



## **Gaddesden Row JMI School**

### **Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023**



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome back to a new half term here at Gaddesden Row, and to the month of November. The dark nights are drawing in and it has certainly turned colder this week.

### **Pumpkin Carving Competition**

Thank you to all children and families for bringing in their pumpkins on Tuesday. What fabulous designs and carvings we saw! It was a pleasure to share every pumpkin during our extended assembly. It was extremely difficult to choose the winning designs – well done to everyone, and I hope you enjoyed putting them on your doorsteps when you got home.

### **Remembrance**



On Wednesday morning this week, we held an assembly to discuss Remembrance Day and why we remember. Our visitor, Sean McCarthy, talked to the children and then finished by showing the children poppy merchandise that can be purchased.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be selling these items before school and at break time. If you would like to purchase anything, please send your donations in with your child.

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.00**, we will be holding a whole-school assembly to observe a two-minute silence to remember our heroes in the armed forces, past and present. Next week, the children will begin to make poppies to bring to the front of assembly.

### **Children in Need**



A letter will come home with all children today with details about how we will be supporting Children in Need 2023.

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school. Any donations are welcomed and all money will be sent directly to Children in Need. **PE lessons will take place as normal, so all children need to wear trainers.**

### **Uniform – Lost Property**



**We have again accumulated lots of school uniform items with no names in.** I am aware that school uniform costs a lot of money, so please could all uniform items have children's names in. **If you need to borrow a permanent marker, please come to the school office.**

### **Attendance**

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
100%	89%	93%

**Well done Class Banksy! £10 in your attendance fund!**

## Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Noah  
Class Blake: Eva-Mae  
Class Wiltshire: Zephyn



## Curriculum News

### Class Banksy

In maths, the children in Year 1 have been learning how to add and subtract 1 and 2 and solve word problems. **For example, there are 5 birds in a tree, some more birds land, so there are now 7 in the tree. How many birds landed?** The children in reception have been looking at different shapes we see in our everyday lives - rectangles, circles, squares and triangles. In English, the children have been learning how to write and order instructions when describing how to use a slide and a swing. **Using verbs has been key such as push, pull, sit, and climb.** The children have also started practicing their nativity songs and play parts will be given out over the next few weeks. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

### Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have been learning how to add 3 and 2-digit numbers crossing over 100. **For example, what is  $58 + 74$ ?** In English, the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Report writing has been the focus when looking at factual information and how we know events happened. In history, the children have started learning about The Great Fire of London. This has included looking at pictures of our wonderful capital city both past and present. **The children have been writing about the difference between 1666 and 2023 in London.**

### Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children have learning about prime numbers. A prime number only has two factors - one and itself. **For example, 17 is a prime number as the only two numbers that divide into are 1 and 17.** The children have also been learning how to use a formal written method for multiplication. **For example, what is  $3427 \times 23$ ?** In English, the children have started the book, 'Children of Winter' by Berlie Doherty. The children have been looking at features of diary writing and using the first person. For science, the children have started looking at friction and effects of air and water resistance between moving surfaces. For example, how does a parachute work? What forces and scientific phenomena take place?

Team Points for the end of this week are:

72



75



53



**I met with Team Ruby at lunchtime today to see what reward they would like for being last half term's winning team. The children have voted for free time playing games with a hot chocolate. This will take place next week.**

### Golden Book

Well done to **Ava, Daisy, Dexter, Samuel, and Bobby** for excellent work during our weekly Year 6 SATs booster. We looked at percentages, fractions, and properties of circles. **Tory** did some superb addition in maths and explained his workings out – well done! Well done to **Hollie, Lillie-Mai, Zephyn, and Daniel** for excellent work in PE.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. If you are going to see fireworks this weekend, or do some of your own at home, please enjoy and stay safe.

Mr Merriman

**G**enerosity **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.