

Thorn Grove Gazette

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Friday 13th December 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 beginning to feel ready for the real Christmas festivities to begin. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the fair last week as well as all of the volunteers for helping run the stalls, set up, clear away and generally bring the whole event together. There are however some even BIGGER thanks that need saying and they go to Amy, Sarah, Bethan, Lisa and Lindsey for all of their superb help and effort.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

Christmas Jumper Day



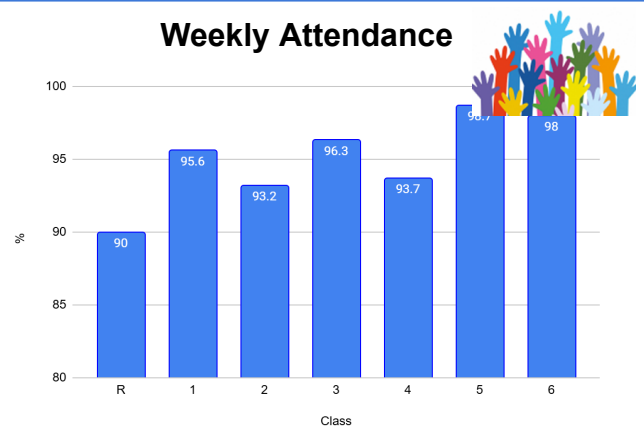
Wednesday 18th
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You can now make your
donations to Save the
Children via schoolmoney

or directly to them

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240000634> (updated link)

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates

Mon 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tues 17th Dec - Class Christmas Parties

Tues 17th Dec - Y5 Swimming Gala

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thur 19th Dec - School Closes

Thur 2nd Jan - INSET Day



Star of the Week



Assembly Focus

Our assemblies this week are following a wellbeing theme. On Monday we discussed how important kindness is and how it links to our school values: empathy, respect, equality. The children shared how kindness makes them feel and we made the connection with our whole school work on 'Happy Hormones.' I have set them a challenge to complete an act of kindness this week in school and at home. I look forward to hearing about the kindness spreading across our community.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted." – Aesop





A Bundle of Joy

Wow Wow Wow!! What can I say? I don't think I have ever been so proud of our Nursery and Reception children as they showed what superstars they were in our Christmas production of 'A Bundle of Joy'. The speaking, singing and acting was something to be proud of. To think our littlest learners could stand on the stage and show how confident they can be made us the proudest teachers ever! From our Grumble the donkey to the travellers, the angels to the innkeepers, it was definitely a show to remember. It has really filled us with Christmas spirit and we can now enjoy the rest of the half term with lots of other festive activities. Well done children, you were fantastic!!



Mindfulness with Leo Oppenheim



On Tuesday Thorn Grove welcomed Leo Oppenheim to school so we could learn all about the power of breathing to support wellbeing. Leo showed the children 5 different breathing techniques; one of which is used by the Navy SEALs. He then led two workshops with Year 5 and Year 3 where he taught yoga poses and showed the children what a sound bath is. I can honestly say I have never been prouder of the children and their ability to actively listen and show self control. Their behaviour in both the assembly and the workshops was impeccable. Cherry said, "the box breathing helped me feel calm and focused".



Panto time at the Plaza

This year's HVS Deaf Studies trip to Stockport Plaza to see Sleeping Beauty was a great success. The BSL accessible performance was perfect for the children, we all had good seats near the front of the stage so we could all see and watch the actors' faces clearly. The BSL interpreter, Andy Higgins was amazing and the children loved engaging with him off the stage as well. The children were well behaved all day and loved their time together. It is heartwarming to see them interact as a group in these situations, building up a positive identity and making connections with others. We were also lucky enough to briefly meet the cast at the end of the show for a photo!

