



## **Gaddesden Row JMI School**

### **Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 2026**



#### **Good afternoon, friends, and families,**

Welcome to October and the end of another busy week at school. It's hard to believe we're already five weeks into the term! There has been lots happening in classrooms, and it's been wonderful to see the children working hard, enjoying their learning and making great progress. With just three weeks to go until half term, we have plenty to look forward to. Throughout October, the children will be taking part in activities linked to Black History Month, as well as some seasonal Halloween-themed learning. We look forward to sharing these experiences with our families over the coming weeks.

#### **Pumpkin Carving**

Get your carving tools ready - it's that time of year again! Full details of our Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition are included in the attached letter.

We look forward to seeing the children's designs and the adults in school will be ready to deliberate during the special assembly.

#### **Happy Bags Collection - Reminder**

A reminder that our Happy Bags clothing collection will take place on Monday.

If you have any unwanted clothing to donate, please send it in with your child before the collection. Every bag helps raise valuable funds for the school, and we are very grateful for your support.

#### **Parents Evening**

A reminder that on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of October, we will hold our first parent consultations of the year. Letters came home with the children this week with details of times.

As stated on the letter, could parents please tick more than one time to give teachers flexibility when organising appointments. A reminder that all forms need to be returned to school by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October so that we can collate and send out confirmation times.

There will be no club after school on this day as all adults will be in consultations.

#### **GRAFT Halloween Disco**

We are pleased to let families know that GRAFT have organised a Halloween Disco on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, taking place after school from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

This event is already included on the parent calendar, and further information, including booking/sign-up details, will be sent out next week. We hope lots of children will be able to join in the fun!

#### **Outdoor Shoes**

As we move further into the autumn term, we would like to remind families that children should have a pair of outdoor shoes or wellies in school. Although the weather has been kind to us so far, the field and outdoor areas can become muddy very quickly once the wetter weather arrives.

Having spare outdoor footwear in school allows children to continue enjoying outdoor play while helping to keep classrooms and carpets clean. If you have not already done so, please send a pair of named outdoor shoes or wellies into school for your child.

Thank you for your support.



## Stars of the Week

**Class Whitlock:** Luna

**Class Peacock:** Rylee

**Class Kenny:** Eva-Mae



### Our School Values

Our school value this week has been **responsibility**, and we have seen many examples of it across the school. Being responsible means making good choices, taking ownership of our actions and doing our best to look after ourselves, others and our environment.

Throughout the week, staff have noticed children demonstrating this value in many different ways, from taking pride in their work and being ready to learn, to helping classmates and caring for shared spaces and resources. We have also been impressed by the way children have shown increasing independence and maturity in their daily routines.

We are proud of the responsible attitudes our children continue to show and the positive contribution they make to our school community

**G**enerous

**A**spirational

**D**iscovering

**R**esponsible

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**E**njoy

**A**rticulate

**R**esilient

**N**urture Relationships

**E**ncourage

**R**emember More and Know More



### Attendance

| Class Whitlock | Class Peacock | Class Kenny |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 97%            | 100%          | 96%         |

Attendance Matters



**Well done to Class Peacock for getting £10 in your attendance fund!**

**Team Points for the end of this week are:**

588



609



596



### Golden Book

Well done to **Harry** for his brilliant Big Ben Lego creation. Well done to **Ronnie** for his fantastic Tower Bridge Lego creation. Well done to **Finley** for his excellent River Thames duck Lego creation. Well done to **Class Peacock** for their amazing diary entries about their lives after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Well done to **Oscar** for his super helpful attitude and approach to game club. Well done to **Oscar** and **Lily** for their formal writing when creating reports about fantastic beasts. Well done to **Daniel** for his effort and presentation in mathematics. Well done to **Amy** for her stunning PSHE poster about being assertive.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

### Gaddesden Wish List

If you are in a position to support the school, please have a look at our wish list which can be located via this link: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) This can also be found on the school website, in the top right-hand corner, quick links section.

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.