



Caddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 13th October, 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Where is this year going? I have been talking to families this week and how making the most of every day is vital. The school years goes very quickly, and we ensure every day in school is meaningful and purposeful.

This is a long half term for the children, particularly when they have come back from the summer holidays. I know the children are all ready for a break in a week's time.

Black History Week



I wrote to all families last week explaining about our enrichment week starting on Monday. The theme this year is '**Saluting Our Sisters**' and teachers have been busy preparing and planning for this important week.

Look out for photographs on the school Facebook page of some of the activities the children will be doing.

School Photographs

The children all looked very smart for their photographs on Tuesday. Our school photographer took individual and siblings pictures. As soon as they are ready to order, we will communicate and send proofs to all families.

GRAFT Halloween Craft



A reminder that next Thursday GRAFT will be holding a Halloween craft event after school from 15.30 until 16.45. I am sure the children are looking forward to it! Thank you to those families for signing-up to confirm your child's attendance.

Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at Monday's Parent's Evening. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes and will be held in the classrooms. Parents and Carers can wait in the library, where tables and chairs will be set-up. **A reminder that there is no tutoring after school on Monday 16th October.**

Outdoor Shoes

I wrote to all families yesterday requesting that children bring in a spare pair of outdoor shoes into school. This is so the children can change before break and lunchtime so that they can still use the field. Indoor shoes can then be worn once inside.

Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
99%	95%	90%

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



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Aiysha
 Class Blake: Oscar
 Class Wiltshire: Joseph



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths, the children have been learning and securing number bonds to 10. This is a vital skill and the children have been saying, '7 + 3 = 10' and what do I need to add to 2 to get to 10? 8! Prove it questions have also been asked. For example, 'Is 6 + 5 a number to 10? How do you know?' In science, the topic has been 'taste' and the children have been tasting foods such as dark chocolate, limes, cheese, salt and vinegar crisps and juice. The children have been describing the food as either salty, bitter, sweet, or tangy.

Class Blake

In maths, the children have been securing number bonds to 100. They have used bonds to 10 to support the process. For example, if $3+7 = 10$. $30+70 = 100$. The children have also been learning how to add and subtract 3-digit and 2-digit numbers. For example, $742+30 = 772$. In English, the children have been learning how to write rhetorical questions and plan a persuasive letter using words and phrases such as *firstly*, *in my opinion*, *therefore* and *it is certain that*. In geography, the children have been looking at different climate zones around the world - *tropical*, *warm*, *temperate*, and *cold*.

Class Wiltshire

In maths, the children have been learning how to add whole numbers with more than four digits. For example, how would we set the calculation of $324,846 + 12,475$? In art, the children have been building on their prior knowledge of tone and shade to draw a still-life picture. In English, the children have finished 'Spaceboy' this week and have written an adventure story using the David Walliams' book for inspiration. In RE, the children have been looking at the Christian Creation Story and ordering events. There have been some excellent, meaningful discussions!

Team Points for this week are as followed:



556



589



535

Golden Book

Well done to **Theo** for modelling superbly how to sound out letters and then say the words! Very fluent and clear – well done. **Isabella and Martin** did some excellent work when conducting research in art. Well done to **Zephyn and Daniel** for excellent work in music when using a glockenspiel. **Megan and Alexia** completed their first Year 4 Multiplication Check in tutoring – well done! **Lois, Cassie, Zephyn, and Annie** wrote an amazing adventure story – some of the best writing I have seen in my career! Well done **Hollie** for writing an excellent adventure story with detailed adjectives. **Noah** was able to find and recognise letters during child-initiated learning – well done.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I will see you all on Monday for the final week of this half term.

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.