

Thorn Grove Gazette

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Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. We were delighted to take part in our first Value Champions assembly this morning. Rather than the normal 'Star of the Week' we reminded ourselves of what we have learnt about Collaboration and celebrated pupils who have really shone when developing this skill. Each child was presented with a medal and certificate to keep forever; we are all very proud of you!

I hope to see lots of you looking frightfully fiendish at tonight's disco and thank our PTA reps for organising this event.

Miss Vose

Poppy Appeal

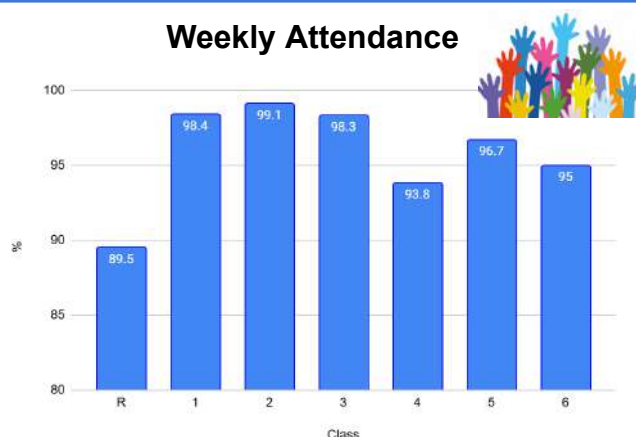


As in previous years the school has received a selection of poppy items that are available to purchase through schoolmoney.

They range from 50p to £5.00. Some items are very limited so make sure you get in quick.



Weekly Attendance



Key Dates



- 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
- Wed 27th Nov - LKS2 Athletics
- Mon 2nd Dec - Y2 & 4 Road Safety

Collaboration Value Champions



Recycling at Thorn Grove



To continue our theme of responsibility we wanted to let everyone know the items we recycle at Thorn Grove. We recycle paper, plastic bottles, fruit and vegetable waste and now biscuit and soft plastic wrappings. If you wish to send in a bag of soft plastic wrappings then please do; however we cannot accept crisp packets as they contain foil.

School Council Meeting

On Tuesday of this week we had our next School Council Meeting. Our councillors were given the mission of choosing 3 charities to support over the year, to ensure we work collaboratively to support and have a greater impact.

In the Autumn Term funds raised through school charity events will all go to the school fund.

In the Spring term funds raised will be donated to a local charity.
In the Summer term funds raised will be donated to a global charity.

The councillors have consulted with their classes and chosen a charity for the Spring Term..... They have chosen Millie's Trust.



Assembly Focus - Responsibility



This week we launched our value of the half term: Responsibility.

We discussed how important it is to act responsibly when celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night and discussed several safety features.

In addition we also looked at Responsibility in action at Thorn Grove and heard from Toby, Niamh and Evelyn about how their actions are ensuring we are being responsible for the environment we live in.

Microbits Workshops

Y4 and Y5 enjoyed a Micro:bits session this week led by Jam Coding where they developed their coding skills using a new piece of digital technology. The children had to learn to write the code, so they could play two different games on the micro:bit. They had to use their resilience when overcoming any problems, if the code didn't work as they intended. They also added more code independently as they gained in confidence. It was lovely to see everyone being successful in learning a new skill. The staff learnt lots of new skills too.

Tasneem (Y5): 'The hot potato was fun because we played as a group and I enjoyed the coding leaders joining in too.'

James (Y4): The tug of war was fun because you can play with your friends, but on a micro:bit, so you don't fall over like in a real tug of war.'



Y3 Weaving



I had to share the beautiful weaving work created by Year 3 this term in their Art and Design sessions. They started by looking at examples of weaving from the world of Art and discussed what they liked and did not like. To develop their skills of weaving they then experimented with different types of weaving. A superb piece of work!

EYFS Stay and Play

At the end of last half term our EYFS team held their first stay and play of the new academic Year with a focus on independence, in particular self care! These skills are so vital for the development of PSED in the Early Years curriculum. What a fantastic afternoon of hands-on practical activities to highlight how easy it is to help the children to help themselves! Thank You to our EYFS parents for your constant support with these events. We can't wait for the next one.

