



# Newsletter No. 10

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022



## Step up Day

A wonderful Friday seeing our pupils experience their new classes and meeting their new teachers. A buzz of excitement was in the air here at Gothic Mede this morning seeing the children step up. We also hope our Year 4 pupils had a great day at their next school, and that all our children come home with stories about their exciting day!



## Poetry in Year 3

This week I had the joy of seeing some wonderful poetry in Sycamore class. The imagination in each line was incredible and they all produced some beautiful work.

The whisper of a waterfall as it crashes over the rocks and a floating cold potato.



## Thank you

We have had the pleasure of Mrs Shaw-McDowell at Gothic Mede this year. She has been in Year 4 this year alongside Mr Warlow, whilst completing her teaching training. Mrs Shaw-McDowell has been an invaluable member of the Gothic Mede family and we'll miss her a lot. We wish her all the best for her future career.



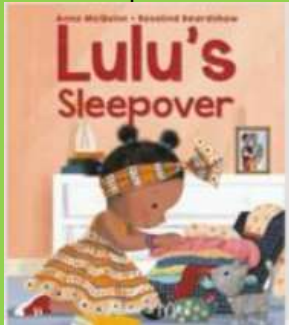
## Reading corner

Look out for information coming up about the Summer Reading Challenge!!!

Theme: Bedtime

Reception/year one

Lulu's sleepover - Anna McQuinn



Lulu is getting ready for her first ever sleepover. She's going to be spending the night at her cousin Hani's house, but first she needs to pack. Pyjamas, spare clothes, books and her favourite soft toys all go in the suitcase. She's ready!

Year two/three

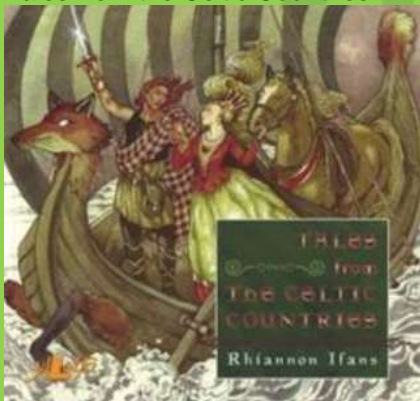
Hilary McKay's fairy tales



What happened to Rapunzel after she was freed from the tower? How did Rumpelstiltskin end up striking that notorious deal? And what's the TRUTH about the wolf in Little Red Riding Hood?

Year three/four

Tales from the Celtic Countries - Rhiannon Ifans



This unusual story collection features a total of 12 tales from the six Celtic countries: Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Cornwall and the Isle of Man. Fabulous, ethereal illustrations capture the magical nature of the narratives which, like all the oldest fables, are rather grisly but also hilarious and quirky.

## Summer Fair

After several years of reduced ability to fundraise, PFGM (Parents and Friends of Gothic Mede) is looking forward to resuming our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 16th July from 11-3. To make this event a success, we need support from our children and families. We are looking for donations of the following items between now and Friday 15th July:

- 1) Jam or other glass jars filled with items for our jam jar hoopla - this can be jam, sweets, stickers, buttons, crayons...anything that will fit inside a jar
- 2) Teddies or other stuffed toys
- 3) Tombola donations
- 4) Spare medium to large baskets or crates

We are also looking for help on the day, from 10:00am set-up. Even if you can only help for an hour, please inform the office and we will find a way that you can support the school.

On Friday 15th July the school will also be having a non-uniform day if you bring in donations of the following items:

- 1) Bottles of any type: alcoholic (please can a parent drop this to the office), non-alcoholic, vinegars or oils, juices, waters, washing up liquids, etc
- 2) Chocolate of any type without nuts - large bars, small bars, or multi-packs
- 3) Items for a rainbow raffle. Please bring in food, drinks, toiletries, craft supplies, or anything else in the following colours:

- Year 4 - Red
- Year 3 - Orange
- Year 2 - Yellow
- Year 1 - Green
- Reception - Blue
- Acorn - Purple

These items will be placed by colour into baskets and raffled off at the summer fare.

Please bring in at LEAST one of the above items for our non-uniform day on the 15th. If you can, please bring in an item from two or more categories. We have not asked for donations for the last few years due to COVID-19 and ALL the money raised from events goes back into the school, enabling the PFGM to provide items your kids use in school and paying for things such as our new library, coaches to swimming (Year 3) and Young Voices (Year 4), and sometimes subsidising school trips.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th!

Thanks so much for your support!



## 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	Matilda	for her valuable contributions during maths lessons and being able to explain her answers; and for continuing her learning during child-initiated play.
Oak	Teddy	for thinking up fantastic sentences when writing his minibeast 'What am I?' riddle about a snail e.g. "I slither on the path."
Elm	Franklyn	for his beautiful neat style of handwriting when writing his report.
Beech	Freya	for her wonderful attitude to learning, taking pride in her DT work on healthy eating and settling in well in Beech Class.
Willow	Oliver	for his positive attitude towards his learning, particularly in his writing and maths, where he has listened to feedback and used it to improve his work.
Maple	Dylan	for his impressive ability to read the time to five minutes and solve problems related to time.
Chestnut	Siyana	for her excellent work when learning about the water cycle. She worked well as part of a team to make a model of the cycle and added lots to our class discussions throughout the lesson.
Sycamore	Minnie	for her effort and perseverance with her independent writing.
Birch	Lyra	for her effort, independence and self-awareness when writing her report comments.
Hazel	Alek	for his engaging Firebird story that demonstrated his understanding of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.



### Tidy Ted

Hazel Class

for always making sure the classroom is tidy at the end of the day, and making all class members be responsible for the way the classroom is left.

### Other awards to mention

Harmony - Elm Class

won a reading challenge during half term and she was awarded with a new book. The idea of the competition was to take a picture of your child reading and the best pictures won.

Lucas - Hazel Class

Top trainer award at soccer school

George - Maple Class

Season trophy - Stotfold Football Club

Florence - Hazel Class

Marriott Gymnastics - Gold award level 2 and Gold award level 3

Garvan - Maple Class

received a medal for his recent fortitude in competition for Tae Kwon Do.

Street Dance stars

Soleil                      Chestnut  
Eadon                      Chestnut

Lego club

Darcey                      Willow  
Blake                      Willow  
George                      Willow

Multisports

Jagoda                      Birch  
George                      Birch  
Football                      Finley  
Franklyn                      Elm

Disco Duck award

Tess                      Ash

Sarah's Dance      Rosie May

Willow