



**Gaddesden Row JMI
School
Newsletter 20th October, 2023**



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

The end of half term is here, and I am sure you are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. The children have been back at school for seven weeks and have worked so hard. To come back after the summer break to a very long half term is not easy but our wonderful children have shown, once again, how amazing they are.



I would firstly like to say thank you for all your kind words of support this week after we received notification of our OFSTED inspection. Thank you to everyone for coming to speak to members of the team and handover cakes, sweets, and snacks for the staffroom! It was very much appreciated.

It was a pleasure to show the HMI inspectors are fabulous school. As soon as we receive the full report, this will be shared with all families.



GRAFT Halloween Craft

I would like to pass on a huge thank you to GRAFT for organising a fantastic Halloween Craft Club yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed and so did the lead inspector from OFSTED when he saw some of the activities. There are photographs on the school Facebook page.

The children had a fantastic time, and it was so lovely seeing everyone take part and enjoying themselves.

Parent Consultations

It seems a long time ago that we welcomed parents and carers to school on Monday for our consultations. It is always a pleasure to meet and discuss your child's progress and this it is essential to have open channels of communication.



Whole School Enrichment Trip – Monday 18th December

The children will come with a letter today outlining details of our annual trip to the Leighton Buzzard Steam Railway and Santa's Grotto – a copy via Parent Mail will also be sent.

The festive season seems to be creeping up very quickly and we are looking forward to taking the children.

Please could all consent forms and payments be made by Wednesday 6th December.

Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
96%	85%	88%



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: **Everyone!**
 Class Blake: **Everyone!**
 Class Wiltshire: **Everyone!**



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In science this week, the children used their sense of smell to identify different products. These included lemon juice, coffee, paprika, marmite and mustard. In maths, the children have been identifying numbers that are more or less and writing single digits correctly. The children started the book, 'Amazing Grace' and have been identifying different feelings that characters may be feeling in the story. For art, the children have been learning about the South African artist, 'Esther Mahlangu.' There have been some excellent designs and precise colouring.

Class Blake

In maths, the children have been learning to add and subtract multiples of 10 and 100. For example, $345 + 400 = 745$ and $345 + 40 = 385$. Using place value has been key for the children to spot patterns when using this method of addition and subtraction. In English, the children have been reading the book 'Amazing Grace.' And planning a diary entry. The children have had to plan what happened, write in the first person, describe feelings, and use **time conjunctions such as after, next, first, then.** In guided reading, the children have been using their inference skills. For example, 'The man went outside and put up his umbrella.' How do we know it is raining?

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children have been learning to add and subtract numbers up to six digits. For example, what is $68,953 + 7,765$? It has been vital for children to use their place value skills to complete the written method and use known number facts when calculating. As part of Black History Week, the children have been learning about Dr Mae Jemison, her key achievements, and her contributions to science. The children made their own space rockets linked to Mai Jamison.

Team Points for the end of this half term:

662



687



635



CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM RUBY FOR BEING THE WINNING TEAM!

Golden Book

Well done to every child at Gaddesden Row for showing the OFSTED team how amazing you are! We cannot put into enough words how proud we are of all of you!

Every child has been put into our Golden Book, and I cannot wait to share their success in assembly this afternoon! Proud headteacher moment!

I hope you all have a lovely half term – please enjoy spending time together as a family. We all need to switch off and have a well-deserved break.

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.