



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 29th September 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What a month it has been! When we return next week, it will be October and I know it feels as if time has gone very quickly.

September is a month for children to settle back into the daily routine of school life, teachers to get to know their new classes, and for our curriculum to become embedded. From completing learning walks and lesson visits, the work completed, learning attitudes of all children and calmness around the school has been exemplary.

Parent's Evening

A letter has been sent home with all children today, and via Parent Mail, for parents and carers to sign-up for a time on **Monday 16th October**.

Please could parents and carers sign-up to more than one time slot to give teachers flexibility to organise times.



Halloween...

On **Tuesday 31st of October**, we will be holding our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition. A letter has come home with all children today outlining the details. The last two years of doing this on Halloween have been very successful – happy carving!



Class Photographs

On **Tuesday 10th October**, our school photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure all children are in the correct uniform ready to smile and say 'cheese!'

Un-named Uniform

I have labelled lots of uniform this week using a permanent sharpie. We still have lots of jumpers, hoodies, and cardigans still with no names in. If you need to borrow a sharpie, please come and see me.

It is extremely difficult, and time-consuming, trying to find which children uniform belongs to if it doesn't have a name in.

Attendance

Well done to Class Banksy, for earning another £5 for their attendance fund this week!

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
98%	86%	86%



Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Karolina
Class Blake: Isabella
Class Wiltshire: Evie-Rose

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths, the children have been comparing 2-digit numbers and explaining why by discussing place value. The 'Naughty Bus' has been continued during English and for shared reading. In geography, the children have been looking at compass points and directional language. In history, the children have continued looking at toys. How times have changed since the 1980s!

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have continued to identify numbers on a blank number line, counting both forwards and backwards in 1s and 2s. In science, the children conducted an experiment to test how brittle plastic and glass are and to see which materials are opaque, translucent, and transparent. In guided reading, the children have continued reading 'The Giraffe, Pelly and Me.' The children have been predicting, looking at new vocabulary and drawing a story map.

Class Wiltshire

In English, the children have continued reading Spaceboy. The focus has been writing a character description using descriptive vocabulary and conjunctions to explain why. In maths, the children have been rounding and ordering numbers up to one million. For example, what is 346,852 rounded to the nearest thousand? Year 6 have continued their arithmetic boosters with Mr Merriman to develop their test technique. In music, 'Livin on a prayer' has been practiced and in geography, the children have been looking at the features of mountains.

Team Points for this week are as followed:



362



384



360

Golden Book

Well done to **Chloe** for showing excellent resilience during a PE lesson when playing basketball. **Eva-Mae and Lola** did some excellent maths work when finding missing numbers on a blank number line. Well done **Austin and Isabella** for writing an excellent dragon story. Well done **Oliver** for superb listening of instructions during maths.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I will see you all on Monday when October will be upon us!

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.