granny more. He is also becoming more responsible. I was pretty shocked he found Mrs Zainab and our new flat. Alright,

Oh, he has a bit of a brain! I get it he is growing up but how is he the same height as me? But shh, keep it a secret and don't tell him all!

As you can see the boys in good hands and doing well, but I am concerned about Granny. Do you remember when Granny always had that medicine for her heart? Well she ran out of it. Then she got seriously ill. Her lips turned all blue and she could hardly breathe. We couldn't afford to lose her. We were worried that we might lose her too. I couldn't afford to lose Granny. You know how I mentioned that Granny's medicine had ran out well I put myself at risk. Please don't be mad at me Baba. So... I crossed the green line and I managed to get the medicine from Dr. Leila without being caught. It was risky but you at the same time. Don't be angry worry. Baba was brought back in a UN ambulance. Granny says I was a brave girl but also a bit foolish. Baba please don't be angry. I had to do it to save Granny. Don't worry Baba, we are not in any trouble anymore. Baba, I wish you were here. Miss you so much. Inshallah we will see each other again. Fee Ameenillah. Baba. I will talk to you some other time. Love from

Ayesha

Year 6

This term, the Year 6 topic is 'Antarctica' and pupils have had the opportunity to research all about Antarctica and present their findings as a non-chronological report.

Some of the research areas included: information about Antarctica's location, its climate, affects of tourism as well as other facts.

Did you know the lowest recorded temperature to be ever recorded was in Antarctica?

It was a very chilly -89 degrees!

Pupils have crafted some amazing reports! Well done to our talented Year 6 pupils!

ANTARCTICA

Antarctica is the coldest, windiest and least populated of the world's continents. It has a unique landscape, distinctive ecosystems and is one of the world's true wilderness.

Penguins
Penguins are flightless birds that are highly adapted for the marine environment. They are excellent swimmers and can dive to great depths. Penguins feed on small fish and krill which they catch on at a time. Their main predators are other marine animals, such as leopard seals and killer whales. They are only found in Southern Hemisphere.

Fun Facts!
There are 18 species of penguins. Royal penguins have distinctive yellow plumes on their heads.

Equator
The Equator is the circle of latitude that divide Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. It is an imaginary line.

Tourist
A trip to Antarctica is not a common destination for many people however over 10,000 visit their each year. Most people come in ships or airplanes.

Whaling
Many different whale species migrate south during the austral summer to take advantage of the good resources of vast swarms of krill that feed on the huge phytoplankton blooms.

Climate:
Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth. Their average temperature in the interior throughout the year is about -57°C, with the minimum temperature being -90°C during the winter season. Although the coast is warmer and temperatures can reach a minimum of between -2°C and 8°C during the summer.

Famous Explorers:
Sir Ernest Shackleton (1874-1922)
He was a romantic adventurer, who became interested in Arctic exploring and joined the Royal Geographical Society while still at sea.
Sir James Clark Ross (1800-1862)
He was a British Naval officer who carried out important magnetic surveys in the Arctic and Antarctica and he also discovered the Ross Sea and the Victoria Land Region of Antarctica.

Living Things:
The most abundant and best known animals from the southern continent are penguins, whale seals, albatrosses (a bird), other seabirds and invertebrate such as krill.

Fun Fact:
Did you know there is no time zone in Antarctica? Did you know diamond dust floats in the air? There are active volcanoes.

Antarctica Map
Labels include: Alexander Island, Berkley Islands, New Swatland, Queen Maud Land, Amery Ice Shelf, South Pole, Antarctic Highland, Davis Sea, Marie Byrd Land, Ross Sea, and Wilkes Land.

WORLD POETRY DAY 2025
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Are you a future rap artist? Do you have mad skills with your quills?
 Is rhyme your pastime? Then it's your time to shine!

WANTED:
 Aspiring poets from each year group!

EVENT RULES
 Write a short poem about this year's theme. Your entry can be any type of poem you like, and it doesn't have to rhyme. It must be at least four lines and at most ten lines long. Deadline: Friday 28th March. Hand in to Mrs Mazar or Mrs Tahir

THEME
Peace and Inclusion

PEACE IS A STATE OF CALM, SAFETY AND HARMONY. INCLUSION MEANS CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND VALUED.

INFORMATION
 For more details ask: Mrs Mazar or Mrs Tahir.

SPRING FAIR!

HOSTED BY: THORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL | **FROM 1:30 PM-3:00PM**

TABLES ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT (£15 PER TABLE, £30 FOR A DOUBLE TABLE).
 INTERESTED IN RENTING A TABLE? CONTACT THE ADMIN TEAM ON:
 0121 327 0324

GAMES ON THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:
 HOOK A DUCK
 DARTS
 SKITTLES AND MANY MORE !

WE ALSO HAVE A DJ BOOKED TO GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Spring Fair Pupil Raffle

Thornton Primary school pupils have the opportunity to enter the pupil raffle. The prize will be this fantastic basket which is full of goodies!

The winner will be announced at this years Spring Fair/Eid celebration Day by our DJ. Make sure you buy a ticket!

Tickets are JUST 50p!

Please see Mrs Scott in the admin office between 9:30am - 10:30am

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

If you want to see the basket, it will be displayed in the reception window, please look but do not touch!

Thank you!

Good Luck Everyone!



EID BAZAAR

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
12 - 4 PM

WARD END WELLBEING CENTRE
110 Sladefield Rd, B8 2SX
Prayer Facilities on Site

CLOTHES (MENS, WOMENS & CHILDREN)
JEWELLERY | EID GIFTS | EID DECORATIONS

To book a stall, email: weawea@gmail.com

ON DINOSAUR DAY... DINE WITH MIQIL

Tuesday 8th April

- Brontosaurus Burger
- Pterodactyl Cauliflower Wings
- Dinosaur Toenail Wedges
- Volcanic Eruption Beans or Sweetcorn
- Swamp Gunge (orange Jelly)
- Stegosaurus Watermelon Spikes

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 24th March Year 3
Tuesday 25th March Swimming for 4SH and 4TW. 4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am
Wednesday 26th March Year 4
Thursday 27th March Year 6
Friday 28th March Year 5

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to **Year 3** **Year 4** **Year 5**
the following **3MJ** **4AA** **5ST**
classes for **3ST** **5ZY**
achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was **94.8%**

Dinosaur Day Menu

Miqil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Dinosaur day Menu on **Tuesday 8th April** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special dinosaur day school lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.60 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 25th March	Letter Press workshop (Love of Reading) for 4AA & 4TW in school
Wednesday 26th March	Villa Vision Parent workshop for Year 6 parents/carers Year 6 Villa Vision class workshop—6NI, 6HB & 6MF and vision screening for 6NI & 6HB
Thursday 27th March	Year 6 Villa Vision class workshop—6ZB and vision screening for 6MF & 6ZB
Monday 31st March	Children celebrating Eid will have one day authorised absence
Wednesday 2nd April	Ward End Library Trip for 4AA and 4NG
Thursday 3rd April	Ward End Library Trip for 4SH and 4TW
Friday 4th April	Spring Fair to celebrate Eid 1.30- 3pm for all parents/carers and children
Monday 7th April	'Time to Talk' coffee morning 8.45-9.30am in the dining hall
Thursday 10th April	Year 5 Easter Assembly for all Year 5 parents/carers
Friday 11th April	Silver Attendance Award Reward (afternoon) for all pupils with 98% or more in Spring Term Break up for the TWO week Easter holidays at the normal time, 3.30pm