



Newsletter No. 12

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

Friday 15th July 2022



Music Assembly

On Tuesday morning it was an absolute joy listening to some of our music students in a parent assembly. We listened to pieces from students in Year 1 and above. The assembly featured the violin, guitar, piano and some lovely vocal pieces too. We are very proud of you all.



School Music Assemblies

We have had some fantastic music assemblies this term with Mrs McHugh. The children have been learning the song – Oh the Mighty Orchestra and using this to learn about all different types of instruments. On Wednesday Mrs McHugh found some budding soloists to sing the verses!



Year 2 in the outside classroom

Year 2 went on a bug hunt in the outdoor classroom. We used tweezers, magnifying glasses and containers to find different bugs and we recorded the different habitats we found them in.



Pollination

Year 3 have been learning about the role of different parts of the flower in the pollination and reproduction process. They have really showed their creativity using watercolour pencils.



Menu

When children return after summer on Monday 5th Sept they will be on week 2 of the same menu as we are on. New menu to come in the autumn.



Heatwave – Mon and Tue

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we're expecting some very high temperatures so the leadership team of the academy met and discussed some ways to keep the children safe. We will be putting in place the following:

- All children should come into school in their PE kits on Monday and Tuesday
- If you would prefer to send your child into school in cooler, more casual footwear, we will be flexible with this on Monday and Tuesday (as long as their footwear is secured at the front and the back of their feet)
- There will be no indoor or outdoor PE (apart from yoga or similarly reduced physical activity PE)
- Each class will have a slot each day in the library and the ICT suite (to make the most of the air conditioning!)
- Staff are reminding themselves of children in their classes who are vulnerable to the effects of heat - nosebleeds, seizures etc. - and we are clear on the treatment of these, should they occur
- Support staff will regularly check children's water bottles and fill them up if necessary
- Children will be prompted to drink water regularly through the two days and they should have their water bottles on their desks to access when they need to
- We would like to remind you to send your children in with water bottles, hats and sunscreen on
- The children will be taken outside for 15 minutes at lunchtime before being brought back into class
- Children will not be having an afternoon break time outside
- Each class will have 30 minutes in the outdoor classroom each day so that the children can get some fresh air, but be shaded
- All of our assemblies next week will be at the start of the day, as soon as the children are registered, hopefully when the day is at its coolest

The DfE are not advising schools to close or change their hours. We will keep you informed if this changes at all.

Reading scheme and library books

Please can all children bring in their library and reading books on Monday so that they can be collected in for the summer?

New staff

I am pleased to announce that some new staff will be joining us in September. Mr Mark Curtis will be starting as our new Site Agent, Mrs Philippa New will be the second teacher for Chestnut Class in September and Mrs Samantha Britton will be the second teacher for Oak Class. Both teachers have already started working with the school and will be coming in to see the children before they start. Mrs New will be teaching Chestnut Class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Britton will be teaching Oak Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Britton will be starting with us on 22nd September so Mrs Webber will be teaching Oak Class every day until she joins us.

Uniform in 2022-2023

Please see our school uniform policy at the following link. This includes guidance on normal uniform, PE kit and bags in school, as well as hair, jewellery, makeup and footwear.

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/uniform>

If children arrive in school inappropriately dressed - including on PE days, you will be contacted and asked to bring in school uniform.



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.

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| Ash Oak | Lola Harrison | for her hard work, enthusiasm and increased confidence. for his fantastic participation in sports day. Oak Class were so proud of his enthusiasm and determination. |
| Beech | Eddie | for his excellent sportsmanship and wonderful and sincere support for every member of his team during Sports Day. |
| Elm | Noah | for his increased confidence in class and his enthusiasm for learning. |
| Willow | Oliver | for his ongoing readiness to learn and enthusiasm in lessons. Oliver has been consistently listening to feedback and using it to improve his work. |
| Maple | George | for showing a fantastic understanding of time, reading the time to five minutes and solving time related problems. |
| Sycamore | Evie | for putting in a huge amount of effort with her reading at home and school resulting in improved comprehension skills. |
| Chestnut | Eadon | for his continued enthusiasm and hard work in geography lessons. |
| Birch | Max | for his continuing efforts to write descriptive and neatly presented stories. |
| Hazel | Esme | for her focused and positive attitude to her learning, completing all task with a quiet determination, |



Tidy Ted

Tidy Ted goes to Sycamore Class this week for being tidy and welcoming. Pupils take responsibility for tidying up and everything has a place.

Other awards to mention

Charlie from Elm class took part in a Horse show and walked Basil the horse and won a medal.

Isabella from Beech class competed in the Shizentai Rumble judo competition in Hatfield on Sunday and won the gold medal. Isabella also received the kindness Award for Katsact Drama club

Charlotte from Chestnut class received most confident performer for Katsact Drama club

Florence from Chestnut class received her swimming - Level 5 and Level 4 Silver gymnastics award

A big well done to Rosalie from Hazel Class. Last week she took her prep test for Grade 1 piano and passed.

Well done to Ellie from Maple class who received Players' Player - Under 8 Football – Trophy

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| Lego Club | Fin Dylan | Willow Maple |
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| Sarah's Dance | Lily Mae Islagh-Belle | Beech Maple |
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| Premier Multisports | Cassien Florence Oakley | Chestnut Chestnut Birch |
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| Football Gymnastics | Neil Leah Frankie | Oak Elm Sycamore |
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