



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 15th September - 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

The new school year is now well and truly underway. The children have been working so hard across all areas of the curriculum. The cooler weather has certainly helped this week!

I have always found through my teaching career that the month of September goes so quickly, and this year has been no different.

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

Mrs Mortimer

At the beginning of October, Mrs Mortimer will be leaving Gaddesden Row. Mrs Mortimer has been covering the role of SENDCo whilst Mrs Scott has been on maternity leave.

The work she has done to support our children, families and staff team has been exemplary and I know you will all wish her the best of luck. Mrs Mortimer will be missed by all of us, and I would like to thank her for everything she has done to support our school community and me personally over the last 18 months.

For the interim period, Miss Smith and I will be taking over the responsibility of the SENDCo role. Over the next three weeks, there will be a full handover between SLT.

Attendance - £10 again for Class Banksy!

It has been another good week for attendance in school.

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
100%	94%	93%



Lateness

I would like to remind all families that the school day begins at 08.45 and the front gates close at 08.50. Anyone arriving after this time needs to bring their child to the school office and sign-in. Please ensure that the gate is closed behind you after being let in via the electronic intercom.

Team Captains

Each class held a democratic vote this week to vote for the new team and vice captains in Year 5 and 6. The children delivered their speeches very well and in assembly this afternoon, we announced the names for each team group and gave out new badges.

I know you will all represent your team groups superbly! Well done to all of you.

TEAM SAPPHIRE – Team Captain: Daisy-Mae. Vice-Captain: Daniel

TEAM RUBY – Team Captain: Evie-Rose. Vice-Captain: Dexter

TEAM EMERALD – Team Captain: Bobby. Vice-Captain: Arthur



School Council

The children in each class this week have been campaigning to be elected as a school councillor. We are very proud of the children for all the hard work they have put in. It is not an easy thing to do to stand and deliver a speech to a class of children. **The votes are in and our new school councillors for the 2023/24 academic year are as followed:**

Class Banksy – Leyton and Tommy

Class Blake – Lily and Isabella

Class Wiltshire – Samuel and Lois



Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: All of Reception!

Class Blake: Austin

Class Wiltshire: Daisy



Curriculum News

Class Banksy

The children have been learning a range of new sounds in phonics this week. This has included Phase 5 sounds. In maths, the children have been recognising numerals to the correct words and in geography, identifying countries in the United Kingdom. My love for Northern Ireland was shared with everyone!



Class Blake

The children have been learning how to partition 2 and 3-digit numbers. For example, 342 is 300, 40 and 2. In science, the children have been investigating which materials tear, cut, stretch, and fold. In RE, the children have been recognising different symbols.

Class Wiltshire

The children have been enjoying their class text, 'Spaceboy' and have been reading with expression and finding out the meanings of new words. In maths, Roman Numerals have been taught with the children recognising the correct letters to match to numbers.

Team Points for this week are as followed:



187



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Golden Book

Well done to **Joy, Henry, Theo, Noah, Karolina, and Oliver** for excellent maths work when looking at different shapes. **Leo, Bella, Lola and Hetty** were able to use excellent descriptive language during a science lesson – well done. **Austin** completed some superb SPAG work when looking at nouns and verbs. Well done to **Arthur and Ava** for superb artwork! **Denny, Louie, Oakley, Leyton, Tommy and Natty** wrote some excellent facts about the history of Lego!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing 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.