

NEWSLETTER NO 4

Friday 5th February 2021

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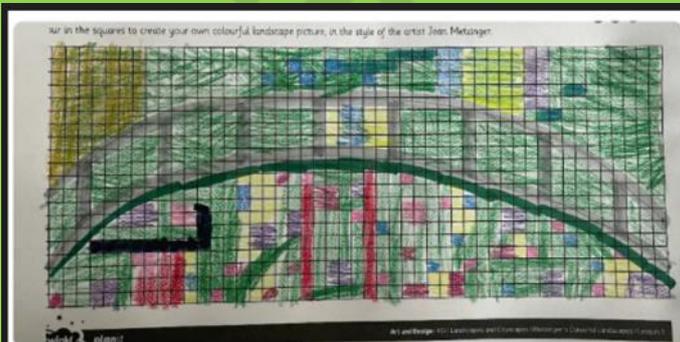
In school we have been exploring the real meaning of love and how you should show love for others by caring, respect and kindness. The children have been encouraged to spread love around through kind words and deeds and plenty of smiles. Acts of consideration and love for each other will be encouraged and acknowledged. We can be more loving to others by giving time, patience and attention to their needs. Our message will be that from a feeling of love comes happiness and we want every person in our school to feel loved and happy.

Thought for the month: 'Love life and life will love you back. Love people and they will love you back.' Arthur Rubenstein

At home you could try to make the word 'love' a frequent part of your vocabulary so that everyone feels comfortable about expressing their feelings. Children could be encouraged to make something special (eg. a card, biscuits or cake) for someone they love. Something made with love is always received with love. You may like to use the internet with your children to explore the lives of people like Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela who demonstrated unconditional love in their lives.

Art in Year 1

Year 1 have been comparing three artists; Monet, Van Gogh and Metzinger. Well done to George from Beech class for some great art whilst learning from home. He has used squares in the style of Metzinger to create his artwork.

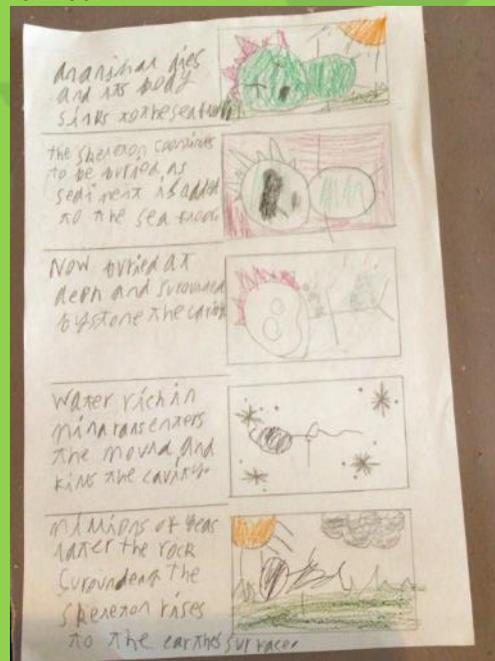


Science in Year 3

Here are a few of the photos from our Science walk to investigate the rock used in local building. The children were impeccably behaved and really showed pride in themselves and their community.



A great piece of work has come in from a Year 3 pupil who is learning at home. This is an explanation of how fossils are formed.



History in Year 4

In history, Year 4 have been learning about the Vikings. In this week's lesson we focused on the types of weapons they used. Here are some fantastic examples of shields and swords by Lucy.



Maths in Year 1

The children have been creating, exploring and investigating the heights of the robots that they have created, putting them in height order and seeing who has made the smallest and tallest robots. They wrote some fantastic addition number sentences too.



Kipsy Day

To recognise Children's Mental Health Week, on Wednesday 3rd February we had a Kipsy day. Kipsy is a caterpillar which is being used in school to support the children in being able to talk about their emotions. The Caterpillar club is designed to improve emotional literacy and understanding in children. Through the use of resources, such as KIPSY, children will begin to understand their feelings and the value of being heard when they correctly express their feelings, rather than using their behaviour to communicate how they feel. It was wonderful to see children and adults, at home and in school in bright colours to recognise Kipsy Day.



Parent survey

I hope that all of your children have enjoyed the live sessions delivered by teachers this week.

You may have missed in the reports cover letter that we are currently carrying out a survey to get some feedback about our remote learning provision and our provision in school for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children. The survey can be found here:

[GMA Parent Survey - January 2021 Lockdown](#)

In particular, if you would like to draw our attention to a particular member of staff who you feel has done a good job recently, please let us know using the form.

Laptops from the High Sheriff

Today, a representative from the Office of the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire came to Gothic Mede Academy to present the school with 10 Chromebooks to support the our provision for pupils accessing home learning. These were funded by various trusts and charities and enable us to support our children in a way that we wouldn't otherwise be able to. We are very grateful to Susan Lousada DL, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, and the work that her office has done to provide these.



Comic Relief

On Friday 19th March we will be joining in with Red Nose Day and the theme will be Superheroes. We look forward to seeing your superhero costumes on this day. There will be the opportunity to make voluntary donations for Comic Relief through the Parentmail shop nearer the time.

Science – Year 4

As part of their study of 'states of matter' in Year Four this week, we have conducted a series of experiments. We have produced carbon dioxide by mixing bicarbonate of soda with vinegar, looked at the properties of a colloid and investigated how water behaves when you combine droplets on a small area.



Site Agent Vacancy

Please see below for further information on this available position.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/school/Gothic-Mede-Academy/140281/EDV-2021-GMA-54378/Site-Agent>

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Head Teacher's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Jack	for his friendly, caring attitude to his friends.
Oak	Harley	for great phonics sounding and for saying and writing all of the phase 2 tricky words.
Elm	Gabriella	for putting so much effort into all of her home learning and for being an explorer elephant in science.
Beech	Evie	for being incredibly conscientious and imaginative in all areas of the curriculum, particularly in art and English.
Maple	Precious	for putting so much effort into her maths learning over the last two weeks.
Willow	Molly	for her resilience in handwriting this week. Molly is learning to join her letters, she has worked very hard to accomplish this.
Sycamore	Lyra	for her excellent effort and resilient attitude in maths. Lyra never gives up and is now using her related number facts to solve more complex problems involving multiplication and division.
Chestnut	Harriet	for her enthusiasm and focus when learning her times tables in mathematics.
Birch	Carter	for his enthusiasm, effort and concentration when learning new skills in mathematics.
Hazel	Ellis	for his excellent slideshow comparing a Bat Mitzvah with a taking Amrit.

