

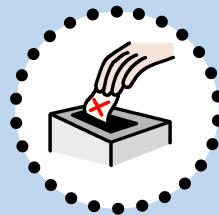
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STUDENT POLL

BY RUI GOMEZ

100% of students agree that staff at college help them to achieve their goals.

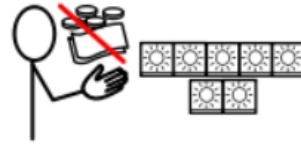


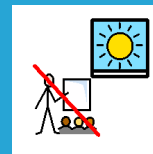
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EVENTS AT THORNBECK

	DATE	THEME
	June 2024	<i>Volunteers Week</i>
	July 2024	<i>Celebration of Achievement</i>
	July 2024	<i>Summer!</i>



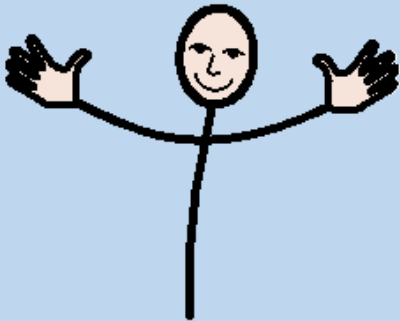
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NEWSLETTER INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the sixth edition of the Thornbeck Newsletter 2023-2024.

This month, we have celebrated Volunteers Week, Celebration of Achievement and much more.

Continue reading to see what we have been up to. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as we have enjoyed participating in the activities that have taken place.



SAFEGUADRING

BY CONNOR BLACK

This half term we have been learning about substance misuse.

Substance misuse occurs when a person drinks too much alcohol, takes too many prescription drugs or takes illegal drugs.

Substance abuse can really affect a persons life and health and wellbeing, it can have effects on things such as physical appearance, financial stability and relationships

During tutorials, we have developed our understanding of both this and acts of omissions, as well as ways to ensure we can safeguard ourselves.



VOLUNTEERS WEEK

BY CC

From Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June 2024, Thornbeck College has celebrated Volunteers Week. Learners have celebrated Volunteers Week at Thornbeck by learning about the role of a volunteer and why they are important, as well as engaged in volunteering at a range of businesses including:

- Haystax
- Spennymoor Community Garden Allotments
- Spennymoor Youth and Community Association Café
- Stray Aid Charity Shop
- St. Claire's Court Care Home
- The Food Bank
- Shaw Trust Garden Centre

Volunteering at these businesses has allowed learners to gain knowledge and skills of working a range of different sectors, as well as provided them with invaluable work experience. Thanks to the businesses that had us!



RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

BY CONNOR BLACK



Riddle: In which month do monkeys play baseball?

Last Month's Riddle Answer: Your breath!

JOKE OF THE MONTH

BY AARON JOBLING CLARK



Q: How does the ocean say hello?

A: It waves!

THORNBECK HALL OF FAME



This half term's hall of fame goes to the entire class of 2024! Everybody has worked extremely hard and made fantastic progress. Well done for all of your hard work this year. We look forwards to seeing you in September!



GENERAL ELECTION

BY AARON JOBLING CLARK

This half term, we have been learning about the general election and what it means to live in a democracy.

Democracy means “a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives” - our elected representatives are the local MP's and our new Prime Minister Kier Starmer. Kier Starmer is from the Labour Party, who have regained power after a Conservative Government for 14 years.

Living in a democracy means that all British Citizens aged 18 and over can vote for who they want the Prime Minister to be through a General Election, giving the people the power of who they want to lead them. They will vote for the person/ party that they can relate to the most.

Learning about the General Election has provided me with knowledge that I will be able to use the next time a vote happens, as I will be old enough to participate.



KNIFE CRIME

BY AARON JOBLING CLARK

During this half term we have learned about knife crime and the effects that this can have. We have done this to:

- Develop an understanding of knife crime
- Explore local statistics of how knife crime affects our region
- Identify ways to safeguard ourself and others around us
- Increase knowledge of reporting suspected crime

To enrich our knowledge of this topic, we visited “The Knife Angel” which was located in Sunderland. The Knife Angel is an art sculpture that is made out of knives that have been confiscated following knife crime. It put’s into perspective just how many people have been the victim of knife crime and how this still remains a growing issue.



SUMMER WORDSEARCH

BY CALLUM BENNETT

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CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

BY CC

For achievement week this year, we have celebrated by accessing a range of places within the community, as well as engaged in activities on site too.

What is it?

Activity week is a week that everyone gets to have fun, there are activities that are set throughout, including trips out to where people choose. It is a week off timetable to enjoy, a range of activities and experiences. All students are included and each timetable is personally set for the individual to ensure all students' needs are met.

When and why do we do it?

Activity week is done at the end of the summer term. A week before we break up and the last couple of days. We do this because it helps students to be relaxed and prepare for the summer break. It also takes place so that students can celebrate their achievements and socialize with their fellow students, which improves mood.

The places we have accessed this year are: Flamingo Land, Hall Hill Farm, Pendragon, ROF 59, Riverside Football Stadium, Beamish and The Forbidden Corner.

Thank you to staff for arranging these activities for us to enjoy!

