



# Thorpedene Primary School

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## Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps

As a school, we are taking part in a nation competition to design a stamp featuring our heroes from the coronavirus pandemic. A panel of judges will select 8 winners from across the country and the winning entries will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen before being printed and issued!



Keep a look out for some of our wonderful designs!

Back in the autumn term, Miss Ellis applied for some free tree saplings and this week we had 60 arrive! The Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl, along with the pupil council representatives helped Mr North to plant them.

Olivia (Year 4) - I planted a cherry blossom tree and I will hopefully watch it grow!

Erza (Year 6) - It will help the environment and it will help younger children learn about the importance of trees.

Stanley (Year 6) - Once younger children see we have planted trees; they will learn how important it is for the environment and how important it is for wildlife.



We are pleased to advise you that we will be completing the survey mentioned below with years 5 and 6 during school hours. If your child is in EYFS to Year 4, could you please access it from home with you child. Thank you for supporting this.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

### Hello and welcome

Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.



Donee Rachel de Souza

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes.



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# WOW!

word of the week



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## Generous

**Meaning:** A willing to give or support more than normal.

**SYNONYMS:** giving, plentiful, lavish, bighearted  
**ANTONYMS:** miserly, selfish, stingy, uncharitable

**Example:** The boy looked at all his presents and thought how generous everyone had been.

**CHALLENGE:** Can you use this word in a sentence this week? Or in your writing? Have a go!

**Final thought for the week...** "You cannot use up creativity, the more you use, the more you have." Maya Angelou