



Newsletter No. 9

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 11th March 2022



The Faith Tour

Year 3 had a fantastic time on Wednesday. As part of the RE curriculum for Year 3 - 'Where, how and why people worship' – they went to Bedford to participate in the Bedford Queen's Park Faith Tour.

During the trip the children visited the following places of worship:

Guru Nanak Gurdwara (Sikhism), Westbourne Road Mosque (Islam) and All Saints Parish Church (Christianity).

The visit helps the children to understand the similarities and differences between these religions and the ways they worship.

Darcie said she really enjoyed the church, some of the children got to dress up in church dress and they also learnt about babies being baptised, Charlotte said she really enjoyed the gurdwara and learning about the Guru Granth Sahib and how to respect this.



Water Bottles

We are seeing lots of children coming to school without their water bottle. Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle daily. This needs to be filled with water and not juice.

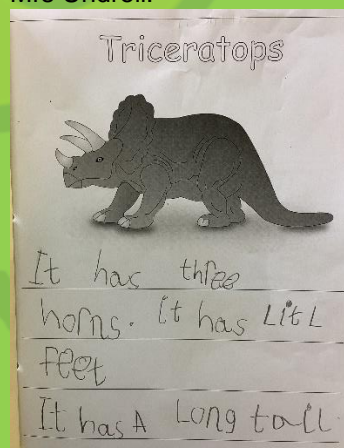
Bikeability

Some of our Year 4 children were joined by Outspoken Training for their Bikeability. This enables our students to learn how to ride a bike safely and prepares them for the transfer to middle school.



Dinosaurs

In Ash class, the children have learnt about the features of non-fiction texts and then made their own information books about dinosaurs. They have created a front cover, written some informative sentences about their chosen dinosaur and created a page where they have labelled the different parts. The children are all so proud of their books and so is Mrs Undrell.



Teach Active

Weekly Fitness Challenge



Try walking around for 10 minutes a day whilst bouncing a ball on a racquet or on your hand.

Drop off and pick up

We've seen significantly reduced numbers of cases of COVID-19 at Gothic Mede Academy this half term so we've started to ease some of our restrictions at school. From Monday a member of staff will still open the gates at the usual times in the mornings and afternoons but **parents and carers will not be called onto the playground in groups.**

As at the start of the academic year, we will continue with the usual staggered drop off and pick up times:

Drop offs:

Acorn 08:50

Main gates:

Reception 08:40

Years 1 and 2 08:45

Main gates will be locked at 08:55

Staff car park gate

Years 3 and 4 08:40

Staff car park gates will be locked at 08:50

Pick ups:

Acorn 15:20

Main playground:

Reception 15:20

Years 1 and 2 15:25

Years 3 and 4 15:30

Gates will be locked at 15:35

Children will be able to be dropped off with their siblings at the earlier times but they cannot be picked up any earlier than their allocated time.

Awards from Celebration Assembly

Swimming

Level 3	George	Willow
Level 3	Logan	Willow
15 metres	Lyra	Birch
15 metres	Dylan	Maple c

Dance

Well done Amber from Willow class

Theatrical dance - distinction

Disco freestyle - honours

Mollie & Alice (Hazel and Oak) donated their hair to the Princess Trust. Well done!

Alice from Oak Class was poppet of the week at the Pauline Quirke Academy.

Mollie from Hazel received her yellow belt in taekwondo.

Parents/carers around school after drop off

We have noticed groups of adults standing by the school boundaries after children have been dropped off in the mornings, looking in through classroom and corridor windows. This is causing us safeguarding concerns and is distracting children from their lessons and getting back to class after they've hung their coats up on their pegs.

Please can you try not to hang around school boundaries once you have dropped your children off and before you collect them at the end of the day? This will allow children to focus, respond well to staff in school and will reduce any safeguarding concerns we may have.

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	Anne-Marie	for her enthusiasm and engagement in phonics, both in class and when working with Cher
Oak	Tristan	for being a persevering parrot when faced with a challenge and for using great problem solving skills in creating imaginative models.
Beech	Eddie	for a much improved attitude towards his learning and linking his knowledge of different graphemes in phonics.
Elm	Harmony	for her fantastic imaginative story writing and for her pride in her neat writing.
Willow	Isla	for her informative and well-presented non-fiction writing on the Great Fire of London
Maple	Tristan	for his increased independence and confidence when completing writing tasks independently.
Chestnut	Ruby-Blue	for taking great pride in her handwriting and for her fantastic ideas when creating a ribbon dance during PE
Sycamore	Anthony	for his engagement and enthusiasm towards our space project and his focus and concentration during our ukulele lesson.
Birch	Phoebe	for her confident contributions to our class discussions in a wide range of subjects. Phoebe really takes responsibility for her own learning.
Hazel	Beau	for the excellent information text he produced about a PS5. He showed pride in his work, completing it to a high standard.



Tidy Ted

Birch class for being tidy, everything put back to where it should and clear work spaces.

Theatretrain

Freddie
Jackson

Oak
Elm

Other awards to mention

Premier

Football

Oakley

Elm

Street Dance Stars

Lily

Freddie

Nico

Georgia

Chestnut

Chestnut

Chestnut

Hazel

Multisports

YR2/3

Florence

Akhaya

Chestnut

Maple

Gymnastics

Garvan

Soleil

Maple

Chestnut

Disco Ducks

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Lily Mae

Reuben

Beech

Ash

Zumba

Sophie

Sycamore