

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. We are all getting excited and prepared for our Villains inspired book event next week. I have seen all the teacher's planning and feel very excited about the learning that will take place and the outcomes that will be produced. We will be sharing examples of this in our newsletter next week. On Thursday we are asking children and staff to dress up as a Villain of their choice in order to ensure they use this character as a stimulus for learning. However, if your child really does not want to do this we are not going to force them. Last year we had a 'low key' World Book Day and my pledge is to alternate between that and a more themed week like this one. Please encourage your child to take part, however if not they can come to school dressed in their own clothes.

Have a lovely weekend

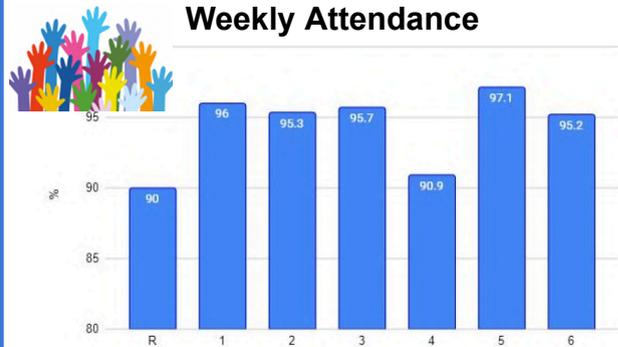
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Assembly Focus this Week:

This week the children were introduced to Malala Yousafzai from Pakistan. We read the book 'Malala's Magic Pencil' and discussed what we would draw with our magic pencil, a right to education for all and how we can all make a difference to people less fortunate than ourselves.



Weekly Attendance



Key Dates



- Tues 5th March - School Nurse Drop in
- Thurs 7th March - World Book Day Villains
- Fri 8th March - Biggest Football Session (Girls event)
- Mon 11th Mar - Choir Performance Town Hall 7 - 8pm
- Tues 12th Mar - MMR vaccinations
- Thurs 14th Mar - Year 4 Trip to Chester
- Wed 20th Mar - Year 4 CHS Music outreach

Star of the Week



LSC @ Thorn Grove



This Easter LSC and Thorn Grove Primary have partnered to deliver holiday camp provision at our school. **Course dates:** 02/04/2024 – 12/04/2024

LSC as a one-time offer, has offered free places to our families on a first come, first serve basis. There are 32 places per day up for grabs, children will experience across the 2 weeks fantastic sports, Arts & Crafts and unique activities such as magicians and much more.

To book please visit - [Holiday Course - COY - FREE COURSE Coaching for Ages Reception - Year 6](#)

Please note that these places are open to the public as well, LSC haven't pushed this to other schools yet but will be doing at the start of next week to get the course full. Don't wait on this and be disappointed! We hope to see many of our families taking up this generous offer from LSC.

Y1 Science Trip

On Tuesday, Year 1 visited RHS Garden Bridgewater as part of their new science topic - plants. They took part in a workshop looking at different parts of plants. They also learned all about identifying different trees, classifying them as deciduous or evergreen and how to measure the circumference of a tree trunk. They planted a pea seed too which will hopefully grow at home! Year 1 showed great teamwork in the woodland play area where they worked together to build teepees and carry heavy logs! Here are some pictures of them in action!



Y5/6 Dodgeball Finals

On Monday, we participated in the SHAPES Dodgeball finals for the whole of Stockport. We took a team of eight to Laurus Sports Hall and competed against twelve other schools in two heats.

The games came thick and fast and so did the dodgeballs! The first round of games we qualified for the top six playoffs. This next set of games we won two and lost three, which meant we finished fifth. The children showed great sportsmanship, fitness and teamwork throughout and really made our school proud!



Our New School Pet - Grover the Tortoise

We have a new friend in school and everyone has enjoyed getting to know him. Grover, the Horsefield tortoise, will be in school with Mrs Arnold. He is a brilliant addition to our school team and already children (and staff) have spent time observing and talking to him in his vivarium.

There is a lot of research around animals in schools, their therapeutic benefits and the calming effect caring for animals can have on children and adults. There have certainly been some wonderful interactions and calm behaviour around him, this week. It has been lovely to see the smiles and gentleness when children have talked to him.

We hope Grover will offer opportunities for learning about tortoises and other animals. Children will be encouraged to complete 'Tortoise Tasks' to share their knowledge and interest in our new little friend.

We hope that the children will have told you about Grover and we look forward to making him feel even more welcome.

