



**Gaddesden Row JMI
School
Newsletter 7th June - 2024**



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome to the month of June, and our final half term of this school year. The time has gone very quickly and although there are only six whole weeks remaining, there is still lots to cover in our curriculum coverage and with different enrichment activities taking place.

With this in mind, a list of key dates is below, so could I please request that all families make themselves familiar. **We know there is a lot going on, so we wanted to give as much notice as possible.**

Dates for the Diary – IMPORTANT

- Monday 10th June** – Whole-Class Photographs
- W/b 10th June:** Phonics Screening for Year 1 and MTC for Year 4
- Thursday 13th June** – World War 2 Sleepover for Class Wiltshire
- W/b 17th June** – National Sports Week.
- Tuesday 18th June:** Whole-School Fun Run with Mr Merriman
- Thursday 20th June** – Year 6 Leavers’ Disco – See GRAFT Letter
- Friday 21st June:** SPORTS DAY – AM and Water Fight – PM
- Thursday 27th June** – Whole-School Trip to Legoland
- Friday 28th June** – D/T Enrichment Day
- W/b 1st July** – ‘TAKE ONE BOOK’ Week
- Thursday 4th July** – ‘Gaddesden’s Whole School Picnic’ – 13.30-14.45. **Details to follow in due course.**
- Thursday 11th July** – Secondary School Move-Up Day
- Friday 12th July** – GRAFT Summer Fayre – 15.30-17.30
- Tuesday 16th July** – Peter Pan Performance – 13.30 and 18.00. **Ticket Details to follow.**
- Tuesday 23rd July** – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 09.30. Families welcome to attend. **END OF TERM – 13.30.**



Legoland Trip

Thank you to those families who have already returned and paid for the Legoland Trip that takes place on Thursday 27th June. **A reminder that the deadline to pay and return consent forms is Wednesday 12th of June.**

SPORTS DAY and Water Fight

Our annual Sports Day takes place on **Friday 21st of June. This will begin at 09.30 and finish at approximately 11.45. Families can come onto the playground from 09.20.**

Our annual water fight takes place in the afternoon after Sports Day and children have come home today with information about what coloured t-shirt they need to wear, and what items are required for the water fight.



Attendance

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



Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Aiysha
Class Blake: Leo and Chloe
Class Wiltshire: Annie



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Reception have been looking at units of repeating patterns and understanding shapes and objects that come next. The children used a range of materials to make coloured patterns. For example, **red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue**. The children then discussed and compared their patterns to other children and adults. The children in Year 1 have started learning about 'Unitising.' This has involved the children looking at different counters and looking at how much each counter is worth. The learning then progressed onto recognising different coins and which coins are real. For example, **'Is there such thing as an 8p coin?'** In English, the focus has been looking at dinosaur fact cards and exploring past tense verbs. For example, **'The Triceratops stomped/stomps across the ground.'** Which verb is in the past tense? The learning then progressed onto looking at the features of non-chronological reports. In history, the children have been looking at the different periods during the age of the dinosaurs: **Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous Period**. The children had to sort the dinosaurs into what period they lived in.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have been exploring hours, days, months, and years. For example, **'How many days are there in one week? How many days in two weeks? How many months in one year?'** What mathematical skill can help us with these types of questions? Prior to this, the children secured their knowledge and understanding of **'o'clock, half past, and quarter past the hour.'** In English, the focus has been information leaflets. The children have looked at a range of information leaflets and identified the key features and what makes a good leaflet. The children then put themselves back into Ancient Greek times and wrote a postcard and their own information leaflet. This linked perfectly with the Greek dress-up day that took place on Wednesday. **During the Ancient Greek Day on Wednesday, the children designed their own shields, played some Olympic races, and tried some traditional Greek food.**

Class Wiltshire

The children in Year 6 this week have completed a range of mathematical reasoning challenges and have used a range of mental and written strategies when calculating. For example, **'What two prime numbers add together to make a square number? There are 18 girls in a class, 10% of the girls are left-handed. Why cannot this be true?'** The children in years 4 and 5 have been focusing on position and direction, which has included lines of symmetry, reflected shapes, and translated shapes across a grid. The children in all year groups have been working very hard when learning and practicing their lines for our end of year performance. All the work we do with the children to promote the love of reading, speaking with expression, understanding humour and realising the effect of formal and informal language has shown this week. In geography, the focus has been lines of latitude and longitude. This will help the children understand time zones across the world. **For example, if it is 09.00 in London, it is 03.00 in New York as they are -6 GMT.**

Team Points for the end of this week are:

94



109



97



Golden Book

Well done to **Hetty, Lola, Francesca, Lily, and Isabella** for showing a lovely act of kindness and exemplary politeness. **Zephyr, Oscar, and Rupert** were able to do some superb catching during a session of cricket – well done! **Louie** was able to explain how British monetary notes are changing to reflect King Charles being on them – well done! **Henry and Noah** did some excellent work in Phonics – great job!

We would like to wish all families a happy and restful weekend. Rest-up and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for a brand new week.

Mr Merriman

Generosity **A**spirational **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.