

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I hope you have all had a lovely week and enjoyed hearing about how well your child is progressing and seeing examples of their stunning work during parent-teacher appointments this week. We have taken part in several activities across school to learn about and celebrate Lunar New Year. This year is the year of the snake and in assembly today we learnt how to say Gung Hei Faat Choy, 恭喜發財. This is pronounced 'Gung high fa cha'.

We wish all our families a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Tues 4th Feb - Y1 Church Trip

Tues 4th Feb - Y4 MTC Parent Meeting

Wed 5th Feb - Y2 Museum Trip

Wed 5th Feb - UKS2 Basketball Final

Thu 6th Feb - Young Voices

Mon 10th Feb - Y6 Mock SATS begin

Tues 11th Feb - Y5 Weaver Hall Trip

Star of the Week

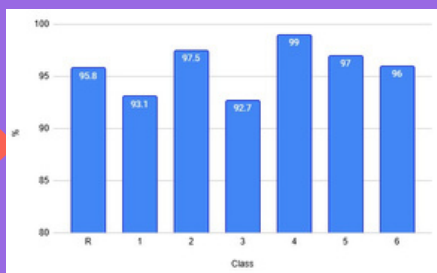


Assembly Focus of the Week

This week Julie from Bible Encounters came into assembly to tell us the story of Moses from The Bible. She told us why Moses was left to float down the river, how he came to be a shepherd and how he was given a mission from God.

The children listened as they learnt of the stubbornness of the Pharaoh and how Moses continued to warn him of the plagues that he would encounter.

The children then explored the different people in the story and which of our values they showed and why.



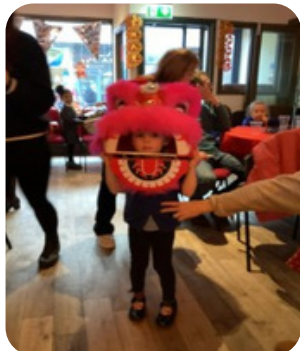
Weekly Attendance

Together we inspire curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

EYFS Chinese Restaurant Trip

On Wednesday the EYFS Children celebrated the Lunar New Year at Rainbow 88 restaurant in Cheadle Hulme. The children travelled there by bus which added to the excitement of the day. The children enjoyed trying lots of Chinese food, and learned lots of facts about the Chinese Zodiac and some of the traditions of this celebration. They loved the Dragon dancing and playing musical instruments and enjoyed dancing along with the music and so did all the Teachers. We even managed to get Miss Vose to wear the dragon's head!

The children had the best day and were impeccably behaved the whole time we were out of school.



Disco Dough & Wiggle Write

Dough Disco and Wiggle Write are two programmes we use daily in Nursery to support the children's developmental formation needed for early writing.

In Dough Disco, each child has their own pot of playdough to dance with using a series of fine motor movements, such as squeeze, ball-it, smack-it, sausage and doughnut.

In Wiggle Write we use colourful dancing scarves to create large gross motor movements with our arms, such as up and down, side to side and criss cross.

Both programmes need an upbeat song to get us dancing and wiggling - our current favourite is "I like to move it, move it!"



UKS2 Netball

On Thursday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children attended a netball competition to represent our school. We were blown away by the children's maturity, resilience and teamwork. Although they had a trickier start, they brought themselves together well to practise and come up with a game plan. This was extremely successful, and they finished the tournament on a high! A huge well done to the whole team. We are all very proud of you all. A special mention goes to Niamh, who won the spirit of the games award for her great teamwork.

