



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2023



WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

I find it ironic that the heaviest snowfall of the year should coincide with the start of Spring, but that's what happened this week! The children did get very excited watching the snow fall.

Our job here at Thornhill, like in all schools, is to provide our children with a first-class education, but we did have to spend some time enjoying watching the snowfall and the children loved to play outside in it, whilst it lasted.

It has been assessment week this week, and the children have all tried incredibly hard. One of my loveliest moments this week has been celebrating some incredibly positive results and progress and pupils celebrating each other's results. I think it is fantastic that our children are proud of themselves and of their peers, there is nothing better than peer support.

We have enjoyed a number of activities for Red Nose Day, and thank you for your donations.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to school next week for the pupil showcase event, we hope as many of you as possible can attend. The children are always so pleased to be able to share their work and their learning with you. For parents who wish to attend the parents' forum, this will follow straight after.

If there is ever anything we can do to help or support please speak with us, we are always here to support our children and families.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sophie McCabe

Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Whole School 96%

Reception – 89%

Year 1 & 2 – 95%

Year 3 & 4 – 99%

Year 5 & 6 – 95%



20/3/23—26/3/23

Down's Syndrome Awareness Week

21/3/23

Down's Syndrome Lots of Socks Day

22/3/2023

Pupil Showcase & Parent Forum

28/3/23

Easter Bingo

30/3/2023

**Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Charlie & the Chocolate
Factory Trip**

31/3/23

End of Term

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

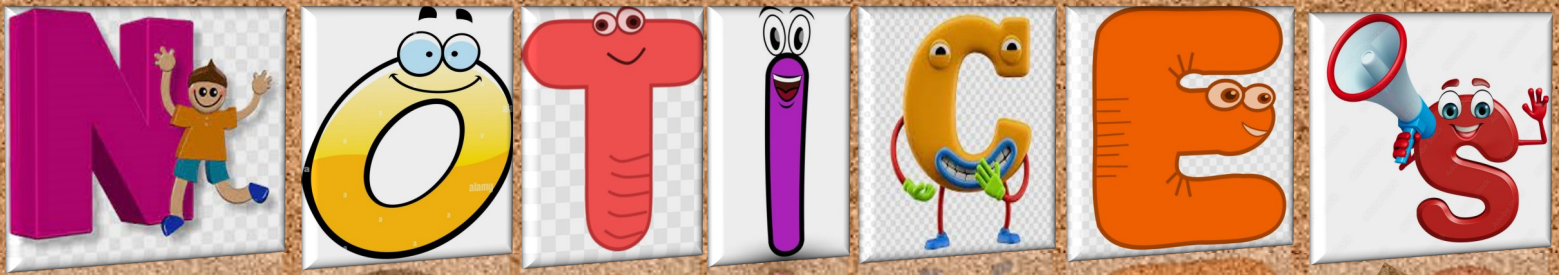
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Meatballs in Gravy & mashed potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheesy Pizza Swirl & Cubed Potatoes	Sausage, Chips & tomato sauce
Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Pasta Broccoli Bake	Veggie Quiche with Coleslaw	Fishfingers & Chips tomato sauce
Mixed Veg	Sweetcorn	Carrot Broccoli	Baked Beans	Peas Baked Beans
Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly & Fruit	Sultana Flapjack	Oaty Cookie	Apple, Cheese & Crackers

Freshly cooked jacket potatoes / Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Daily salad selection



**Edinburgh Theatre
Trip 30th March 23**



**Parent Showcase
22nd March 23**



FRIENDS OF THORNHILL

Easter Bingo

B	I	N	G	O
5	1	18	17	88
23	6	24	27	36
40	21	14	9	2
11	37	55	19	74
4	15	64	14	31

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH IN THE HALL AT THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL. DOORS OPEN 5:30PM FOR 5:45PM START

ENTRY - £2 INCLUDES DRINK & BISCUIT
BOOKS £3 FOR 6 OR 50P EACH
RAFFLE TICKETS £1 A STRIP

Prizes kindly donated by Thornhill Post Office, Emma's Bakes, CandyKs Cosmetics & Nails at no.6 amongst other prizes!



#Lots of Socks

21st March 23



GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY



Well done

Stars of the Week
Isla, Georgia, Katie-Jane, Heidi, Carson, Olivia, Hannah & Damien

Well done



Good Work Year 1 & 2
Cole & Leo

Good Work Year 5 & 6
Damien, Alfie, Hannah, Phoebe & Eileen



Thanks to the School Council who worked hard to ensure every child was presented with a hand made posy to take home. What a lovely gesture!



KS2

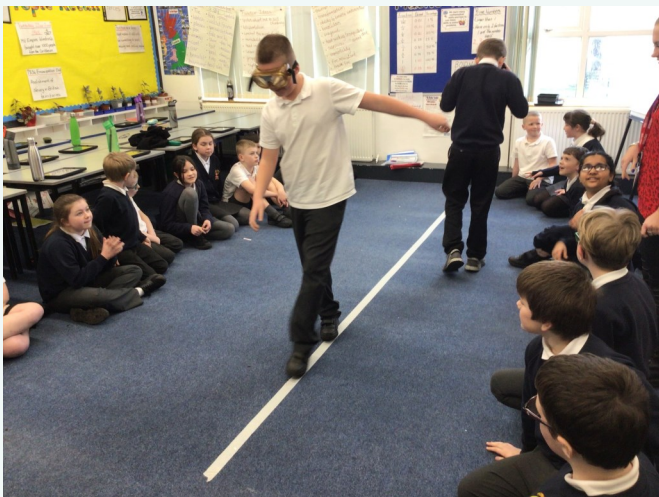
On Wednesday years 5 & 6 enjoyed a visit from Leah a family support worker from CADAS.

The charity provides free support for individuals, family members and carers who are struggling with their own, or someone else's, drug, alcohol use or addictive behaviour.

The children enjoyed discussions on aspects of personal safety including the dangers of alcohol consumption at a young age, nicotine, including smoking and vaping, energy drinks and caffeine as well as age-appropriate paracetamol intake.

The pupils had the opportunity to wear goggles that gave them the sensation of being drunk. The goggles showed both daytime and night vision. This created a lot of laughs as it was hard for the children to walk in a straight line.

Despite the fun the messages were serious and valuable.



Happy Red Nose Day!



This year for **Red Nose Day** we asked children to come to school wearing red for a small donation.

Nursery & Reception braved the weather to complete a Wacky Walk. We hopped, skipped, jumped and marched our way all around the main playground.

KS1 & KS2 Children enjoyed a walk to Egremont to raise money for comic relief. The weather was kind and the children enjoyed some fresh air and exercise whilst raising money for a good cause.

Well done everyone!

A total of £105.65 was raised. Thanks to you all for your kind generosity.



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TOTAL RAISED THANK YOU

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids edition) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilize the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to set an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, why linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously she was at tech website The Register; Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Cash for Kids **supports children and young people affected by poverty, abuse, neglect, life-limiting illness and those who have additional needs.**

Cash for Kids is granting out of £1 Million of Help across the UK, to support children and young people through the cost-of-living crisis.

In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now we've launched this new fund, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling.

These could include food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider anything that helps meet children's most basic needs.

Grants are £50 per child per household, and they aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.

[Grants | Cash for Kids | Helping the children that need it most](#)



30 hours free childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds



Check if you're eligible
www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

Use the [online childcare calculator](#) for types of support available.

Child turns 3 yr old between	Child can start	When is best to apply
1 September - 31 December	January term	15 Oct - 30 Nov
1 January - 31 March	April term	5 Jan - 28 Feb
1 April - 31 August	September term	15 June - 31 July

If you're eligible a 30 hour code is issued and an online childcare account is created.

Give these details to your childcare provider
 - 30 hour code - your National Insurance number - child's date of birth

Reconfirm your details every 3 months or your code will expire

Apply now at

Childcare ChOICES

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

HMRC help line number:
0300 123 4097



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25th March

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