

# Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term. I hope those families celebrating Halloween had a great night on Tuesday and nobody was too spooked! This week in assembly we have been learning about The Windrush to develop our understanding of diversity, race and discrimination. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about this significant event in History and told me they felt saddened and betrayed by the actions of the British Government.

For those attending Bonfire celebrations this weekend please stay safe and look after each other.

Have a lovely weekend

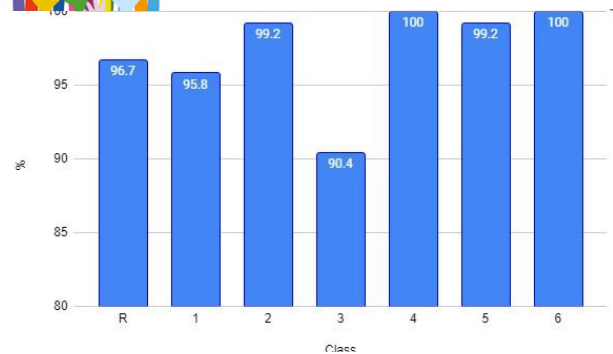
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## Christmas Fair Plea

If anyone has had a sort out over half term and has any preloved teddies, toys and books or new, unwanted gifts/items that we could use for a tombola we'd be really grateful if you would bring them into school.



## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates



- Mon 6th Nov - Y4 Ancient Greece Workshop
- Thurs 9th Nov Y4 & Y5 Church Walks
- Fri 10th Nov Y6 Church Walk
- Fri 10th Nov - Non Uniform Day - Hamper Donation
- Mon 13th Nov - LKS2 Sportshall Athletics
- Wed 15th Nov - Y1 Parents Phonics meeting
- Thurs 16th Nov - UKS2 Dodgeball



## Star of the Week

## Remembrance

As in previous years the school has received a selection of poppy items that are available to purchase through schoolmoney. They range from 50p to £5.00. Some items are very limited so make sure you get in quick.



## Y6 Class Assembly 2.11.23 Conflict in Manchester through time

Year 6 loved sharing their learning about conflict in Manchester in an exciting drama filled assembly this week. They were so proud in sharing their learning and did very well to share their knowledge in such a fun way. Well done!



## EYFS Autumn Stay and Play.

Nursery and Reception finished last half term with their first 'stay and play' of the year. The theme this time around was 'talking' and the children and parents saw how a simple story could be used to create many opportunities to explore language, model talk and communicate with each other. There were lots of activities on offer from modelling salt dough hedgehogs to apple tasting. Everyone had a wonderful time, and left realising that speaking and listening underpins everything.





## Y5 Trip to Weaver Hall. 31.10. 2023

Year Five had a very productive, enjoyable and successful trip to a Viking workshop at Weaver Hall in Northwich. We met a very grumpy Viking, who taught us all about the daily lives of Vikings, how they traded, Viking warfare and shared many interesting Viking facts. Some of our favourites were that they used an onion to make yellow dye and you had to be a very important warrior to have a sword, as they took 4 months to make. We explored what you might find in a Viking burial site, made our own Viking army complete with Berserker, Gods and weapons and made clay models of Viking chess pieces. We all had a fantastic time, gaining lots of knowledge to enhance our continued learning of the Viking period in school.





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# Bonfire Night

Also known as Fireworks Night or Guy Fawkes Night

**NOVEMBER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Expect to see big bonfires, lots of fireworks and people holding sparklers.

Sometimes a straw doll can be seen burning on the bonfire.

Fireworks can be frightening and trigger feelings of trauma and stress - especially if you have experienced war zones. If you or someone you know are frightened or have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, VeryWellMind.com have useful tips for coping with PTSD and anxiety.

**Helpful tips!**

**Firework Display**

If you have pets you need to keep them inside and be prepared for them to be frightened. Playing music can help to calm them.

If you want to watch the fireworks, dress warm and go to an organised event as this is a safe way to enjoy the tradition.






## Christmas at Thorn Grove

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 10th November	Non Uniform Day - Hamper Donation
Friday 24th November	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
Friday 1st December 9.30am	Christmas Tree Set up
Tuesday 6th December 7.30pm	Y5 & 6 Choir at St Georges Church
Friday 8th December	Non Uniform Day—Bottle Donations
Friday 8th December 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 15th December	Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am & 2.15pm
Friday 22nd December	Finish for Christmas