



Caddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 22nd September 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Where has this week gone? It doesn't seem that long ago that I wrote to all families last Friday.

This week has a bit of everything: rain, wind, sunshine, and even more rain. Despite all the changes to break and lunchtimes, it hasn't stopped the children's hard work and efforts. The children have adapted very well to being outside, then coming in from the rain, to then being outside again.

Healthy Snacks

I would like to remind all families to ensure that healthy snacks are sent into school with the children.

Healthy snacks do not include Doritos, chocolate bars and sugary sweets. We have had occasions this week where unhealthy snacks have been brought in and consumed at break time.

Water Bottles

We have some children who have not been bringing in a water bottle to school. Hydration is essential for a not only a healthy lifestyle, but to concentrate during lessons. We have a very limited supply of spare water bottles in school – please ensure that children are bringing in this essential item every day.

Attendance

| Class Banksy | Class Blake | Class Wiltshire |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 98% | 89% | 93% |



What fantastic attendance from Class Banksy! They already have £25 in their class attendance fund! Keep up the great work!

Key Stage 2 Swimming

The children in Years 3 -6 have been swimming for the last three weeks, and the progress they have made is something we are extremely proud of.

I would like to remind all parents that children need a swimming hat and goggles. We have a limited supply in school but there have more children forgetting to bring one in. Please ensure these are sent in with the children every Thursday.

After-School Clubs and Tutoring

All our after-school clubs and tutoring finish at 16.15. We understand that, at times, there are reasons for why parents and carers may be late picking up, but please could a phone call or message be left at the school office.

We have children this week still at school after 16.30 without any communication or explanation.



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Louie
 Class Blake: Hetty
 Class Wiltshire: Daniel



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In science, the children have been learning about sight and how eyes work. One of the activities was throwing objects into a bucket using both eyes, and then just one eye. In maths, the children have been learning about 1 more and counting on from any given number. The book 'Naughty Bus' has been introduced with the children, looking at sights and attractions in London.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have learning how to estimate where numbers are on a blank number line. In addition to this, the children have been comparing 2 and 3-digit numbers using the < and > sign. For example, $347 > 329$. In SPAG, the children have been learning how to use the correct articles before nouns. For example, A fox ran down the road, and an insect flew across the room.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children have been continuing securing their knowledge of place value and writing numbers up to 1,000,000. For example, write the number two million, four hundred and five thousand, eight hundred and sixteen. In English, the children have continued reading 'Spaceboy' and an escape plan has been planned and written. The children have been using their prediction skills with adventurous vocabulary.

Team Points for this week are as followed:



290



299



298

Golden Book

Well done to **Bobby** for being very kind and considerate during football club on Tuesday. **Tory** was able to provide an excellent explanation for how to look after animals. Well done to **Megan and Evie-Rose** for excellent Spanish work – muy bien! **Lily, Hetty and Oliver** made excellent progress in swimming on Thursday – well done. **Oscar** was able to independently spell the word, 'yacht.' Brilliant! Thank you, **Joseph, and Dexter**, for helping me put together our new basketball hoop!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. It is time to switch-off, relax and spend time with family and friends.

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.