

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I hope you have all had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend. If you haven't already please ensure you have made an appointment to see your child's teacher next week. This will provide an opportunity to look at your child's books and find out how the start of their new year has been. If for whatever reason you cannot make the selected dates, can you please contact the class teacher to arrange an alternative.

Have a lovely weekend,

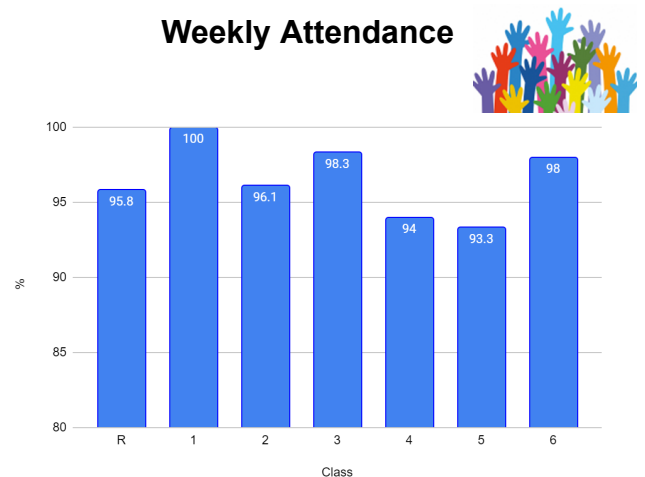
Miss Vose

Assembly Focus of the Week

We had a visit from the Bible Encounters team on Monday and in assembly they told us the story of Jesus multiplying the fish and loaves for others.

- We learned a few lessons from this story:
- Small acts can have a great impact
- Being grateful for what we have is important
- We should have compassion for others and share when and where we can.

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates

Tues 1st Oct - Parents Evening
Thur 3rd Oct - Parents Evening
Fri 4th Oct - Harvest Donations
Wed 9th Oct - Y4 trip
Tues 15th Oct - Reception Vision Screening
Wed 16th Oct - Y6 Height & Weight Screening
Wed 6th Nov - Individual School Photos
Thur 14th Nov - Y2 Mosque Trip

Star of the Week



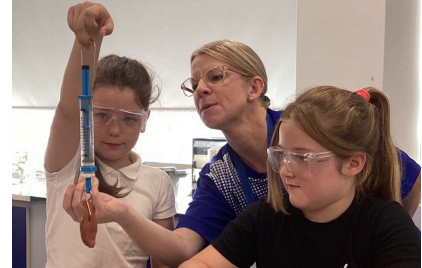
Parent Governor Election

I am delighted to share with you the Parent Governor Election has now been concluded and we are very pleased to welcome Saira Hall to the Thorn Grove Governing Body. Saira has two children at Thorn Grove and many of you will know her as the Saxophone lady! I would also like to say thank you to Edward O'Ranson for volunteering for this role too and being willing to work with the rest of the Board to make Thorn Grove the best school in the world.



Year 5 CHS Science

Last week, Year 5 were invited to attend a Science Workshop at Cheadle Hulme School. This proved to be an enjoyable and informative session. We were able to have a go at several experiments that all involved forces. We looked at: magnetic fields and what this means; the impact of friction using different surfaces; the force that water can exert and how surface area influences air resistance. Team Jackson definitely had fun (especially with the jelly experiment) and once again impressed the staff at CHS with their enthusiasm, knowledge and respectful manner. We are looking forward to our next visit when we will explore Space.



Harvest

On Monday 7th October we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in school. We have invited Reverend Sarah from All Saints Church to lead our assembly this year as well as volunteers from Chelwood Food Bank to explain to the children what happens to their donations. This year we would like donations of the following items of food brought into school on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October**.

Donations needed: Tinned meat, tinned meals, tuna in sunflower oil, pasta sauce, curry sauce, tins of beans with sausages, jam, cordial squash, kitchen roll, dishcloths, shampoo, deodorant and toilet rolls.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Wellbeing Support

In school, we are continuing our work on wellbeing for all our children and the development of our new tribes alongside our school vision and values has started well. We also want to share support that is available to you too, through the One Stockport, Family Hubs service.

Essential Parent

Essential Parent is an online library of videos, articles and other information to support parents and carers of babies, children and teenagers in all aspects of health and wellbeing.

Anyone is welcome to sign up and use these resources – both staff and parents / carers. For secondary schools and colleges there is also a section for young people themselves to access.

Sign up is now available directly on the website:

<https://gmca.essentialparent.com/ecare/start>

Parents/ Carers Awareness session online 11th November 2024 (6.30 -7.30pm)

Stockport LA are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents and carers understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help.

Please join us for this hour-long workshop in which Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools.

Including:

- Information on the latest themes and trends your children may be accessing
- The harmful content your child may be exposed to.
- How you can help your child to safely navigate online risk.
- How to access our brand new and FREE Online Safety Hub with dedicated guidance for parents.
- An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your child sees online if they are at risk, plus other important features.