

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. My highlight of the week has to be watching Year 6 perform their assembly on Thursday. We were treated to a tour of their curriculum for the last 7 weeks and goodness me they have achieved a lot. I particularly enjoyed listening to their knowledge of Alan Turing and Mary Ashton, as well as The Peterloo Massacre. Well done Year 6 on an informative and entertaining assembly. After school today we have a Halloween treats stall taking place, organised by the PTA- I look forward to seeing you all there.

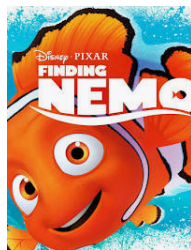
Have a lovely half term break

Miss Vose

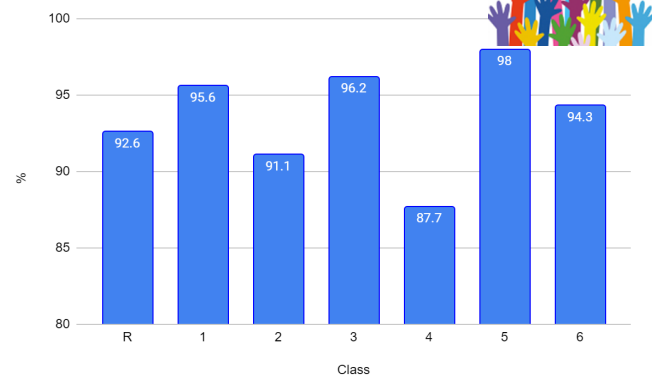
Assembly Focus - Collaboration

On Monday our children took part in an extended assembly to celebrate all the learning linked to our half term value: Collaboration.

The School council informed me that they found watching small clips in assembly useful to help illustrate how collaboration works in everyday life and how it leads to great accomplishments. We are looking forward to our Collaboration Champions assembly next half term!



Weekly Attendance



Key Dates

Mon 28th Oct - INSET Day

Wed 30th Oct - Y4 & Y5 Micro:Bits Sessions

Fri 1st Nov - PTA Halloween Disco

Wed 6th Nov - Individual School Photos

Thu 7th Nov - KS1 & LKS2 Cross Country

Wed 13th Nov UKS2 - Dodgeball

Thur 14th Nov - Y2 Mosque Trip

Tue 19th Nov - UKS2 Hockey



Star of the Week



Leaving the Premises

I am politely requesting that at the end of the school day, parents leave the premises promptly. We need to ensure the grounds are locked and secure to enable the After School children to play out. Over recent weeks, this has taken longer as families are staying around the equipment. Please use the neighbouring park as an alternative to ensure children can still play and parents can still chat!

What does my child learn about at school?



As part of our commitment to parent partnership, we have created a new space on our school website to share with you what your child learns at school. I know as a parent myself that sometimes children can keep the 'secrets of the classroom' all too guarded.

Therefore, [this section](#) provides parents with very detailed knowledge about what your child is learning. This can help when thinking about day trips you may wish to organise, book choices and of course initiating conversations about school.

In addition, our teachers have created really [helpful documents](#) to detail our approaches to teaching the different subjects taught at Thorn Grove; including PE, Music, Art, Science, Reading and much, much more.

We hope you find this new area of the website useful!

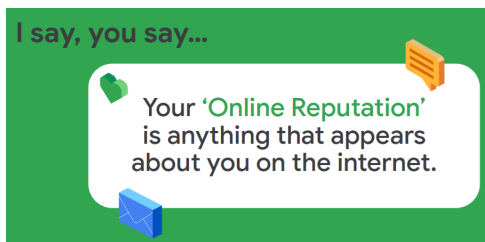
Book Bus Brims with Books



Last week The Book Bus arrived at Thorn Grove much to the excitement of our Librarians and awaiting 'book choosers'. A group of children were selected to choose 30 books from the bus to complement our school library and book corners. The books were chosen solely by the children with some help from the librarians on board who provided their own recommendations.



Digital Leaders



Be
Internet
Legends.

**Positive Digital
Footprints**

How to build and maintain yours

Google | parentzone



**Being
Internet
Sharp**

means knowing what
to put online to protect
your online reputation



Our digital leaders led their first online safety sessions in KS2 this week.

They were very impressed with our KS2 children and their knowledge as well as their engagement in these sessions. There were some great questions, really highlighting their *curiosity*.

We were really proud of our digital leaders. They showed great *confidence* when presenting to their peers.

They introduced the children to Google's Be Internet Legends and Interland.

The leaders have also created a parent video so families are able to support their children at home.

Please visit the [online safety page](#) of our school website to access the video.

The link to the resource can be found on our KS2 Google Classrooms.

Stockport Online Safety Hub

In a recent newsletter, we shared information about an upcoming online parental workshop regarding online safety. This workshop will take place on Monday 11th November 6.30-7.30pm.

You will be able to access the session via the link below:

<https://smoothwall.zoom.us/j/85345055066#success>

Everybody loves a Pyjama Day!!

On Thursday, Nursery and Reception had a fantastic Pyjama Day to celebrate self-care week as we helped the Naughty Bus after his extraordinary adventures. This week the children learnt all about how to live a healthy lifestyle and bedtime routines. From our Dentist Visit on Wednesday to bathing babies, making healthy snacks, learning about the importance of exercise and how to wash our hands successfully. We are now fully equipt to take care of ourselves. Our Pyjama Day brought us some much needed TLC after a busy half term. The children and staff could kick back, sip hot chocolate and enjoy a bedtime story and appreciate the importance of rest and sleep as part of a healthy lifestyle. We are now more than ready for half term!



Diwali in the EYFS

On Wednesday 30th October, EYFS will be having a day learning all about the festival of Diwali. We would love it if any of our parents/carers would like to help us learn - either by bringing in some artefacts, items of food for us to taste, or if anyone is able to come in and do some Mehndi patterns, we would be very grateful. Please email classr@tgps.uk if you are able to support us.

