



Gaddesden Row JMI School

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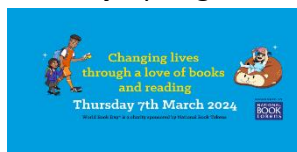


Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome to the end of this half term! It seems like a long time ago we returned to school on Friday 5th January for our first school day of 2024.

When we return to school on **Monday 26th February**, spring will be around the corner and hopefully longer days some warmer weather awaits.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



A letter came home with all children this week outlining details for 'World Book Day.' I have attached a copy of the letter to this newsletter. We are all looking forward to celebrating this special day with the children.

The children will be coming home today with book tokens.

All of the staff team have been busy making and planning resources to take place over the course of the day - look out for photographs of the day on our school Facebook page.

Clubs and Tutoring

Thank you to all families for signing-up to after-school clubs and tutoring sessions. **These will continue as normal when the children return to school on Monday 26th February.**

Valentine's Day



A huge thank you to GRAFT for organising our non-uniform day on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed wearing the clothes that they love. Thank you for all the money that we raised for our school!

Parkrun



Thank to all families that have shown interest in joining me at Dunstable Downs on **Saturday 2nd March** for the 5km Parkrun. I have attached a copy of the original letter and the link to sign-up.

As stated in the letter, if you would like to take part, please send me your bar codes and I can print and laminate for you.

Well done to Zephyn, Cassie, Evie, Daisy, Lily, Francesa, Oliver, Oscar, and Annie for achieving your silver badge for 20 full weeks in school!



Attendance		
Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
97%	92%	96%



Well done to Class to Banksy for getting £5 in their attendance pot!

Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Louie

Class Blake: Martin

Class Wiltshire: Dexter

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Reception have been comparing numbers up to 10, with the focus being on finding 9. Key questions have included, 'If there are 6 spots on one domino, and 3 on the other side, how many do we have?' The children in Year 1 have been investigating lengths of different objects. 'What is the difference between shorter and taller? How many paper clips long is a pencil?' In English, the focus has been using and recognising adjectives. For example, 'The clever and wise owl.' What are the adjectives in this sentence? The learning then progressed onto the children using adjectives in their space poems. The children then looked and wrote their own poems. For example, 'If you blast off into space today, you're sure for a big surprise.' In history, the children have been learning about the moon landings, the details of the journey, the astronauts and how the mission went.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children in Year 2 have started to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. As well as this, the children have been securing their knowledge of position and direction. Instructions have included, 'Move 2 steps forward, make a quarter turn to the right - where are you facing?' The children in Year 3 have been recognising right angles in 2D shapes, vertical and horizontal lines and parallel line. For example, 'How many right angles are in a rectangle?' In English, the children have finished their play script unit of work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Narnia and writing their own stage directions to match characters' actions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Narnia work and have been able to use adventurous vocabulary. In music, the children have continued mastering how to play the recorder to different beats of music.

Class Wiltshire

In English this week, the children in Year 4 have been securing their knowledge of perimeter and progressing onto finding the perimeter of compound shapes and other polygons. For example, 'If a regular hexagon has a side measuring 7cm, what is the perimeter?' The children in Year 5 and 6 have been learning how to round decimals to the nearest whole number. For example, 'Is 87.7 nearer to 87 or 88? And 'What is 4.57 rounded to the nearest 1 decimal place?' In English, the focus has been acrostic poems. The children have been learning to use alliteration in their work. For example, 'Delicious Donuts and Furious Fire.' The children's writing has been exceptional, and the use of high-quality vocabulary has been exemplary. In art, the children have been studying porcelain of the Ming Dynasty. The focus has been for the children to decorate their own vases. In history, the focus has been to explain who Fu Hao was and why the discovery of her tomb was significant.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

605



603



608



CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM SAPPHIRE FOR BEING THIS HALF TERM'S WINNING TEAM! I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU TO DISCUSS WHAT REWARD YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR.

Golden Book

Well done to Ava, Daisy, Samuel, Annie, and Alexia for writing excellent acrostic poems. Hetty, Isabella and Lily did some excellent writing of play scripts using detailed stage directions for characters. Denny and Aiysha thought of some superb adjectives to describe outer space – well done!

We would like to wish all families a very happy half term, and we look forward to seeing all children return to school on Monday 26th February.

Best wishes,

Mr Merriman

Generosity **A**spiration **D**iscovery **R**esponsibility **O**pen-mindedness **W**elcoming

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.