

# Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 26th July 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette.

As you are all aware, our school has taken part in an ungraded inspection this week. Firstly I would like to thank all the well wishes we have received from our parental community; this means the world to us. The experience was a very positive one and very complimentary of our school offer. The report is due to be published in September.



I would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers. They produced a wonderful performance of 'Oh What a Knight' last night. We are sad to see them leave but they are more than ready for their next adventure; Go Forth and Prosper!

I would like to wish any family moving onto pastures new at the end of this year lots of luck and happiness. I know for some families this marks the end of a very long chapter at Thorn Grove. Please remember we are not going anywhere and if we can ever be of support - do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to working together again from September.

Miss Vose

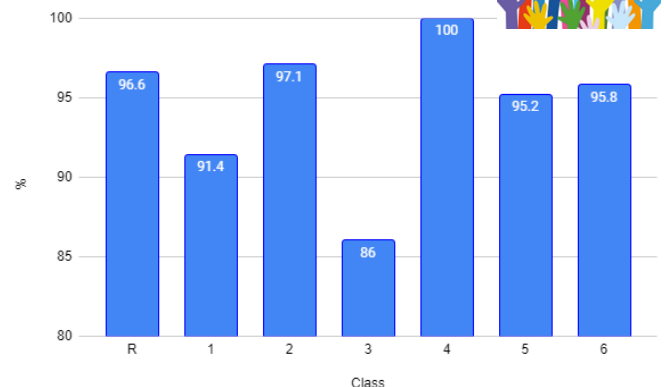
## Assembly Focus of the Week

On Monday we talked about the upcoming Olympic Games. We talked about the history of the games, where they were taking place this year and the variety of sports that can be observed.

We also looked at the 4 new sports being introduced this year and watched a video all about 'Breaking' - a form of hip hop dance.



## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates

Mon 29th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30-10.30



Tues 30th July - Last day of term

School opens to pupils  
Tuesday 3rd September

## Stars of the Week



## End of Year Evaluation

The end of an academic year, despite it coming around so quickly, is always a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the year; and there have been many!

- We have researched, created and implemented a new approach to teaching reading comprehension skills to children once they have completed Read, Write, Inc Phonics Programme.
- We have improved our offer for children who speak English as an additional language and now have an effective system to track their progress.
- We have implemented a new approach to handwriting and spelling and are seeing fantastic impact.
- We have developed a new approach to the teaching of writing, ensuring high quality texts provide a variety of engaging purposes and audiences for writing.
- We have developed our graduated offer to support children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs.
- We have developed an effective and efficient marking and feedback policy based on the latest EEF research and takes into consideration teacher workload.
- We have evaluated and made improvements to our PSHE curriculum which has included the implementation of the use of One Decision.
- We have consulted with all stakeholders and developed a new vision and values for our school. This will be implemented next year and shared with you at the start of September.
- Implemented a whole new curriculum in Nursery and Reception called Narrative Immersion. The success of this has been so great we are now developing this into Year 1.

To say I am proud of all of our achievements is an understatement and would like to say a very large thank you to our whole staff team.

This is usually the time of year that I would send out a parental survey to seek views about this year and potential lines of enquiry for further improvement. However, due to our Inspection this week that has now been received. Thank you to all those who found time to complete this. The Senior Leadership Team will use this when plotting our priorities for next year.

## EYFS Stay and Play

On Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed our end of year Beach Party, which nicely ended our learning about the Singing Mermaid. We danced, we crafted, we played games and ended our afternoon with a visit from the ice cream van. We love nothing more than spending time with our lovely children and their families to celebrate what has been a fantastic year. A huge thankyou to all our families for the ongoing support we receive. We appreciate it so much! A full year of Narrative immersion is complete and the children and staff have loved every minute. We have met gardeners, sailors, mermaids and acrobats inside the story world but for now the adventures are closed for another year! We are looking forward to the start of some more exciting adventures in September. I wonder who we will meet next?



## Year 6 Production

Well what a night with "What a Knight!" The Y6 children led a musical extravaganza this week with well timed comedy, beautiful choral, duet and solo singing, some fantastic costumes and a real team spirit!

The children have worked hard to create an outstanding end-of-term musical production. The Y6 teaching team are immensely proud of the students' resilience, confidence, positive attitudes, and supportive nature throughout the process. Well done Synergy 6!

*A special thank you to Mrs Ridgway for her efforts and enthusiasm in preparing the children, costumes and set design.*



## Staffing

As we come to the end of this academic year it is time to say goodbye to two of our colleagues.



**Mrs McGee**, who has taught a variety of classes across school, but mainly Year 5 and is leaving us this Summer. She has enabled the Deputy Head to have a day out of class for several years and we thank her for her years of service, support and care.

**Miss Godridge**, who supports Year 3 and is also one of our Emotional Literacy Support Assistants, is also moving to new exciting challenges at another Stockport school. We thank her for all her hard work and for the emotional support and guidance she has given to our children.



Good Luck!



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