

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to the Summer Term! Maybe not today, but part of this week has definitely felt like it is getting warmer. Based on the unpredictability of our British weather, can I please ask that children are provided with a coat each day, even if the sun is shining at the start of the day.

This week the children have been learning all about Ramadan and Eid al Fitr in our assemblies. We have learnt about why Muslims fast, how long they fast for and how they know when to stop fasting. Furthermore, we have learnt the significance of the crescent moon and how Muslims will be celebrating Eid over the next few days. As a whole school we discussed the similarities and differences between many religious festivals.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Thurs 27th Apr - EYFS & KS1 closed due to strike

Thurs 27th Apr - Y3 Class Assembly

Mon 1st May - May Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May - EYFS & KS1 closed due to strike

Thurs 4th May - INSET day (School closed)

Mon 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday

Tues 9th May - Y6 SATs week

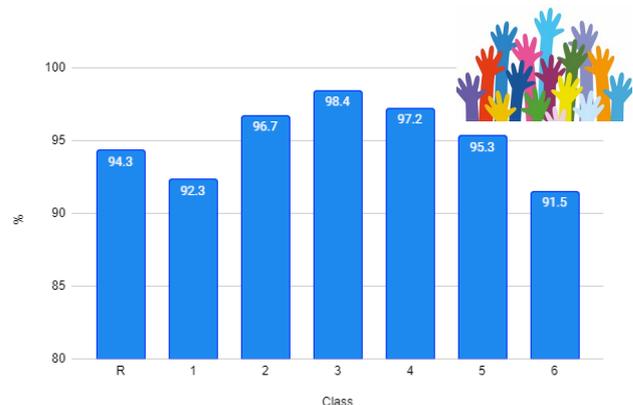


Spring Showcase Feedback

Please, please, please if you have not yet provided feedback linked to our Spring Showcase can I ask you to click on [this link](#).

It will take 2 minutes.

Weekly Attendance



Happy Eid to All of our Muslim Families



Sports for Champions Event- Sophie Carrigill

Before we finished for Easter, Thorn Grove held their 1st Sports for Champions event - it was a huge success. Our children listened to Sophie talk with great respect and their questions showed great levels of emotional intelligence, insight and maturity. Sophie demonstrated how her wheelchair works and how it has been adapted to play basketball. The children then took part in their sponsored circuits, to which it is safe to say was harder work than they anticipated. As a result of this event we raised a staggering £1,800.30, £994.17 supports the work of Sports for Champions and £806.13 supports your child's learning in school. A huge thanks for all your support and contributions.



Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

At Thorn Grove we will be celebrating His Majesty's Coronation on Friday 5th May. On this day children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue. We will start the day with a special Coronation assembly, where we will talk about King Charles III, his history, his values and even recreate a Coronation Ceremony.

As part of the Coronation, King Charles has proclaimed there be a national day of volunteering.

The initiative is a formal part of the King's Coronation, with people encouraged to either lend a helping hand on the 8th May Bank Holiday or arrange another opportunity to volunteer their time or skills.

Therefore, as a school we are going to encourage this within our community. Every child is going to be asked to volunteer their time to carry out a task that helps others any time during the half term.

This could be litter picking, clearing a room at home, helping with chores, a jumble sale, a bake sale, reading to younger children, donating toys or clothes, playing a game with elderly relatives. These are just a few ideas, but we know you will come up with far more.

To encourage children to take part we are going to be running a competition. Children who carry out a volunteering activity will need to send evidence of this to their class teacher on Google Classroom. These will then be displayed in the school entrance and during the final week of this half term we will choose a winner from each class.

These children will then be presented with their prize during the final assembly of the half term.



Loving the new Lunches!

This week Taylor Shaw have began providing lunches for the Thorn Grove children. This has meant a greater variety of choice and more substantial portion sizes. My vision for lunchtime is to create a far more homely experience for the children so as of Monday, flight trays disappeared and proper crockery appeared! Our children are very much enjoying having the opportunity to eat from plates and bowls.

If your child has food allergies, you should have received an email this week containing a link to the appropriate allergen forms. Please can you ensure these are completed as soon as possible, this will then facilitate a personalised menu for your child.

In case you have not yet seen the new menu- [here it is!](#)

