

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. Wow-what a busy week it has been in school. As we are now welcoming the colder days, can I please ask that children are sent to school with a coat every day. In addition, can ALL uniform be named. We are finding a lot of unnamed clothing left in and around school at the moment. If there is no name it is very challenging to ensure it reaches its owner again.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Vose

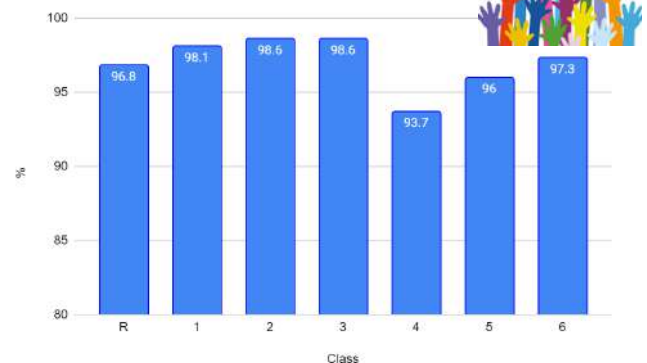
INSET DAY



When the INSET dates were set for this academic year we held one back for the General Election. In the end, that took place in the last academic year so we had an INSET day we still needed to allocate. The governors have now approved an INSET on **Thursday 2nd January 2025**.

Please add this to your calendars.

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates

- Tues 15th Oct - Reception Vision Screening
- Wed 16th Oct - Y6 Height & Weight Screening
- Fri 18th Oct - PTA Treat Sale
- Wed 30th Oct - Y4 & Y5 Micro:Bits Sessions
- Fri 1st Nov - PTA Halloween Disco
- Wed 6th Nov - Individual School Photos
- Thur 14th Nov - Y2 Mosque Trip
- Mon 2nd Dec - Y2 & Y4 Road Safety



Star of the Week



School Council Meeting

On Monday the School Councillors met Mr Buckley, our Chair of Governors, and Miss Vose to begin their schedule of work for this year. We discussed the importance of this role and what the expectations are. The children have two tasks to complete with their class before the next meeting; these are to discuss how their class feels about lunchtime and to identify some local and global charities they may wish to support this year.



Assembly Focus - Harvest at Thorn Grove



This week we have celebrated Harvest at Thorn Grove. On Monday morning Reverend Sarah led a Harvest assembly about the key values associated with this festival, such as; generosity, patience, kindness, joy and love. Peter, from Chelwood Food Bank then spoke to the children about the work of his food bank and how they help the residents of Cheadle Hulme and Stockport. Thank you to our visitors and thank you to all the generous donations received.



Juniper Jupiter Needs a Sidekick

Team Attenborough have been doing some marvellous work based on the text *Juniper Jupiter*. Last Friday, they auditioned to be Juniper Jupiter's sidekick. Some dressed as superheroes, some dressed as dinosaurs and we also saw a ghost, a bee, a rabbit, a couple of witches and a ballerina. The children created banners displaying words of encouragement, they held them up throughout the auctions to cheer their friends on. Juniper Jupiter is so lucky to have had all of these auditions, she is still deciding who she wants as her super sidekick.



What happens if I am late for school?

Last year I wrote to our families several times about the importance of punctuality at school. Arriving at school on time is crucial for many reasons; it creates a calm start to the morning, it makes our children feel included and informed about the day ahead, it is a time when teacher address misconceptions in learning and is a time when staff check in with children to ensure they are ready for the day. This year the number of children arriving late for school has decreased slightly, however this is still an issue. We understand there can be a 'one off' when the traffic is bad or there has been an incident causing you to be late; but this should not become a regular occurrence. I have taken advice from our Education Welfare Service and discussed this at length with our Governors and we are now commencing a new process.

- School doors open at 8:40 am
- School doors close at 8:50 am - arrival after time will incur a late mark.
- Our registers will close at 9:20 am. If your child arrives after this, they will receive a U mark. This will then count towards unauthorised attendance and may lead to enforcement procedures from Stockport Council for repeated incidents.



Y4 Philharmonic

On Wednesday, #teamGlennie had the amazing opportunity to see the BBC Philharmonic orchestra perform, as part of the 'BBC Ten Pieces' project. It aims to open up classical music to 7-14 year olds. The focus for this year was on female composers. We were sat on the first three rows of the stalls, so the children were as close as they could get to the different instruments being played. They even joined in to sing and dance the 'Hambone' too.

Sadikiel said, 'For me the string instruments were really good. I really liked the double bass because of the sound it made.'

If you want to know more about the composers we saw, this link will help [BBC Ten Pieces 2024](#)



EYFS: Book and Biscuit

Well our 'book and biscuit' sessions are well and truly underway. The children have loved having their parents and carers into school to share stories with them, especially when there are biscuits on offer!! To support our reading for pleasure, the children are loving sharing their reading books, their favourite stories and some of the books we have been enjoying as part of our learning about the 'Naughty Bus'. These sessions will be continuing into the next half term so we will look forward to seeing some more of our Nursery and Reception parents there on Fridays at 2:45pm.

