# Thorn Grove Gazette

## Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families.

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette and the Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and managed to spend some quality time with the family. The Thorn Grove Team have wasted no time and are straight back into the throes of learning as can be seen by this week's newsletter. Thursday was a particularly lively day in school as children participated in the DRUHMS workshop.

Moving forward, when children are attending medical appointments during school time our admin team will ask for proof of visit. A screenshot of the appointment is perfectly adequate and this can be emailed to <a href="mailto:admin@taps.uk">admin@taps.uk</a>.

Have a lovely weekend

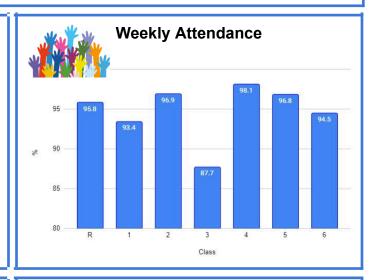
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#### **Assembly Focus this Week**



This week we have explored the Muslim festival of Eid. We talked about Ramadan, fasting, the role of the moon, Arabic greetings and how Muslims all over the world and in our school

celebrate this festival. We looked at pictures of our children celebrating with family and friends at home before finishing with a time to reflect on the importance of forgiveness as Muslims are encouraged to during this time.



#### **Key Dates**

Mon 29th April - KS2 Cross Country
Thur 2nd May - INSET Day
Tues 7th May - NCMP Reception Screening
W/C 13th May - Y6 SATS
Tues 14th May - Y3/4 CHS Arts Workshop
Tues 21st May - EYFS Mini Athletics
Thur 23rd May - EYFS trip Imagine That!

## Changes to the leadership team

We say goodbye to Frederick and Sasha who have done a marvellous job this term - thank you! We welcome Joseph and Fiona who very much look forward to leading the team through the summer term.



#### **Easy Fundraising**

We're using a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money for Thorn Grove Primary School.



easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and will turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for us.

All you need to do is sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website or App when you're shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Just Eat and more! Your online shopping won't cost you any extra and we'll be really grateful for your donations. Please sign up here.

#### **EYFS Stay and Play**

On the last Thursday before Easter we had our Easter themed fine motor control stay and play session. Wow!! We were amazed by the amount of parents and carers who came to support this event. It just makes these events so special when we have full attendance from our parents and carers. Everyone had a lovely afternoon developing their fine motor movements with a range of Easter activities, from cutting out an Easter hat to rolling and pressing to make Easter cakes and using a pincer grip to decorate Easter trees. This was finished off with an Easter Bingo and a 'decorate an egg competition'. The parents enjoyed drinking Tea and buying cakes and biscuits from our Easter cafe. Thanks again for your continued support. It really is appreciated!! We are looking forward to showcasing more Narrative Immersion at the end of this half term, based on our new focus text for this half term - The bug collector.











### **Stockport Post Spring Art Competition**

The children at TG were invited to help the newspaper create their 'seasonal wraps' by designing some seasonal artwork.

Two designs were chosen from our school: Hannah (Y5) and Sophia (Y6)

#### Congratulations girls!



#### **ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistants**

We are very pleased to now have 2 fully trained ELSA practitioners in our school. The ELSA intervention programme was originally developed by Educational Psychologists to build capacity in schools to support the emotional needs of children within schools. The programme is delivered by trained teaching assistants to develop and deliver support sessions with our children both individually and in small groups and recognises that children learn better and are happier in school, and at home, when they are more aware of their emotional needs and understand how they can be supported with.

ELSA interventions are offered on a child by child basis and are referred by class teachers to the SENDCO. The sessions will run for around 10 weeks during the school day. If your child is identified for this programme please talk to class teachers and discuss any concerns you may have. In addition, this link gives parents and carers some additional information on ELSA and the huge positive impact it can have on our children both now and in the future.

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https://www.elsa-support.co.uk

## **DRUHM ACADEMY - National Exercise Day**

What a great day we all had celebrating National Exercise Day! All of our children from Nursery to Year 6 took part in a workshop where we combined drumming on exercise balls with movement. We all got our hearts pumping and enjoyed the challenge of something new. It was a fun way of enjoying a non competitive sport and remembering that exercise should be fun.















