

Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 10th November, 2023

Good afternoon, friends, and families,

I hope everyone has had a good week. It has certainly turned very cold, and the heating has been turned on in force this week! November seems to be going very quickly indeed.

Remembrance Assembly

We held a poignant whole-school assembly this morning to mark Remembrance Weekend. The children observed a two-minute silence in an impeccable manner. The poppies that each class created were brought to the front of assembly and are now on display in school. **Well done to Bobby, Ava, and Daniel for lovely readings of Remembrance Poems.** The 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month falls tomorrow. Please take time to remember our heroes that gave their today, so we could have our tomorrow.

Children in Need

A reminder that on **Friday 17th November**, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school. Any donations are welcomed, and all money will be sent directly to Children in Need. **PE lessons will take place as normal, so all children need to wear trainers.**

Boxing Enrichment

On Wednesday next week, 15th November, Theo from Challenge Sports will be in school to run the next boxing workshop for all children. The last two sessions have been fantastic, and the children have got so much out of them. Theo is looking forward to building on the children's progression of skills from previous times. **Please ensure all children are in PE kit on this day.**

Lateness

I am fully aware of the how the road closure has caused issues with traffic being diverted through small lanes and roads being blocked by lorries and other traffic. Please take this into account when dropping-off at school in the mornings - could a phone call be made to the school office if you encounter difficulties so that we can make class teachers aware and order the correct amount of school dinners.

Parent Mail

We have some parents and carers not being able to access communication via Parent Mail. It is essential that all letters, messages, and updates can be accessed by everyone. **Please could I request that contact details are checked and the app can be accessed.** Please visit the school office if you experience difficulties.

Attendance		
Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
<mark>96%</mark>	<mark>92</mark> %	<mark>94%</mark>











Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Robin Class Blake: Rupert Class Wiltshire: Megan



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Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children have been learning to recognise 2D shapes. For example, can you tick the circles? Can you tick the squares? As a challenge, the children have been looking at repeating patterns with 2D and 3D shapes. In English, the children have continued to learn and secure their knowledge about imperative verbs when writing instructions as to how to make a jam sandwich. For example, '**Get** two slices of bread' and '**spread** the jam using a knife.' In D/T, the children have started looking at stable structures and understanding how a garage and car park is built to stay secure. The discussions have been excellent and there are some future architects in the making!

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have been learning how to add three 1 digit numbers and two 3 digit numbers. For example, what is 8 + 4 + 2? Where are the number bonds to 10 to help us? As the week progressed, the children then learned how to subtract numbers from 3 digit numbers. In food D/T, the children have continued their learning about pizzas, and this has involved looking at different pizza bases such as pitta breads, naan breads, baguettes, and tortillas. Before this, the children were reminded of how to be safe and hygienic before cooking. In history, the children have continued their learning about Guy Fawkes and writing a factual report about the events of The Gunpowder Plot.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children have been learning a range of mathematical skills such as how to add and subtract 4-digit numbers using a columnar method and to how find common multiples of numbers. For example, what are the common multiples of 3 and 8. 24 and 48 are common multiples of 3 and 8 as they are both in these times tables. In English, the children have continued with their class text - Children of Winter - and have been planning, writing, and editing a diary entry as if they are one of characters in the book. In history, the children have been looking at life in The Late Middle Ages and ordering events on a timeline as well understanding what life was like during the plague.

Team Points for the end of this week are:



<mark>Golden Book</mark>

Well done to **Callum** for excellent maths work when adding three 1-digit numbers. His presentation was excellent when setting out calculations. **Tory** did some excellent written addition and subtraction in maths – well done for superb presentation and neatness. Well done to **Isabella, Eva-Mae** and **Austin** for excellent SPAG work and presentation in books. **Ava, Bobby, and Daniel** – we are very proud of you for your speeches during our Remembrance Assembly this morning – well done.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Look after yourselves, enjoy spending time together and take care.

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.