



Caddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 8th December - 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The school has been decorated, our Christmas Tree looks fabulous, it is cold outside, and the children are all getting into the festive spirit.

We have just a week and half of term remaining and from speaking to some families this week, we all agreed that we cannot believe how quickly the time is going.

GRAFT Events



Thank you to all families for your chocolate donations on Wednesday to put in our tombola at the Christmas Fayre. We have a huge selection!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the craft club last night, and we would like to pass on a huge thank to all GRAFT members for organising a fantastic event.

After-School Clubs Reminder

We would like to remind all families that there are no after-school clubs today and next **Friday (15th December)**.

Dates for the Diary – IMPORTANT

Monday 11th December – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle for the tombola.

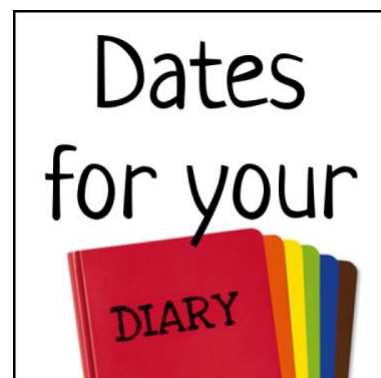
Tuesday 12th December – Class Banksy Nativity – 09.30 and 13.30.

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day.

Friday 15th December – Christmas Fayre – 15.15-16.30.

Monday 18th December – Whole-School trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway.

Wednesday 20th December – **END OF TERM – 13.30.**



Bronze Badges

In assembly this afternoon, we will be awarding bronze badges to **Hollie and Chloe** for 10 full weeks attendance in school – well done!

If your child is not well enough to come to school, a phone call must be made to the school office or a message on Parent Mail sent. **We have had incidents this week where we haven't had any contact from families by 9.30am and welfare calls have needed to be made.**



Attendance		
Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
96%	94%	86%



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Elizabeth
Class Blake: Lola
Class Wiltshire: Lillie-Mai

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Year 1 have been comparing numbers up to 20. For example, $9 < 11$ and $15 > 13$. The children then progressed onto ordering numbers from smallest to greatest. For example, order 13, 20, 9. In Reception, the children have been looking at the number five and recognising concrete and pictorial representations. In science, the children have been looking at melting and freezing. Some of the key questions included, 'How are water and ice similar? What happens to ice when it is heated? How can we change water to ice?'

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have continued securing their times tables and solving problems involving division. For example, which numbers divide equally by 2 and 4. The children have also been using concrete and pictorial resources to solve word problems involving multiplication and division. In English, the focus has been persuasive letter writing to Father Christmas. The children have been thinking of different words and phrases to persuade. The children have also been designing and making Santa's Grotto for D/T and this is linked to our 'TAKE ONE BOOK' Week. In ICT the focus has been completing different grammar activities and saving correctly and securely in a shared folder.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children have been learning to recognize equivalent fractions. For example, why is $\frac{3}{4}$ equivalent to $\frac{6}{8}$? Whatever we do to the numerator, we must do to the denominator. The children have also been learning how to simplify fractions to their lowest form. For example, what is $\frac{12}{30}$ in its lowest form? In English, the children have started the book, 'A Letter to Santa' as part of our 'TAKE ONE BOOK' Week. This has included looking at the features of persuasive writing and looking at all the different types of letters people might want to write. In RE, the children have been looking at why Muhammad is a role model for Muslim children and then describing what a role model is.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

631



636



615



THERE ARE JUST 16 POINTS DIFFERENCE THREE TEAM GROUPS WITH 8 DAYS OF TERM REMAINING

Golden Book

Well done to Ava, Bobby, and Daisy for excellent maths in tutoring. They were able to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. For example, $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{13}{15}$. Well done to Lily for showing excellent resilience during swimming. Dexter was very helpful during GRAFT Club – well done. Tory, Joseph, and Daisy created an excellent Santa's Grotto during D/T and showed great attention to detail – well done to all of you. Well done to Hollie, Niamh, Megan, Cassie, Daisy-Mae, Lois, Lillie-Mai, Annie, Evie, Ava, Demi, Bobby, and Alexia for superb dance routines! Excellent teamwork and perseverance. Hetty, Eva-Mae and Austin wrote excellent persuasive letters to Father Christmas! Amazing!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday – remember that this is a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing in a bottle for our tombola, and the children need to bring in their decorated paper chains.

Mr Merriman

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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.