



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 6th October, 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome to October, and to the end of another week! It feels like it has started to turn more autumnal this week, but we have still tried to get outside as much as possible and enjoy the warm lunchtimes.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to all families who have returned their completed slip stating what times are best for a parent consultation. **If you haven't already done so, please complete and return to the school office by Tuesday 11th October.**

There will be no tutoring after school on Monday 16th October as teachers will be in parent meetings.

Black History Week



The week beginning 16th October, we will be celebrating Black History Week. There will be lots of different activities taking place during this enrichment week. Look out for photographs on our school Facebook page.

Each class will be reading the book 'Amazing Grace' and completing a range of written and speaking and listening activities.

School Photographs

A reminder that next **Tuesday (10th October)** our school photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure all children are in the correct uniform.



Christmas Art Projects

The proofs were returned to school yesterday for the children's Christmas artwork they designed. All work, along with information as to how families can order, was sent home with the children yesterday. Each design has a unique QR code on the back. **There are no spare copies of the children's work, so please keep them safe.**

Dates for the Diary – IMPORTANT

Monday 16th October – Parent Consultations

Thursday 19th October – GRAFT Halloween Craft Fayre (15.30-16.45) Letter attached.

Friday 20th October – END OF HALF TERM – 15.15.

Attendance

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



Stars of the Week



Class Banksy: Henry
 Class Blake: Callum
 Class Wiltshire: Daniel

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths, the children have been learning how to write number sentences. For example, if $6 + 2 = 8$, then $8 - 2 = 6$. 'If I had 6, and someone else had 3, how many would I have altogether? What would 1 less be?' In English, the children have been reading the text, 'Lost in the Toy Museum.' The children have been acting out different parts of the story and discussing, 'What happens when the lights are turned off in the museum? What happens to the toys when the doors are locked?' A whole-class game of hide and seek took place in the classroom too! In geography, the children have been looking at aerial views of the school and surrounding areas and discussing what a bird's eye view is.

Class Blake

In maths, the children have been learning to count and recognize money. For example, what coins could you use to make 37p? And is there such thing as a 14p coin? We discussed with the children the importance of mathematics in real life and how to effectively count using written and mental methods. In science, the children continued learning about materials and which metals are heavy, dull, shiny and rigid. For English, the children have been learning to express their opinions and listen to others' views. For example, 'Would you rather it be winter all year long, or summer?'

Class Wiltshire

In maths, the children have been securing how to round numbers up to 1,000,000, recognize and write Roman Numerals and add and subtract numbers using the columnar method. In English, the children are nearly at the end of their class text - 'Spaceboy.' They have been learning how to write a newspaper report with illustrations, captions, and information. The children wrote their own blurb and front cover for the book - utterly brilliant! For their artwork, the children have been using techniques to create light and shadow.

Team Points for this week are as followed:



452



487



449

Golden Book

Well done to **Ava** for being able to recall her seven times tables fluently. **Lois and Alexia** did some excellent writing about volcanoes. **Hetty, Bella, Lola and Lily** took part in some very mature discussions during English when giving, and listening, to others' opinions. **Arthur, Lillie-Mai, Megan, and Samuel** wrote their own blurb and designed their own front cover for the book, Spaceboy – well done everyone! **Leyton** showed an excellent attitude towards his reading during our weekly buddy assembly. Well done to **Hollie and Demi** for showing an excellent attitude at swimming. **All the children in Reception** have been put in the Golden Book for superb phonics! **Chloe and Austin** did some excellent science work about materials – well done. **Denny** showed a huge act of kindness during lunchtime – we are very proud of you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I will see you all on Monday.

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.