



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 14th June - 2024



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Another very busy week has ended here at Gaddesden Row, and although we have had so much rain it has not dampened anyone's spirits. The children have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum, whilst doing lots of practice for sports day.



Well done, Year 4!

The children in Year 4 completed their statutory multiplication check this week, and they absolutely smashed it! These are the words I used when celebrating with the children. **To be able to answer mixed times tables in just six seconds is not easy and takes a lot of practice. Here are some examples for people to try at home: $6 \times 7 = ?$ $12 \times 11 = ?$ $7 \times 8 = ?$ $9 \times 7 = ?$.**

We are all very proud of you! Please celebrate this weekend with family. You've done it!

SPORTS DAY and Water Fight

A reminder that next Friday is Sports Day and this begin at 09.30 and families are welcome on site from 09.20. **We will be monitoring the weather very closely next week, and if we do need to postpone due to wet weather, a final decision will be made on Thursday afternoon.**

Our annual water fight will take place in the afternoon and another copy of the letter has been attached to this newsletter to remind of what the children need to bring.

Fingers crossed for dry weather please!



Year 6 Leavers' Disco

We would like to remind all families the Year 6 Leavers' Disco, which has been organised by GRAFT, takes place at Gaddesden Row Village Hall on **Thursday 20th of June** from 15.15-17.00. **The deadline for signing-up is Monday next week. There is another copy of the flyer and booking form attached to this Parent Mail.**

Thank you, Class Wiltshire!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the children in Class Wiltshire for making last night's World War 2 Sleepover a huge success. Mrs Groves and Mrs Kerry gave up their time away from home and their families last night to be with the children and I couldn't have done the event without them. **Thank you to all the children and families that have taken the time to show your appreciation to my amazing team and say thank you.**

Attendance



| Class Banksy | Class Blake | Class Wiltshire |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 100% | 96% | 98% |



Well done to Class Banksy for 100% attendance and £20!

Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Noah

Class Blake: Oscar

Class Wiltshire: All of Year 4!

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Reception have been looking at positional language and describing where things are. **For example, 'Where is the duck positioned?' The boy is next to the slide.'** The learning then progressed onto saying mathematical sentences such as, **'I have put the book behind the table.'** **'The pencil is on top of the paper.'** The children in Year 1 have started looking at days of the week and answering questions such as, **'What day comes before Tuesday?' 'What day will be in two days' time?'** In science, the focus has been looking at trees in my local area. **For example, 'What type of trees keep their leaves all year?' 'What type of tree did this leaf come from?'** In English, the children have been writing non-chronological reports and linking this to the topic of dinosaurs. The focus has been the children looking at different fact cards about different dinosaurs, and then writing about what dinosaurs like to eat, where they live and what diet they had. In history, the children had to choose their favourite dinosaur, draw it, and then write an interesting fact. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading their facts to other children and adults.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have continued building on their knowledge of time, a very abstract concept, and learning about telling the time to quarter past and quarter to. **The learning then progressed onto the children learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.** For both year groups, the children needed to secure their knowledge of drawing times on blank clocks to show half past and o'clock. **Towards the end of this week, the children started learning the concept of A.M and P.M.** In English, the children continued their learning sequence about information leaflets, and then progressing onto writing their own factual leaflets and then editing and improving their own, along with their peers. As well as this, the SPAG focus has been looking at what words we could use to improve our writing. **For example, 'Yelled instead of said' And 'Huge instead of big.'** In RE, the focus has been the 'Five Pillars of Islam' and the children have been learning what a pilgrimage is.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children in Years 4 and 5 have been learning about negative numbers. The focus has been the children understanding that when counting backwards and forwards over zero, then this must be counted. **For example, 'The difference between - 5 and 3 is 8.'** Other questions have included, **'If the temperature was -5 and it increased by 2 degrees, what is the temperature now?' And 'What is the difference between -11 and 6?'** In English, the children have been continuing their class text of 'Stories from the Lighthouse' and have been discussing new and confusing vocabulary, planning, and writing a diary entry from the perspective of a character in the story and drawing pictures to match events in the story. In Geography, the focus has been longitude and latitude coordinates. **The children have looked at different time zones across the world and understood why we have these coordinates to support daylight saving time.** In science, the children have been looking at what solids are soluble and insoluble. For example, flour does not fully dissolve in water, so flour is therefore insoluble.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

198



228



209



Golden Book

Well done to all children in Year 4 (**Demi, Cassie, Lois, Lillie-Mai, Zephyn, Megan, Niamh, and Alexia**) for taking on the times table challenge set by the DfE! You did it! Well done. Well done to **Evie** for learning her lines for our play 'off by heart' and to **Annie** for superb maths work when looking at negative numbers. Thank you to **Daniel** and **Alexia** for being so helpful after our World War 2 sleepover. Well done to **Henry** writing an excellent sentence to describe his favourite dinosaur!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and let's enjoy the start of the 2024 European Championships this evening.

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.