



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 8th September - 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome back to a new school year! This week has gone very quickly, and I cannot quite believe that we welcomed the children back on Monday and the end of the week is here.

The children have settled in extremely well to the new school year and teachers have been getting to know their new children. Team building has been key, and the children have been working very hard.

School Values

We have changed our school values mission statement. This now reads as set out below. We want all children, families, and stakeholders to be able to recall and remember our values, so our aim has been to simplify in the form of a school name.



Generosity
Aspiration
Discovery
Responsibility
Open-mindedness
Welcoming



DATES FOR THE DIARY – IMPORTANT

Monday 18th September – 15.30 - 16.15 – Y2/Y3 Class Welcome Meeting

Monday 25th September – 15.30 – 16.15 – YR/Y1 Class Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 26th September – 15.30 – 16.15 – Y4/Y5/Y6 Class Welcome Meeting

All children came home with letters this week so that families can sign-up. If you require another copy of the letter, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Improving attendance is one of our whole-school priorities this year. Attendance this week has been good and the percentages for each class are below. **£10 for Class Banksy!**

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
100%	92%	94%



Homework

Each class will receive homework next week – I have attached our homework policy to remind of what our expectations are for home learning. All children have been given reading books this week and new zip folders to bring to and from school.



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Tommy

Class Blake: Chloe

Class Wiltshire: Annie



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

Our new children who have joined reception this year have settled in very well and we are all very proud of them. The children have started the new school year by becoming familiar with school routines, phonics sounds and learning about what their new topics will be.

Class Blake

The children have been learning about different materials in science and which are natural. In English, we have been learning about nouns, verbs, and past and present tenses. The children are very much looking forward to their new topic this term!

Class Wiltshire

The children have been getting to know their new teacher, Mrs Groves, and have been learning about Roman Numerals, place value in numbers up to one million, and sketching famous landmarks. The children will be starting 'Spaceboy' by David Walliams next week. They are very excited!



EMERALD - 73



RUBY - 67



SAPPHIRE - 81

After-School Clubs

We do still have availability at our after-school clubs. If you would like your child to join a club, please contact the school office at admin@gaddesdenrow.herts.sch.uk

Golden Book

Well done to **Maria, Oscar, and Bella** for excellent work in a music lesson on Wednesday. **Niamh, Alexia, and Megan** did some excellent work in tutoring after school on Wednesday. Keep up the great work! Well done to **Francesca and Oscar** for excellent progress in reading. **Mia and Chloe** did some excellent partitioning of numbers – well done!

It has been an extremely busy first week back at school, and the weather has been exceptionally hot for this time of year. Please stay safe in the sun this weekend, stay hydrated and look after each other.

Have a nice weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

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.