



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 17th November, 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

I hope everyone has had a good week. We have completed our first 10 weeks at school! It does not seem possible that we are a quarter of the way through this school year already.

Occasional Day

We would like to remind all families that next **Friday – 24th November** – school will be closed to all pupils as this is our annual occasional day.

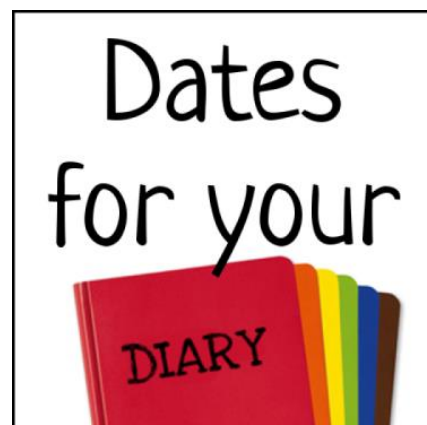


Children in Need

Thank you to all families for your kind donations today for supporting Children in Need. The children have had taken part in lots of activities, both inside and on the playground, to raise money for this important cause. Well done to everyone and enjoy watching Children in Need on the television this evening.

Dates for the Diary – IMPORTANT

Friday 24th November – Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 29th November – Flu Vaccinations for children
Week beginning 4th December – 'TAKE ONE BOOK WEEK'
Thursday 7th December – GRAFT Christmas Craft (15.15-17.00)
Monday 11th December – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle
Tuesday 12th December – Class Banksy Nativity – 09.30 and 13.30
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Friday 15th December – GRAFT Christmas Fayre
Monday 18th December – Whole-School Trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway
Wednesday 20th December – END OF TERM – 1.30pm



Bronze Badges



In assembly this afternoon, we will be awarding bronze badges to those children with 100% attendance this term. **We have nineteen children receiving badges today! Well done to Tommy, Karolina, Henry, Joy, Oliver, Noah, Oakley, Francesca, Bella-Rose, Eva-Mae, Lily, Oscar, Leo, Annie, Evie, Alexia, Daniel, Daisy, and Zephyn.**

Attendance is a whole-school priority, and I am incredibly pleased as to how we are making strides towards meeting this. Keep up the splendid work!

Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
100%	91%	89%

Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Joy
Class Blake: Leo
Class Wiltshire: Daisy-Mae



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Year 1 have been learning to recognise and understand the numbers 11, 12 and 13. The children then progressed onto understanding 14, 15 and 16. In Reception, the children have been looking at making four and five using five frames to support counting. In art, the children have been looking at different types of animals and how to make your own 'leaf animal' using leaves collected in the playground. In English, the children have continued looking at instructions and how to write a clear set when designing and creating a board game. I enjoyed sharing with the children some of my favourite board games I play with friends and family!

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have continued learning about how to subtract two- and three-digit numbers using the columnar method. This has included exchanging numbers from the next column. **For example, how would we calculate $457 - 178$?** In history, the children have started to learn about the Great Fire of London. **Where did it begin? How did it happen? What was the timeline of events?** In D/T, different types of bread were tried, tasted, and evaluated. The 'Perfect Pizzas' unit of work will build up to the children making their own pizzas later in the term. In science, the children have been learning about different amphibians and what they need to survive. **For example, why do frogs need leaves and sticks to survive?**

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children in Year 6 have been learning how to use a short division method to calculate. **For example, what is $754 \div 3$? How would we set this out? How do we know if there will be a remainder or not?** As well as this, the children have been securing their understanding of subtraction of four-digit numbers and exchanging. **For example, what is $6573 - 2719$?** In English, the focus has been emotive language and selecting words that can change or enhance meaning. **For example, synonyms for ugly are awful and grotesque. Energetic is a synonym for active and dynamic.** The children have then used these words to expand sentences using adverbs and adjectives.

Team Points for the end of this week are: 304



284



271



The children in Team Ruby had their reward with me on Wednesday afternoon for being last half term's winning team. They had an afternoon of games with a hot chocolate topped with marshmallows!

Golden Book

Well done to **Denny** for being able to recognise number bonds to ten using Numicon. **Aiysha** created her own board game with precise colouring and could explain how to play it. Well done **Oliver** for showing superb manners and politeness. **Bella-Rose** showed superb team work towards everyone at lunchtime and ensured all children were involved in games – well done!

I hope you all have a pleasant weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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.