



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 17th May - 2024



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What another busy week it has been here at school. Year 6 have completed their SATs and all the papers have been sent off to me marked externally.

We could all burst with pride as to how hard the children have worked when completing their tests. We are fully aware that there is a lot of pressure, but our wonderful children have shown what they can do, and their positive attitude, resilience and courage has shone through. Congratulations to all of you!

End of Half Term

A reminder that the children finish for the end of term on Thursday next week – 23rd May – as Friday is an INSET Day.

Crazy Hair and Pyjama Day – Thursday 23rd May



We would like to remind all families that next Thursday GRAFT have organised a non-uniform day for a £2 donation. The children are invited to wear pyjamas for the day and have crazy hair.

Gold Badges



Well done to **Karolina, Francesca, Lily, and Zephyn** for being awarded their Gold Badges in assembly this afternoon! 30 full weeks in school!

Whole-School Enrichment Trip



Letters have come home with children today, and an electronic copy has been attached to this Parent Mail, with details about our whole-school trip to Legoland.

We are very excited to not only take the children to Legoland, but to link this trip to our D/T curriculum. **The learning that will take place will help support the children the day after when they will be planning and creating their own Lego project.**

Medication and Medicine

We would like to remind all families that we can only administer medicine and medication with parental or carer consent. We have had some incidents of children coming into school with medicine, tablets and medication in their bags without any communication from parents and carers.



Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
95%	99%	97%

Well done to Class Blake for getting £5 in their attendance fund.



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Aiysha
Class Blake: Rupert
Class Wiltshire: All of Year 6!

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Reception have started learning the concept of sharing equally. For example, 'I have six eggs and there are two nests. How many eggs will be in each nest if they are shared equally?' The children in Year 1 have been learning how to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. For example, 'If I have 63 cupcakes, how many trays of 10 can I make? How many will be left over. The key has been to recognise that 63 can be partitioned in 60 and 3. The learning then progressed onto the children plotting two-digit numbers on a number line. In English, the children have continued with their class text, 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and activities have included sequencing parts of the story and re-telling them in their own words, acting out parts of the story to other children and creating a story map. In geography, the children have been looking at the continent that where live, Europe, have looking at where we are on a world map. The European country focused on has been France. The children have looked at where France is, the capital and different French foods.

Class Blake

In SPAG this week, the children have been learning how to use apostrophes correctly for contracted words and phrases. For example, 'Do not can be converted to don't' and 'She will can be converted to She'll.' The children were taught what letters the apostrophe replaces. The learning then progressed onto the children using the correct subordinate conjunctions in sentences. For example, 'He went outside because/when/if he was bored.' In maths, the focus has been the children counting in fractions and ordering. For example, 'Order the following fractions on a number line: $\frac{2}{9}$, $\frac{5}{9}$, $\frac{1}{9}$, and $\frac{4}{9}$. The learning then progressed onto the children ordering fractions. For example, 'Which is the greater: $\frac{3}{5}$ or $\frac{6}{8}$?' The children needed to shade to fractions to see visually before comparing. In music, the children have put together their finished song - well done!

Class Wiltshire

The children in Year 6 this week have been completed their 2024 SATs papers for reading, SPAG and maths. What an amazing job you have done! In maths, the children in Year 4 have been securing their knowledge when calculating with money. For example, 'If I buy an item for £2.35 and another for 56p, how much change would I be given from a £5 note?' As well as this, the children have been practising their times tables and using the DfE programme to enter their answers in preparation for the statutory multiplication check in June. In history, the children have started to learn about The Holocaust. We have been discussing Why we remember, how we remember when discussing Holocaust Memorial Day. In science, the children have been learning about pollination, how this process works and answering true or false statements.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

472



457



459



The children in Team Emerald enjoyed their reward yesterday afternoon when having extra time outside and an ice-cream.

Golden Book

Well done to every single child in Class Wiltshire for showing high levels of sensitivity and maturity during their World War 2 topic this week. Well done to Lola, Oliver, Denny, Karolina, for showing an excellent attitude and kindness at swimming yesterday. Oakley, Aiysha, Denny, Leyton, Tommy, Natty and Louie created superb story maps – well done Megan showed some superb skills in cricket when catching and batting – well done.

Wishing all families a happy weekend, and see you all on Monday for the final week of this half term.

Mr Merriman

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At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.