

NEWSLETTER NO 6

Friday 26th February 2021

Our value for this month is: Love



Viking Day!

Year 4 had a fantastic Viking day. Look at this amazing art work. The children had lots of fun in the preparation up to Viking Day.



Star Challenges!

Maple class have seen some great star challenges coming in. Well done to Elodie, Siyana and Lily for this great work on famous artists. We look forward to seeing more star challenges.

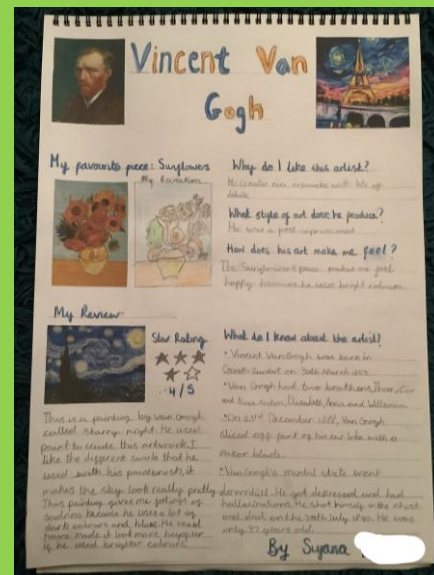
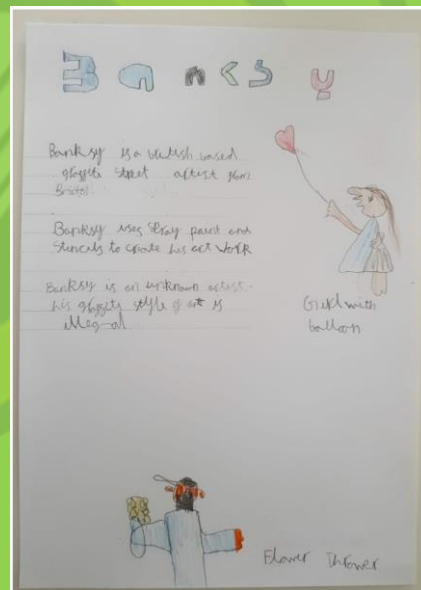


World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help them get started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day token. You will find this attached to the bottom of this letter. We also have some activities planned to celebrate the day as a school and to support children to develop their love of reading and stories:

- We would like children to wear their pyjamas for the day! We think that reading is best when you're comfy and what better way to do that than by wearing your pyjamas? Therefore, children who are currently attending school can come in wearing their pyjamas on Thursday 4th March. Children learning at home may also wish wear their pyjamas for the day.
- Your child's usual English lesson on Thursday 4th March will be replaced with a story read by their teacher, accompanied by some activities linking to the story. This will be posted onto your child's Google Classroom on the morning of the 4th March
- We will be running a 'Masked Reader' activity. Each day during the week beginning 1st March, a video clip of a teacher reading a story will be posted to the school's Facebook page. We're encouraging pupils and parents to watch these and comment with their guesses of who the masked reader might be!
- Finally, at Gothic Mede, we think reading should be fun! We're encouraging pupils to have a go at the reading challenge that has been sent out via Parentmail.

Happy Reading!



Chinese New Year

It was lovely to see our pupils at home and in school celebrating Chinese New Year. Sycamore Class made paper dragons and clay dragons. They then went onto Chinese drumming and our 3D paper dragons danced along!



Reception to Year 2 classes, both in school and at home were able to join into a dance workshop with Don Rae



Uniform

School Uniform Price Increase

We have had news from Total Clothing our uniform supplier that there will be a price increase which will come into effect on **Tuesday 6th April 2021**. They have only made price increases where absolutely necessary and in most cases are less than expected due to the current situation and the increase in shipping costs. Please find the details below.

Sweatshirt	£10.99 to £11.50
Polo-shirt	£6.99 - no change
Cardigan	£12.30 to £ 12.50
Fleece	£14.60 to £15.00
PE T-shirt	£5.75 to £5.99
Caps	£5.70 to £5.99
PE bag	£5.75 to £5.99
Book bag	£6.99 to £7.45

Total Clothing we will be opening their phone lines from Wednesday 3rd March between 9am and 1pm.

(Monday to Friday until further notice)

Click and Collect will be open from Monday 8th March between 9am and 1 pm (Monday to Friday until further notice)

Delivery to school will re commence week beginning Monday 15th March.

Orders will still take approx. 10 working days to process.

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder of the following dates for your diary.

March

- 4th March Wear your Pyjamas to school or at home for World Book Day.
- 12th March Dress up as a Scientist for Science week.
- 19th March Comic Relief – it is time to dress up as a Superhero!

Music Lessons

As we start to look towards the return to school on the 8th March we are currently looking at Music Lesson plans. Mrs Glendon will be in touch with further information in the next week. If you would like to make any changes to your children's lessons or interested in your child starting to learn, please contact Mrs Glendon. We currently have lessons for piano, violin and guitar. We also offer saxophone and clarinet for years 3 and 4.

School dinner/snack payments

A reminder to please make sure that payments are made before 6pm on a Sunday for the coming week. Payment options go live through Parentmail shop on a Wednesday lunchtime and close at 6pm on a Sunday. Many thanks

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal'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	Princess	for her increased confidence in phonics and her Go for it gorilla attitude towards her learning.
Oak	Poppy	for her enthusiastic attitude towards her work at all times and for the value of caring she shows towards her friends
Elm	Rhys	for his outstanding effort whilst learning from home
Beech	James	for his consistent and amazing home learning and production of beautiful artwork.
Maple	Laurie	for her spectacular silhouette picture that she created in art of The Great Fire of London
Willow	Anthony	for taking a huge amount of pride in his home learning.
Sycamore	George	for his positive attitude towards problem solving in Maths. George is experimenting with different strategies and checking his work more carefully to eliminate errors.
Chestnut	Alek	for his enthusiastic attitude to his learning across the curriculum, both at school and at home.
Birch	Zain	for a conscientious approach to his learning and increased confidence, especially in maths.
Hazel	Kyren	for his enthusiasm and contribution to Viking day.

