

Special Edition Bulletin



25th- 30th June

Culture Week 2023

Culture week at Thornhill Academy was a great success. Throughout all subjects in the school, we studied culture within the lesson. This varied from fossilisation in Science to the golden ratio in Maths. By the end of the week, all of the work produced was put on display in an exhibition for everyone to visit.

Find out more in our special bulletin, or via our student Podcast linked below.

[culture week podcast .mp4](#)



In the Spring Term our student council discussed ideas for how we rejuvenate the 'Spirit of Thornhill'. All students were keen to create opportunities to share and celebrate our cultural diversity. Our students are always very inclusive and welcoming but recognise the need to learn more about our differences and celebrate our different cultures. In this meeting our first 'Culture Week' was born.

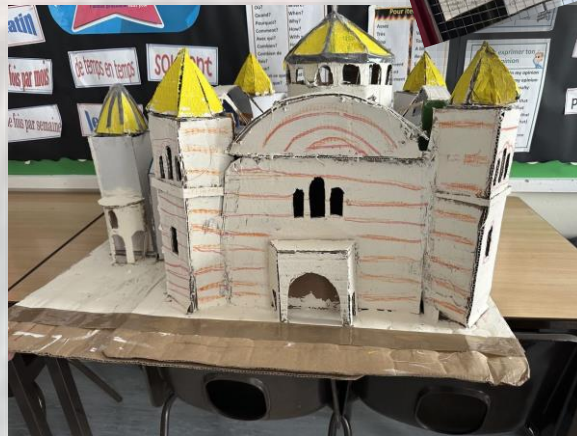
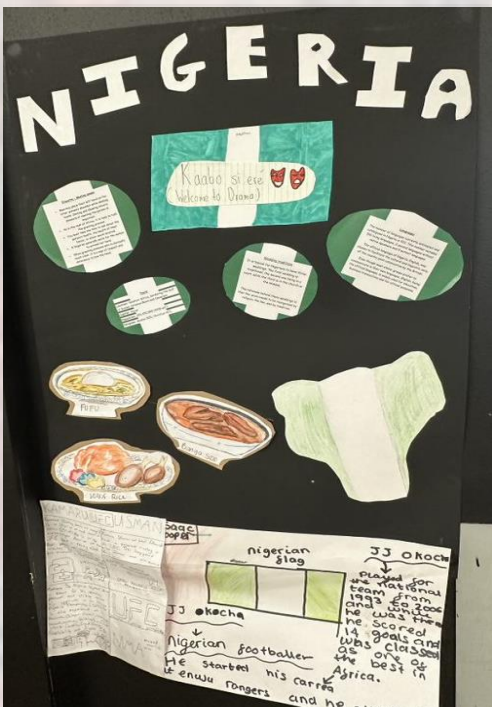


In the run up to Culture Week each tutor group was tasked with researching a different culture and country and presenting this for our 'Decorate your Door' competition. In our school we have students with a family heritage from over 20 different counties! It was fantastic to learn more about our culturally rich school community!



Well done to our tutor group winners who were chosen for the most interesting research in each year group!

- 7DAT- Latvia
- 8MON- Nigeria
- 9AWA- Slovakia
- 10JCL-Albania



A special mention for Jaber in 7DAT who went above and beyond by creating a 3D model of this Latvian landmark.



Our Culture Week kick started on Sunday evening, with our BIG Culture quiz! Each tutor contributed a question and students did so well to engage and learn some fascinating facts about other countries. Well done to students who gained 25/25, even if it did take a few attempts for most! Prizes were given out to winners and runners up!

Throughout the week, lessons took a cultural slant, and work was shared in a big exhibition at the end of the week.



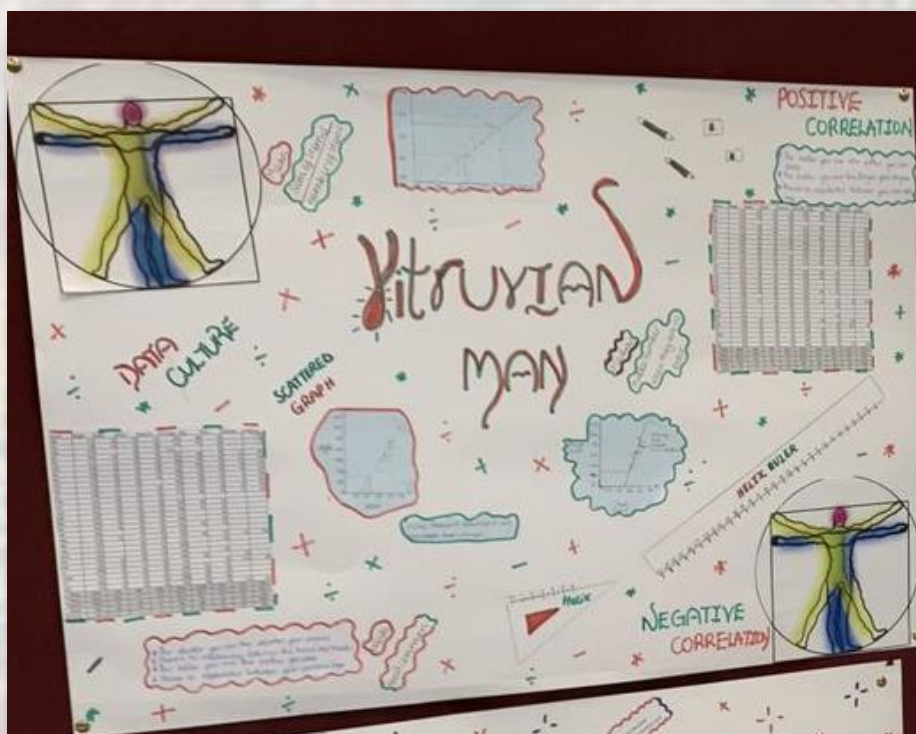
Art lessons explored print making and Islamic art, making a fantastic display! In year 7, Art students explored the idea of a new culture through their 3D alien designs!

In DT a range of ideas and activities were explored from the importance of fair trade, fabric recycling and making puzzles, which are connected to many cultures across the world.



History students became scholars as they reflected upon the views of different historians, who each believed they were right about what should be classed as the first civilisation. Students explored, discussed and debated like true historians!

In Maths students applied knowledge and tested the theories of Leonardo Da Vinci!

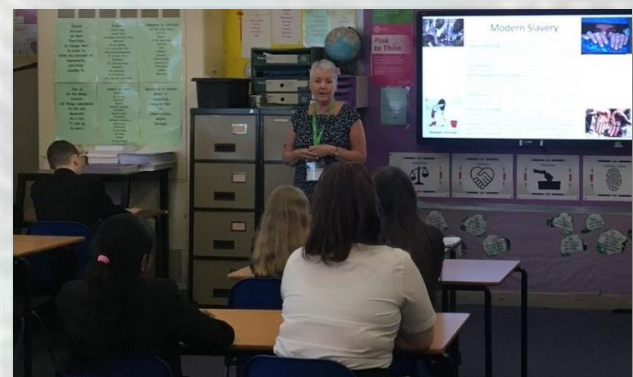
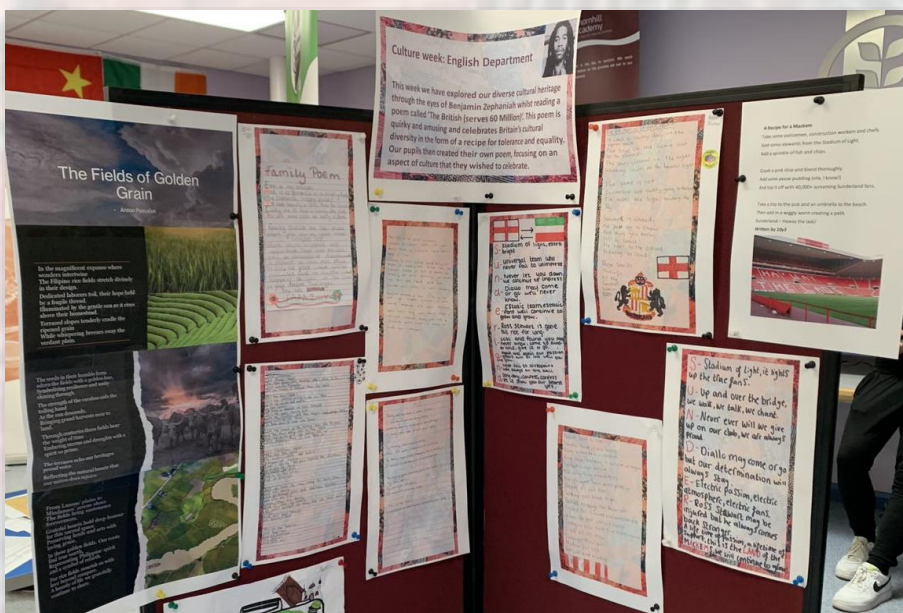




Food Technology students explored and designed their own cultural meals, from Indian Curry to Yorkshire Puddings. The taste testing was enjoyed by all! We thank all students who brought in examples of food from their different cultures to share with Miss Tench.



Mrs Moon, from the charity Causeway, visited Religious Studies classes to talk about the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers. Students gained a deeper understanding of why people would need to flee some parts of the world, but also how we can support. Mutual respect and tolerance is one of our British Values, and our students showed this in the acrostic poems, created to share their new understanding.



In English, poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah was explored and students created their own poetic recipes for different cultures.

Each day in the Thumbprint restaurant, students were treated to a range of different dishes from a different culture each day. Chinese, Italian, Indian and Mexican were enjoyed ahead of our beach party themed feast on Friday! Thank you to the Thumbprint team for an amazing range of food to be enjoyed!



The highlight of our week was our Cultural Dress day. Students from so many different cultures and countries arrived at school in clothes that represented them, their heritage, their interests and their culture.

At lunch, our students gathered for photos and a short parade all together with their different national flags. Music played celebrating the sounds of Africa, Asia and Europe. Students paraded, danced and celebrated together!





Thank you to our year 10 Senior Students for their support in planning the week, and to year 11 Senior Students who returned to school to support and coordinate different activities. Thank you also for the efforts of all staff involved in making this happen.

The biggest thanks go to our student community as a whole. It was heartwarming to see so clearly our school's diversity and see our students identities shine! We were so proud to see our students sharing, mixing and showing what an inclusive and supportive school community we are.

If you would like to hear more about culture week, go and listen to the Culture Week Podcast created by Year 11 leavers.

[Culture Week Podcast](#)