



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 23rd November, 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

I know it is only Thursday, but due to our annual occasional day tomorrow, it feels like a Friday! As we head towards the end of November, the children have been very busy learning across all subjects, and there are lots more enrichment activities to look forward to this term.



OFSTED Report

On Tuesday this week, our OFSTED report was published, and we sent copies home with the children and via Parent Mail. You can also access this via our school website:

<https://www.gaddesdenrow.herts.sch.uk/ofsted-report/>

I know it has taken some time to get the final report, but we are delighted with the outcome and look forward to working on our areas for development as identified by OFSTED.

GRAFT Film Night



I am sure the children are looking forward to tonight's movie of Elemental. A reminder that all children need collecting at 5pm. **It will be dark at this time, so please take care in the car park and on the playground.**

Christmas Decoration Competition



We would like to remind all families about our annual Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. I have attached the original letter that was sent to families two weeks ago. **Please could all decorations be brought into school on Monday 4th December.**

New Playground Equipment

It was a very busy start to the week due to Pentagon Play being in school to upgrade our playground equipment. We now have a new fence in our outdoor area, new monkey bars to develop children's upper-body strength and flooring underneath our both sets of bars. The children have been very excited to use for the first time! I did attach photographs to the school Facebook page.



Bronze Badges

In assembly this afternoon, we will be awarding bronze badges to those children who have reached 10 full weeks in school this term. **Well done to Theo, Natty, Hetty, Cassie, Bobby, Lillie-Mai, Lois! Wear your badges with pride and keep up the great attendance!**

Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
94%	100%	80%

Well done to Class Blake for getting £10 in their attendance fund! 100% Brilliant!

Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Leyton

Class Blake: Bella

Class Wiltshire: Samuel

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In English this week, the children have been learning how describe characters from a story using their own describing words. The children then progressed onto creating a new toy to be in their story. In art, the focus has been how to weave using natural materials. The children used different threads and wools to do this. Key questions were asked like, 'Can you see the wool interlacing in this picture?' In maths, the children have been learning and recognizing the numbers 17, 18 and 19. This has included matching the numerals to the words. **For example, 18 is spelt as eighteen.** In science, the focus has been recognising materials around the school and which are made of rock.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have been taking part in challenges involving them to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. **Times Tables are key for children to access all areas of the maths curriculum and the children have been practicing their counting to improve fluency.** In Food D/T, it is time for the children to decide what toppings they would like on their pizzas as they will start making them over the next week. In English, the children have been writing their recounts about 'The Great Fire of London.' The focus has been using fronted adverbials and adventurous language. **For example, 'At about 10pm' and 'In the middle of the night.'** There has been some excellent writing and presentation!

Class Wiltshire

In history this week, the children have been learning about 'The Magna Carta' and how this is one the most famous documents in world history. The children have been asking questions to find out more: 'Why was the Magna Carta needed?' And 'What is in The Magna Carta?' In English, the children have continued their diary entries linked to the book, 'Children of Winter.' **The drafting, editing and final pieces of work have been a joy to read and share!** In RE, the children have been learning about the importance of Muhammad to Muslims' daily lives. This has included how he is remembered for his teachings and morals he lived by.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

407



403



375



Golden Book

Well done to **all the children in reception** for showing excellent teamwork and kindness during an outdoor activity. **Tommy** did some excellent maths work when calculating – well done. **Hetty, Lily, Isabella, Oscar, Austin, Bella, Leo, Francesca** did some excellent addition with superb presentation! Well done to **Oscar and Mia** for an excellent written recount about 'The Great Fire of London.' Well done to **Eva-Mae** for excellent Spanish work. **Leyton** did some excellent reading during assembly with his buddy – well done! Congratulations to all of **Class Wiltshire** for doing some excellent work in music – wow! Well done, **Samuel**, for excellent work in swimming! **Daisy and Annie** wrote a superb diary entry using alliteration, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases – well done!

A reminder that tomorrow is our annual occasional day, so I hope you all have a lovely, extended weekend. I look forward to seeing all families on Monday as we head into the final week of November.

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.