



Newsletter No. 13

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

Thursday 21st July 2022



The Gothic Mede Water Fight!

What an amazing time was had by all. I am really not sure who enjoyed it more – the staff or the children!

It was wonderful to be on the playground and see the excitement and happy faces. It was certainly a fantastic way to keep us all cool on a very hot day.



Thank you and happy holiday children!

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for your support this year. We hope that we'll need less of your understanding next academic year and that we've seen the last of the kind of disruption that we've experienced as a result of the pandemic over the last year.

Thank you as well to your children. Working in a school is a demanding job but your children are the best in the country and make the effort worth it, ten times over. They are determined, caring and funny children and you should all be very proud of them. We are.

Finally, thank you to all of the staff who have committed their lives to the school over this last year. They are passionate about what they do and throw their all into providing the absolute best for your children, every single day of the school year. I am truly the luckiest headteacher in the country and I can't wait to continue working with my colleagues in September.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you when our school year starts on Monday 5th September 2022.

The Summer Fair

A big thank you to The PFGM for an amazing Summer Fair. This year saw lots of stalls, activities and a field full of people.

Well done to our Maypole, Theatretrain and Street Dance pupils who performed on the day and were fantastic!

Thanks to the work of our volunteers, and the support of those who attended, we have raised roughly **£2,000** for the school!





Pride Award Summer 2022

Acorn A

Jake

Jake is always ready to learn and shows quiet enthusiasm for discovering new things. He enjoys practising new skills and has shown great enthusiasm for writing recently. He is kind and caring and always looks out for the other children in Acorn A. Well done Jake.

Acorn B

Mason

Mason has become a confident learner over his year in Acorn Class. He always listens carefully and is becoming more confident to join in with new activities. He loves to learn through play and is always kind, caring and thoughtful to his friends. He is also a fantastic help at tidy up time! Well done Mason.

Ash

Harper

Harper is such a kind, caring and considerate member of Ash Class. She takes responsibility for her belongings, her actions and her learning as well as taking great pride in looking out for her peers, looking after our classroom and treating everyone and everything with an enormous amount of respect. Well done Harper!

Oak

Leon

Leon is a kind and joyful member of the class who likes to make others feel happy. He approaches his learning and unique interests with lots of effort and enthusiasm too; and even when something is challenging he will persevere. Recently this has been seen in Leon's growing confidence in using his phonic knowledge to write interesting sentences independently. Well done Leon, for having a caring attitude in all you do!





Beech

Cecily

Cecily is a delightful and courteous member of Beech Class. She endeavours to show pride in all that she does. She is undeterred from making mistakes, has a growth mindset and learns so that she can improve. Cecily has a kind heart and supports other members of Beech Class in a variety of ways. She has grown in confidence with her writing and artwork. Cecily has been a joy to teach as she consistently shows her values.

Elm

Lucy

Lucy shows the value of responsibility all of the time. She looks after her friends by being kind and caring towards them. She looks after the classroom by helping without even being asked. She looks after her learning by being enthusiastic and engaged in lessons and always producing beautiful work in her books. It has been a delight to have Lucy in Elm class this year and I know that I will hear great things about her in year 2.

Maple

Evie

Evie is such a compassionate and caring member of the Maple Class. She always recognises when other children might need some support and will always step in to help. She has often been a 'buddy' to children who are finding playtimes difficult, ensuring they have someone to play with. In addition to this, Evie has really developed over the year and she is now showing a much more mature attitude when dealing with situations in class and also towards her learning. Well done Evie!

Willow

James

James has become an independent learner this year, impressing us with his attitude towards his work and his increased resilience when finding things tricky. He has developed a growth mindset towards challenges and is now not afraid to have a go at new things. James has also worked hard to listen to feedback from his teachers and has made fantastic progress in his reading this year. James has shown himself to be a kind and loyal friend, full of enthusiasm and smiles. We are very proud of you James, well done!



Chestnut

Dottie

Dottie has made us extremely proud this year, she is kind and compassionate to her peers and sets an excellent example to others. She works very hard and puts 100% effort into all of her work. Dottie is a very resilient member of the class, she isn't phased by any task given to her and she approaches all situations in a positive way. Well done Dottie!

Sycamore

Ava

We are all extremely proud of Ava this year. Ava is a calm and gentle girl but behind that quiet exterior she has a heart of gold and has shown on many occasions that she will put the feelings of others before her own. She has grown hugely in confidence and as the year has progressed she has developed her ability to explain her reasoning and thought processes and to edit her work critically. Ava never boasts about her successes but her talents are many and varied and I know she will continue to be an excellent role model within the school.

Hazel

Oliver

Oliver has developed into a confident and independent learner. He has shown a maturity to both his learning and to his social interactions to those around him, which has helped him to become an excellent role model of how to live the values of Gothic Mede Academy.

Birch

Phoenix

Everyone in Birch Class has been incredibly proud of Phoenix this year for his excellent enthusiasm for learning and his attitude to wider school life. He has shown maturity in his approach to all the challenges that he has encountered and continues to be a caring and respectful class member.



Handwriting Awards

Every term handwriting awards are given to children who have made improvement in handwriting. A big well done to the following children.

Oak	Molly
Ash	Oliver
Beech	Finley
Elm	Oliver
Maple	Elizabeth
Willow	Harry
Sycamore	William
Chestnut	Evren
Hazel	Amy

Maths Award

Well done to Jack in Ash Class who has received the maths trophy this half term. Jack has shown a passion for maths over the past year and is always enthusiastic and eager to learn. He uses mathematical vocabulary and full sentences to explain and justify his answers and asks questions to further develop his understanding. Jack can confidently subitise and shows a deep understanding of the composition of numbers to 10 and beyond.





Good luck Year 4.

We will miss you!

The last day of the academic year always brings us a little sadness when we have to say goodbyes to our fantastic Year 4s.

We are very proud of every single one of you and may you go onto the next stage of your journey and cherish every moment.

Wednesday saw Year 4 enjoy their Leavers Treat. A tasty lunch with an Ice Cream Sundae on the field. Then Circus skill with The Great Gappo this afternoon.



Goodbye and Good luck

This week we have said some goodbyes to some amazing staff.

Miss Bygrave, Mrs Randall and Mrs Shorrock you will be so very missed. We thank you so much for all your hard work and commitment.

We wish you all well in your new journeys and future careers.



Football Awards

Another fantastic year of learning Football with the fantastic Mr Cripps for some of our students.

Well done to all pupils. The pupils below have been recognised in certain areas.

Tuesday group

Coaches Player

Max Sycamore

Well done to Max for paying great attention to the coach! Max has listened to instruction and used that to play really well this year. Max is great support to his teammates and always shows respect and plays fairly.

Values

Elliot Maple

Well done to Elliot for always using great values in Football. Elliot is very tactical in his play and is very aware of the rules of Football.

Most improved

Daniel Chestnut

Well done Daniel, we are very proud of how you have improved this year. You have taken on feedback and used this to improve in both attitude and skill.

Wednesday group

Coaches Player

Robert Birch

Well done Robert for some great football. Always showing respect and integrity.

Values

Ella Chestnut

Well done Ella for knowing the game and trying your best. Well done Ella for always being a great part of the team

Most improved

Freddie Chestnut

Well done Freddie, you have again put everything into improving at Football. You have persevered, practised and focussed.



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	Joel	for his great work in phonics, for independently writing interesting sentences and for taking particular care over his handwriting and presentation.
Oak	Corey	for showing care and determination during handwriting. Corey worked really hard to form his capital letters correctly.
Elm	Agnes	for showing care and consideration towards her friends in class and for always demonstrating pride in her work.
Beech	Dexter	for his amazing attention to detail and effort that he put in his latest story.
Maple	Noah	for showing a more mature attitude in class and making sensible choices.
Willow	Ava-Rose	for the perseverance and determination she has shown this week overcoming things she has found challenging.
Chestnut	Jessica	for her amazing attitude towards her learning and always persevering even if tasks are challenging.
Sycamore	Levi	for working hard at researching into and writing up a report of a Guinness World record
Hazel	Jack	for his engagement and positive attitude to his learning.
Birch	Kye	for his enthusiasm and endeavour in all areas of our learning.



Tidy Ted

Elm For being a tidy classroom, with everything put back in its place.

Swimming

Nephtin	Elm	25 metres
Poppy	Elm	Dance beat medal – for season
Darcey	Willow	Chief Scout's Bronze Award
Dylan	Maple	Chief Scout's Bronze Award
Darcey	Willow	Certificate of Investiture

Harper	Maple
Finley	Beech

Motorcross - 2nd at Mildenhall
2nd out of 26
Stotfold Juniors medal

Premier

Gymnastics	Evie	Maple
	Freddie	Chestnut
Football	Joel	Ash
	Cairo	Ash
Multisports	Rhys	Birch
Lego club	George	Maple
	Ellie	Maple
Sarah's dance	Paige	Elm
Disco Ducks	Alice-Rose	Oak
	Ruby	Oak
	Araiya	Ash