# THORN GROVE GAZETTE FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. We have had a wonderful time celebrating all things 'Joseph Coelho' this week in school and we have well and truly brought his literature to life. It was delightful to see our talented artists from across the school creating a portrait of Joseph Coelho in the style of Chuck Close with Mrs Williams; what a masterpiece!

I would also like to thank Mr Wappet a parent of children in Nursery and Year 1 for agreeing to be our new PTA Treasurer.

Have a lovely weekend Miss Vose

# **Key Dates**

Wed 12th Mar - LKS2 Netball Festival

Thu 13th Mar - Y5 Class Assembly

Mon 17th Mar - Stockport Music Service

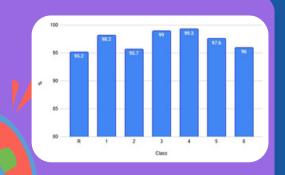
Tues 18th Mar - Y3 Liverpool Museum Trip

Wed 19th Mar - Y1 Grandparents Tea Party

Mon 24th Mar - Y6 Robinwood Meeting

Thu 27th Mar - Reception NCMP Screening

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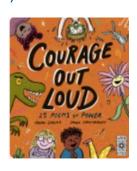


## **Assembly Focus of the Week**

This week, to mark the start of our World Book Day activities, we had a Joseph Coelho themed assembly.

Rather than sit in traditional rows, the children sat in 'families' of mixed ages and carried out a whole school collective draw about the poem 'Diving'. This poem was chosen because it linked to our value of 'confidence' and talks about when Joseph overcame his fear of the diving board. The poem contains some beautiful imagery and the children collaborated to create a collective draw in each circle. We then talked about when we have overcome fears and grown in confidence. Wow, what a great way to start the week!





Weekly Attendance

#### **Year 3 & 4 Class Performance**

The Year 3 & 4 performance will take place on Thursday
10th April at 2:15pm



#### **PTA Events**

At the PTA meeting this week we have decided upon the following events;

Friday 4th April - Quiz Night (more information to follow very soon!)

Friday 4th July - Summer Festival themed disco Saturday 13th September - Colour Run



#### Librarians Recommended Reads

"I recommend this book mostly because of it's suspense and daring adventure. Featuring 3 adventurous teenagers, advanced technology the world doesn't yet know about and mysteries to solve. S.T.E.A.L.TH Access Denied is a brilliant book to enjoy, especially if you love action and suspense. I would recommend this book to Years 5 and 6"



## **Y6 Shakespeare Sonnets**

In our current unit, we are developing our understanding of poetry. We looked at Shakespeare's Sonnet 18, gaining an understanding of archaic language, the structure and rhyming pattern and figurative language. In groups, we collaborated to create sonnets about a subject of our choice.

To love and be loved is the sun from both sides.

But we are stuck in an eternal shade.

They will forever divide,
You are the sweet zing of lemonade.
Every minute without you I have cried,
In my memory you will never fade.
Our love will forever be denied,
My heart has been stabbed with a
sharpened blade.

Our sadness will fly away in wings of pride,

Every single day you and I have prayed.

Hoping that maybe one day we will

collide,

My only wish is that you could have stayed.

Separating us is a mistake,
Separating us makes my heart break.



In your dappled shade I rest contently,
Your leaves enveloping me in love.
The fireflies dance around merrily,
But bulldozers arrive from high above.
Chaos appears with a sinister laughter,
My precious love is gone, my only friend.
They are all dead, my heart beating
faster,

Only the stump left, its life at an end.
Leaves are falling resembling my tears,
The last falls like a final domino.
The animals flee in a rush of fear,

The traumatising building site brings woe

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The flats being built with fresh new tiles,

All is gone, left is lonely leaf piles.

Before they came my twisted limbs grew long,

Now I am a field of pure memories,
My whispered stories turned into a song,
Now it's a collection of miseries,
The grassy lands filled the earth bright
and clear,

Now burnt to ash by monstrous machines,

The flora and fauna played with no fear, Now they no longer dwell with in my greens,

Though I'm a hundred years old I feel young,

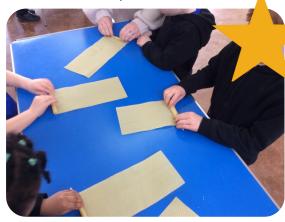
My life is a bumpy roller coaster, I help provide oxygen for your lungs, When I say this I am not a jokester, Although I am a forest, made of trees, I feel like a little girl, please help me.

#### **EYFS Bee Visit**

Last Friday our EYFS children had Alan, the bee man, visit school. Following on from our week of learning about bees this was a fantastic way to finish off the week. Alan talked to us all about how to look after bees, the process they go through to make Honey and brought so many videos for us to see how busy the working Bees are. The children tasted honey and made their own beeswax candle to take home. Another fabulous experience for our EYFS.







## Joseph Coelho Art

This week, Mrs Williams had the pleasure of working with some of our most gifted artists in KS2 to create a portrait of Joseph Coelho, our focus author for this week.

We used the work of Chuck Close as our inspirational artist, and used his gridding method to create our portrait.

Within each grid square, the children used a specific colour palette of oil pastels to create organic shapes.

Mrs Williams was very proud of how the children displayed 'collaboration' and 'confidence' during their morning together and would like to say a BIG well done to Lucas, Lisa, Angeline, Elsie, David, Lucas, Tana, Travis, Ethan, Isla, Jonah, Tala, Constance and Hannah. We are planning on sharing your finished artwork with Joseph himself, so watch this space...









# Year 5 CHS Workshop

Once again, Team Jackson were lucky enough to attend CHS to participate in a science workshop. The topic was 'Materials and their Properties'. We conducted experiments to look for the physical and chemical changes of different materials by assessing whether the changes were reversible or irreversible. We looked at different materials and sorted them into different categories depending on their properties. In honour of it being World Book Day, we were shown some of the buildings that were used in the filming of Harry Potter. See if you can spot any scenes. All in all, another fantastic and informative visit where the children showed respect, good manners and great knowledge.

# World Book Week























