



Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 21st October 2022



Happy Half Term!

What an action packed half term we have had. A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 1st November (the 31st is a training day). Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Writing Instructions

Year 2 have been learning to write instructions. As part of this unit, the children had to write their own set of instructions for how to make a sandwich. They then followed their instruction to make their sandwich. They especially enjoyed the final step of their instructions which was to eat and enjoy their sandwich!



Jackson Pollock

Year 1 have had a very exciting week. In art we have been finding out about Jackson Pollock and have had loads of fun creating drip paintings in the style of Pollock. In science we have been finding out about senses and sensory organs. This week we focussed on our sense of touch and identified a range of textures and objects. We all decided that skin is an amazing sensory organ!



Make the Rules Day!

Today was Make the Rules Day. It was great to see so many children making new rules whilst raising money for the PFGM and our wonderful school.



Well done Ollie!

Ollie has impressed me with his engagement in maths lessons. He is always keen to share his explanation with the class and to push himself to take on extra challenges. It is wonderful to see such a confident mathematician!



Value Ambassador Awards

Pride Awards have been replaced with half termly Value Ambassador Awards. Our staff look for children who are following our school values in a fantastic way.



Well done to the following children!

Acorn A Sadie

Sadie is a kind and caring friend. She is compassionate - always looking out for others and helping them when they need it. She also respects our classroom and is amazing at tidy up time. Well done Sadie

Acorn B Seth

Seth is always kind and caring to his friends in Acorn Class. He lives the values of respect and compassion all the time. He shares well and always has something kind to say to others.

Ash Carter

Carter is such a wonderful member of Ash Class. He consistently lives the value of compassion and is such a kind and caring friend with the most infectious laugh! Carter always works hard and listens well. We are all extremely proud of him!

Oak Vincent

Vincent is like a ray of sunshine in Oak Class. He is always so happy and brings so much positivity into the classroom. He is respectful to all members of our school community and takes responsibility for keeping our classroom tidy. Vincent works really hard during lessons and shows so much pride in his achievements.

Beech Leo

Leo is a fantastic member of Beech Class who lives all our values throughout the day. Leo is a compassionate member of the class and always checks in with children if he sees they are feeling sad or hurt. Leo takes responsibility for keeping our environment tidy by helping around the class without being asked. He takes responsibility for his learning and listens carefully to feedback, using it to make improvements. What a fantastic role model you are, Leo.

Elm Teddy

Teddy lives the school values every day at school. He demonstrates responsibility by showing good initiative in class. He sees something that needs doing and he takes responsibility without being asked. He also takes pride in his work and pride in the person that he has become. He is kind and compassionate towards his friends. Well done Teddy

Willow Amy

Amy is a kind and caring member of Willow Class and lives our school values every day. She takes pride in everything she does even if she finds something challenging. She is compassionate towards her peers and adults and always offers her support to those around her. Amy takes responsibility for her own belongings and the classroom resources, she is always tidying up to impress Tidy Ted! A great start to year two Amy!

Maple Leah

Leah is a fantastic example of someone who lives our school values. She shows respect and responsibility in class by listening carefully to instructions and being ready to learn. She is compassionate towards her peers and will help others when she can. Leah takes great pride in the presentation of her work, it is beautiful!

Chestnut Dexter

Dexter is a caring and compassionate member of the class who is a brilliant role model to others. He is always respectful to both his class mates and staff at school and he can be relied on to be ready to learn and put lots of effort into his any task that he is given. He takes pride in his work and strives to do the best that he can, well done Dexter!

Sycamore Chloe

Chloe is a fine role model for her classmates and peers. She always shows respect for adults and pupils alike. She is ever-helpful and consistently takes responsibility for her own behaviour as well as her learning. She is caring and compassionate always there for her friends when they need her.

Hazel Levi

Levi has been an absolute beacon for the values at Gothic Mede Academy. He is respectful to all members of the class, and compassionate towards new ones. Levi is dedicated to his learning and sets an example to his peers on how to conduct themselves within lessons and around the school. He enters the classroom with a smile and is eager to lend a helping hand. Through his role as an eco-councillor he consistently makes sure that the environment around him is clear and that recyclable items are dealt with accordingly. Levi shows pride in all that he does and we in Hazel Class are incredibly proud of him.

Birch Eliza

Eliza has been an amazing role model in all areas of school life over the last half term. She is always showing readiness to learn and her positive attitude is infectious to those around her. She shows her kind and caring approach to her classmates, helping when they are upset and support her talk partners in their work. I am very proud of the maturity and compassion Eliza shows every day, well done.

Reading Corner

Half-term is just around the corner. Why not visit your local library during the week? Arlesey Resource Centre (library) is just between GMA and the surgery. Opening Hours ; Tuesday, 1:00am - 5:30pm ; Wednesday, 9:00am - 1:00pm ; Thursday, 1:00pm - 5:30pm ; Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm ; Saturday, 10:00am - 1:00pm.



We are all feeling very spooky in the run-up to Halloween. Here are some book recommendations for half term Halloween-y reading.

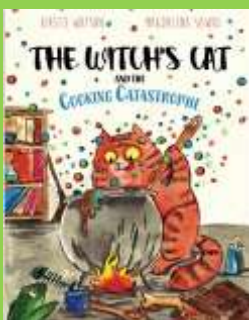
Reception Eek Halloween - Sandra Boynton



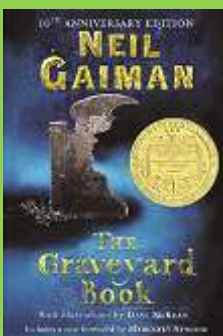
Years one and two Plinky Witch and the Grand Halloween Scheme - Liz Cooper



Year three The Witch's cat and the Cooking Catastrophe - Kirsty Watson



Year four The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman



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 Oak	Isabelle Spencer	for her enthusiasm, participation and focus during phonics. for his fantastic participation in maths lessons.
Beech	Reuben	for working independently and using his tens frames and counters effectively in maths.
Elm	Pixie	for showing her understanding when problem solving in maths and being able to prove her answer in lots of different ways.
Maple	Nephin	for his continued effort and enthusiasm during geography lessons this term whilst we have been learning about the weather in different parts of the UK.
Willow	Isabella	for using adverbs to describe bossy verbs in her instruction writing.
Chestnut	Oscar	for having a great attitude to his learning, he took particular care over his art work and produced a beautiful sketch of a leaf.
Sycamore	Gabby	for her super contributions to our discussions about poetry.
Hazel	Max	for using the values of pride and perseverance in his contribution to the group encyclopaedia about the human body and improved attitude to his learning.
Birch	Daniel	for being an amazing role model to the younger children during forest school and for living the value of responsibility in how he helped and supported the children and Mrs Anderson.



Tidy Ted

Well done to Ash Class for keeping the classroom nice and tidy.

Other awards to mention

Well done to:

Beth in Hazel Class for a Gymnastics competition in Southampton and received a medal

Amber from Chestnut Class who has received Gymnastics Level 7

Nephin from Maple who gained Little Aqua Green Level