

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful sunshine and making the most of the longer evenings. This week the children have definitely made the most of the sunshine and have thoroughly enjoyed playing on our vast school fields. This has created an opportunity to children to play far more collaboratively and I have observed children making dens, bug hotels, creating a café, putting together dance routines, teaching me dance routines and even making stone age villages. Fingers crossed for lots more sunshine!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Tue 8th April - EYFS Stay & Play

Thu 10th April - Y3/4 Production

Fri 11th April - Non Uniform & Easter Bingo

Fri 11th April - School Closes

Mon 28th April - School Reopens

Wed 14th May - Y1 Castlefield Trip

Tue 20th May - Reception Stoller Hall Trip

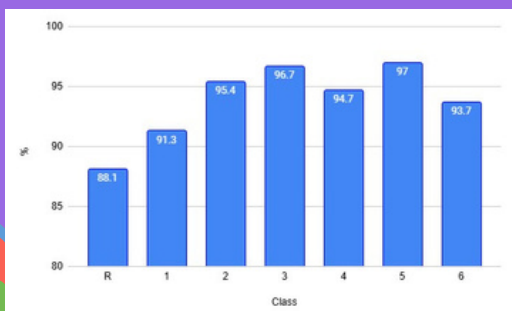
Star of the Week



Assembly Focus of the Week

On Monday Reverend Sarah came into assembly to talk to our children about our current value: **Confidence**.

They discussed developing our own confidence so we are able to take risks and challenge ourselves. This very much links with our wellbeing offer when we talk to the children about their comfort zone and challenge zones. She then helped us reflect on when we ask other people for help the effect this has on ourselves but also the effect it was on the other person; as ultimately this develops both people. She then shared the parable of 'The Friend in the Night'.

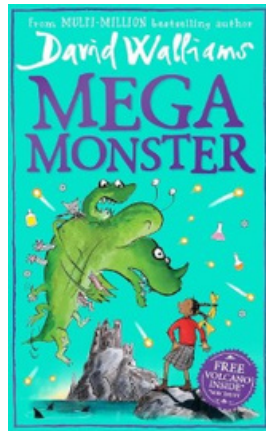


Weekly Attendance

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Librarians Recommend Read

"I like this book because it is funny and adventurous. The main character, Larker, is the best and is always telling jokes. I recommend this book for KS2" - Jonah, TG Librarian



Year 5 Forest School

Last week Team Jackson had their second Forest School session. The children were very grateful to see some glorious sunshine after the hail downpours they experienced during Session 1. After a lengthy game of manhunt, the children put themselves into teams for a Den Building competition. Mrs Bland took into consideration a number of things when deciding the winner: weather-proofing, aesthetics, and the team's attitude towards the task and opposing teams.

"Team Pan Pan" receive a special mention for their **resilience** despite some obstacles they faced during their den-building hour. "Team Imagination" showed great **collaboration**. "Palace of Nature" team showed creativity with the construction of their den. Ultimately, however, "Team Brain" were crowned the winning team due to the design and weather-proof aspect of their den.



Beth O'Brien Visit

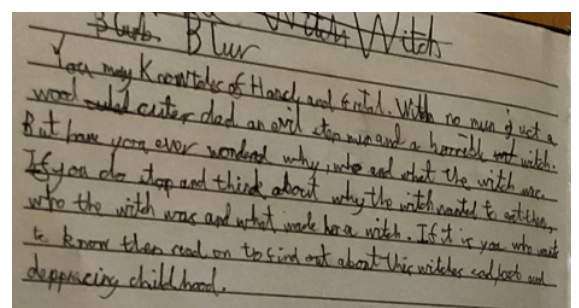
This week, years 4, 5 and 6 have been treated to a visit from author Beth O'Brien. We were lucky enough to hear about her debut novel *Wolfsiren* and learn about the inspiration behind her work. The children participated in a lively discussion about fairy tales and created their own oral re-telling of some traditional stories, with a twist! Those who had purchased the book even received a signed copy. Evelyn from Y6 has already finished reading it and has this to say, "The book was really good; the description was great and I liked how it showed a character with a disability, as well as the magical theme."

Thank you to Simply Books for their help in organising this fantastic opportunity; we are looking forward to the next one!



Confidence in Action

After our brilliant author visit on Tuesday, Toby in Y4 went home truly inspired by Beth and her book. Independently he wrote his own version of a twisted *Hansel and Gretel* and began thinking about why the villain became so. A fantastic idea and beautifully written!



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Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 loved sharing our learning in the class assembly on Thursday. We really have learnt so much already this year, and the children enjoyed choosing their favourite things to share. I am very proud of how loud all the children were, and how confident they all were delivering their lines. They really did show how they are models of our school values. A huge thank you to all the families that joined us as well. The children loved having you here and it meant a lot to them. We hoped you enjoyed sharing this with us.



Thorn Grove PTA Easter Bingo

We are excited to announce that on Friday 11th April 2025 we will be hosting an Easter Bingo day. This is an opportunity for pupils to participate in games of bingo, with Easter treat prizes.

This will be a non uniform day where children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes. In return, we kindly ask you to donate an Easter treat. These treats will be used as the prizes for our games.

Each class will be allocated a bingo slot, throughout the day. However, this will only be for pupils who have purchased a ticket.

Tickets are available on SchoolMoney for a price of £1 per ticket, with a maximum of £5 tickets per student.

We look forward to a fun-filled day and greatly appreciate your support!



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