

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I would like to thank all of you who brought Bags2School on Wednesday. This has raised £95 for school funds. We have had a busy week in school with Year 3 visiting a Stone Age Settlement and Year 6 visiting Emirates Cricket Ground on Wednesday. Both of these wider opportunities were a great success and provided valuable learning experiences. Next week we eagerly await the start of our Rookie Rockstars journey, please see a segment below for further information.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Tues 10th Oct - Rookie Rockstars in school

Tues 10th Oct - In Person Parents Evening

Thur 12th Oct - In Person Parents Evening

Fri 13th Oct - Harvest Donations

Tues 17th Oct - Rookie Rockstars event

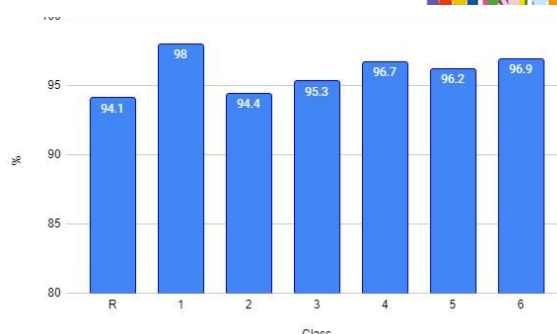
Fri 20th Oct - EYFS Stay & Play

Fri 20th Oct - Spooky Disco

Fri 20th Oct - Last day of half term



Weekly Attendance



Harvest Celebrations



We will be having a Harvest assembly on Tuesday 17th October. Can we please ask for Harvest Donations to be brought to school on **Friday 13th October**.

Every year we have a fantastic spread of donations that are then donated to the Wellspring in Stockport. Please see their [wish list](#) for items they currently need.

Many thanks



Star of the Week

The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country. This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

To find out more and complete the survey head to [The Big Ambition page](#).



Autumn Parents Evening - In Person

During this term's meeting, teachers will give parents a summary of how their child has settled, learning attitudes and behaviours, engagement within the classroom, friendships and a readiness to learn. In addition, teachers will also provide initial academic information as well as ideas for home, if necessary. All parents evening appointments will be held in person this year in your child's classroom.

The appointments will last for **10 minutes** and it is imperative we keep to times in order to ensure parents are not left waiting. Booking of all appointments will be done using our [online booking system](#). This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment slot.



Y6 Cricket Visit - Emirates Old Trafford

At Emirates Old Trafford, on Wednesday 4th of October Y6 attended a cricket extravaganza where we learnt about the history of the amazing stadium. We also got the chance to play where some professional cricketers have trained like Ben Stokes. We had an amazing view of the pitch in the press room where the media write the sports section of the newspaper. We learned the over arm bowl technique and how to hold a bat properly. They taught us about fours and sixes (a four is where the ball gets past everyone on the floor, a sixes where the ball goes over everyone).

A year six child, Anna, told us that her experience was fun and she was dazzled by the fact that this was the first cricket club to have their own TV channel. She said it was fun batting and bowling.

Written by Isabelle and Junior (Head Girl and Head Boy)



Rookie Rockstars Reminder - it's time to book your tickets!

We are really looking forward to our rock assemblies next week. They will enhance our music curriculum performance offer and teach the children some key messages around wellbeing.

There is still time to book your tickets for the rock concert at Cheadle Hulme School on Tuesday 17th October. Click [here](#) to order yours whilst there are still spaces!

Watch this [video](#) to find out more about Rookie Rockstars.



If you have already signed up, further information will be sent on Monday 16th October.

EYFS Bikeability training



This week some of our EYFS staff had the opportunity to receive training on how to teach our youngest pupils to ride a balance bike. They had so much fun and fully participated on their own adult balance bikes! By taking part in this training our school is lucky enough to receive 6 balance bikes and helmets to deliver these sessions as part of our curriculum. This will be such a fabulous opportunity for our EYFS children. These sessions will start after Christmas. Thanks so much to Mrs Derbyshire and Mrs Yates for being such good sports and in such bad weather conditions!!

Parent governor election

This week we sent out information about a vacancy for a parent governor at our school. Please consider applying to this virtual role.