

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I have very much enjoyed being part of the wonderful learning experience happening in Nursery and Reception this week. The big, bad wolf is most definitely on the loose, but luckily the police, also known as our children, were on hand to track him down. I would like to thank one of our Year 1 parents for bringing this experience to life in full colour as he visited our school in his police uniform, with his police car and dogs. What an amazing week!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

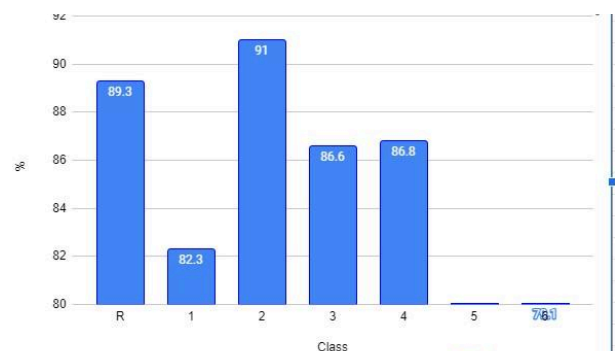
This week's Assembly Focus:

Digital Wellbeing was our focus in assembly this week. We looked at strategies that would reduce our screen time to help our mental and physical health.

The children came up with some great ideas:

- Read before bed
- Play a family game instead of a digital game
- Listen to relaxing music
- Set a daily timer for device time to limit time spent on devices
- Swap a device session for an outdoor activity like a walk with family or friends

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates



Tues 30th Jan - Parents Evening
Tues 30th Jan - UKS2 Athletics
Wed 31st Jan - Y4 MTC meeting
Thurs 1st Feb - UKS2 Netball
Thurs 1st Feb - Parents Evening
Mon 5th Feb - Young Voices
Thurs 8th Feb - LKS2 Golf
Fri 9th Feb - Nursery Parents Tour
Fri 9th Feb - School Closes for half term

Star of the Week



EYFS Beg and Borrow

Earlier this term Mrs Harding, our EYFS leader, shared with you information about our Narrative Immersion approach to learning. The children are having a wonderful time learning in this way and are fully engrossed in the life, characters and problems of story world. However, this is a heavily resourced way of teaching and some of the objects needed can be quite unique. This week we are asking for any donations of:

- Plastic play tools
- Bird seed
- Safety/building signs and tape
- Digging equipment
- Torches
- Large DIY paint brushes
- Decorative paper lanterns



Mrs Harding always tells me someone else's trash is EYFS treasure! So please help if you can!

Police Visit

What a fantastic morning our EYFS children have had, bringing our learning from this week into real life with a visit from 3 police officers and their police dog Dotty. Our children have become a fully fledged police squad this week and have been busy searching for clues to help look for the wolf. They have learnt how to dress like a police officer, read clues, write wanted posters and crime reports, drive a police car and explore and examine fingerprints. This came to a conclusion today with the police coming to inform us that the Wolf had been caught. They enjoyed trying on the police outfits and helmets, learning about the role of a police officer and some of the equipment they use on the job. They enjoyed sitting in the police car, setting the siren off and were lucky to be able to witness the job of their police dog and have a stroke of their adorable furry friend!! This was such an experience opportunity for our EYFS children which was enjoyed by all, including the staff!



Old shirts for art

As we develop our creativity and explore in our art sessions we use a range of materials, some of which can get quite messy! We are asking families to donate old shirts or suitable cover ups that children will be able to use to protect our uniforms.

The aim is to get class sets that can be kept in school and shared where needed rather than each child having a specific shirt for themselves.

Please send in from next week!

