



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 15th December - 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

The final full week of term has ended and what a busy week it has been here at school. The children have been working so hard and even though there are feeling tired the closer we get to the end of term; they have shown great resilience and teamwork.

There is always so much taking place this time of year and the children have adapted so well to the changes that happen.

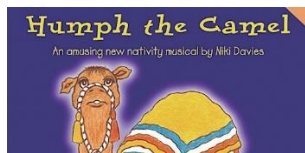


GRAFT Fayre

I hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas Fayre after school. A huge amount of effort has gone into organising the event, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone of GRAFT for making it a huge success.

Christmas Lunch

What a day we had on Wednesday! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Lunch and celebrating together. I hope the extra pigs in blankets that were made for the children went down well. There are photographs of the day on our school Facebook Page.



Humph...

I cannot put into enough words how proud I am of the children in Class Banksy. The children have done three performances this week and have remembered lines, stage directions, songs, and lyrics. You have all been fabulous and I hope all parents, carers and family members enjoyed seeing the production.

Leighton Buzzard Railway Trip

On Monday next week, the whole-school will be going to our annual visit to the Leighton Buzzard Railway. We will be leaving school at 11.30 and returning at 14.45. **All children need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch as well as a water bottle.**

Bronze Badges

In assembly this afternoon, we awarded bronze badges to **Dexter, Tory, and Megan** for 10 full weeks attendance in school – well done!

We have a lot of sickness and bugs going round in school this week and we hope the children are feeling better.



Attendance		
Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
91%	86%	91%



Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Denny
Class Blake: Francesca
Class Wiltshire: Tory



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Year 1 have been securing their understanding when ordering numbers. **For example, what is 11, 14, 13, 17 from greatest to smallest.** In Reception, the children have been exploring positional language. **For example, can you describe some of the places you have walked past and seen?** In art, the children have been learning how to make a collage using natural materials. Some materials used were flowers, wood, grass, string, and paper. In English, the children were introduced to acrostic poems. The children generated ideas to write their own poem using the word **'FIREWORKS.'**

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children in Year 3 have been understanding the relationship between multiplication and repeated addition. **For example, $7 \times 3 = 21$ and $3+3+3+3+3+3+3 = 21$.** The children have also been drawing arrays to match their multiplications. The children in Year 2 have been looking at different vocabulary when multiplying. **For example, 3×5 is 15. 3 lots of 5 are 15 and five groups of three are 15.** In English, the children have been looking at the features of acrostic poems and have been writing their own Christmas versions.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children in Year 5 and 6 have been securing their knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. The learning progressed onto converting improper fractions and mixed numbers. **For example, what is $27/5$ as a mixed number?** In English, the children have been learning how to write a detailed set of instructions. The focus has been using precise imperative verbs for how to make their Santa's Grottos. In science, the focus has been investigating water resistance and understanding how a shape's surface area can affect this. In addition to this, the children have been securing their understanding of gravity.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

681



726



683



Golden Book

Well done to all the children in **Class Banksy** for performing a superb showing of their Nativity, Humph. You were all incredible! **Louie and Denny** showed a lovely act of kindness towards another child this week – how lovely! **Bella** wrote a very emotive and persuasive letter to Father Christmas – well done! **Bobby** was able to explain the effect the moon's gravitational pull has on tides.

I would like to wish all families a very happy and festive weekend. When we return on Monday, there are just 3 days of term remaining and I know we are all looking forward to break.

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.