



Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 25th February 2022



Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is a carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday. This is celebrated by parties and parades. Year 3 have been learning about this and also preparing their masks for their Mardi Gras party!



Maths Fluency in Year 4

In fluency, we were using our mathematical knowledge to make calculation loops. Every answer leads into the next question until a full circle of questions and answers are made.



Money skills

On Thursday we were very lucky to be joined by staff from HSBC.

They ran a series of money skills programmes with our Year 3 and 4 children. Included in these were Super Super Challenge, European Tour, Sporting Chance, Making Wise Choices and The Lost Purse.

All children that took part received a certificate and enjoyed the sessions.

Rosalie and Eleanor told me that it was great and they learned all about budgets. They were only able to afford one football stadium in their budget though!



World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

We have very exciting news this week - the winner of the national Charlie Ant competition to design a new character for the Charlie Ant books is a Gothic Mede pupil!!!! The name of the winning pupil will be announced by author, Andy Huxtable, when he comes into GMA to celebrate World Book Day with us on Thursday 3rd March.

To promote the cosiness of snuggling up with a good bedtime story, we invite pupils and staff to wear pyjamas in school on Thursday 3rd March and to bring a book of their choice from home to share with friends. Please ensure your child wears appropriate shoes and not slippers. It might also be worth putting your child's name in their book.

Book vouchers

Look out for the free book vouchers that children will be bringing home as part of World Book Day celebrations. We are so lucky to have two excellent local bookshops - David's in Letchworth, and Waterstones in Hitchin. Their staff are always available to help you with browsing and book selections. Don't forget to use your vouchers to get a special WBD book or £1 off a book of your choice.

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	Oscar	for his focus and attention when doing his handwriting and when using scissors to cut carefully.
Oak	Kiera	for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' during her phonics lessons and always challenging herself to write a sentence with the words we are learning.
Elm	Franklyn	for his excellent understanding of maths and his ability to prove and explain the reasoning for his answers.
Beech	Jack	for showing great determination in phonics and spelling words independently.
Maple	Gabby	for making great progress with her reading. Gabby is using lovely expression when she reads and she shows a fantastic understanding of what she has read.
Willow	Ella	for showing resilience and her amazing work in maths with money.
Chestnut	Freddie	for his fantastic effort in all areas of maths and for completing another Challenge Tuesday sheet.
Sycamore	Rowan	for carefully following instructions and her brilliant attention to detail when creating a fossil.
Birch	Anthony	for the effort he has put into learning his multiplication tables with superb results.
Hazel	Mollie-Mae	for her engagement and perseverance when learning formal division in mathematics.



Other awards to mention

Disco Ducks Yr1
Zumba

Alara
Evie

Elm
Willow

Premier
Multisports Yr3

Evren
Cassien
Ezra
Gaby

Chestnut
Chestnut
Hazel
Willow

Theatretrain
Yr 1
Reception

Patrick
Thea

Elm
Ash

Tidy Ted

Well done to Chestnut class
for tidy desks and
preparation areas.