



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 9th February - 2024



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What a busy week we have had in school! As well as covering our curriculum, we have been focusing on Children’s well-being and mental health week and Safer Internet Day. Teachers have been sharing a range of resources, videos and books to promote well-being and mental health awareness.

Safer Internet Day

Thank you to Miss Braybrooke for organising an engaging and beneficial enrichment day on Tuesday. Staying safe online is an integral part of our school curriculum and we reminded the children how imperative it is to stay safe when using the Internet.

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for sharing the picture of our ex-school pets so that we could show the children how far and quickly an image can go once it has been sent. **The purpose of our assembly was to remind the children to ‘Think before you post’ as once ‘sent’ or ‘post’ has been pressed, it is there for the world to see.**



GRAFT Non-Uniform Day

Next **Wednesday, 14th February**, Valentine’s Day, GRAFT have organised a non-uniform day. The theme is ‘Wear what you Love’ in exchange for bringing in £1. A paper copy came home with the children on Thursday and an electronic copy is attached to this newsletter.

Dates for the Diary – IMPORTANT

- Wednesday 14th February** – Non-Uniform Day. Details from GRAFT attached.
- Friday 16th February** – END OF HALF TERM.
- Monday 26th February** – All children return to school.
- Saturday 2nd March** – Dunstable Downs 5km Parkrun.
- Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day – Details to follow next week.
- W/b: 11th March** – British Science Week.
- Wednesday 13th March** – ‘Rags to Riches’ Clothes Collection
- Thursday 14th March** – Comic Relief (Wear something red for £1)
- Friday 15th March** – INSET – School Closed.
- Monday 25th March** – Parent’s Evening – Letters will be sent out after half term.
- Thursday 28th March** – END OF TERM – 13.30



Well done to **Karolina, Joy, Henry, Oakley, Eva-Mae, Leo, and Daniel** for achieving your silver badge for 100% attendance in school the last 20 weeks!



Attendance		
Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
95%	91%	90%

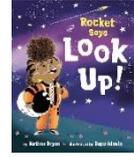


Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Henry
Class Blake: Eva-Mae
Class Wiltshire: Alexia

Curriculum News

In English this week, linked to well-being week, all children have been reading the book, 'Look Up!' The children have been predicting what they think might happen, using different adjectives for description, acting out different scenes from the story and reading their favourite parts.



For Safer Internet Day, we shared with the children how far a photograph can travel when posted online. Thank you to everyone for sharing and writing where you are from in the world.

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Reception have been comparing mass, weight, and capacity. **Key questions included, 'How many more tomatoes are on the scale? What does it mean the scale is balanced?'** The children then had to cut out and order different sized towers. The children in Year 1 have been securing their knowledge of addition and subtraction facts up to 20. **For example, $18 - 5 =$ and $13 + 6 =$.** When reading the book 'Look Up' the children have been making links to their own lives by drawing what they would like to be when they are older. It has been lovely to read the children's writing and what their ambitions and dreams are. In science, the focus has been reptiles. **The children have been labelling key features such as reptiles, scales, and claws.** The learning then progressed onto labelling different types of reptiles.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the focus has been addition and subtraction questions when using cm and mm. **For example, what is $5\text{cm} + 32\text{mm}$?** The children in Year 3 need to convert 32mm to 3.2cm and use a columnar method to add. The children in Year 2 have been solving problems involving cm and mm. **For example, what is $63\text{cm} - 11\text{cm}$? and if a toy car is 12cm , and another car is 7cm longer, what is the length of the other car?** In music, the children have continued to develop their skills of playing the recorder. In art, the children have continued looking at famous buildings around the world (Sydney Opera House, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Big Ben and The Taj Mahal). The children then had to cut out a template and make the famous, Sydney Opera House. In geography, the children have been looking at satellite photographs and identifying physical and natural features.

Class Wiltshire

In English this week, the children in Year 4 have started learning about the concept of 'Perimeter.' The children were taught what perimeter means before moving onto calculating. **For example, if a rectangle has a length of 8cm and a width of 3cm , what is the perimeter?** The children in Year 5 have been learning how to find fraction of amounts. **For example, what is $1/3$ of 18 ? And what is $2/5$ of 35 ?** The children in Year 6 have started to learn about algebra and using letter for unknown quantities. **For example, if m stands for 4 , what is $6m + 17$?** In art, the children have been learning about The Terracotta Army and studying different symbols and patterns. In RE, the focus has been different faiths and belonging. This has included looking at the work different charities do in our communities.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

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Golden Book

Well done to **Niamh, Megan, and Alexia** for excellent work on perimeter during tutoring on Wednesday afternoon. **Ava** did some excellent algebra in maths! Well done. **Elizabeth and Theo** did some superb phonics – great work! Well done to **Chloe and Isabella** for excellent work in maths. Well done to **Robin, Karolina, Noah, Henry, and Joy** for superb work in phonics. What a fantastic piece of art, **Arthur!** Wow! **Daisy and Alexia** worked very hard and showed great skill in gymnastics – great work!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Rest-up and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the final week of this half term.

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.