



Newsletter No. 10

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

Friday 18th November 2022



Children in Need

Today we dressed up in spots and stripes for Children in Need. There was a beautiful array of colour around the school. Thank you for your donations so far, the option is still available in ParentMail – shop.



Thank you to our kitchen team who have been busy making Pudsey biscuits for the children to enjoy at lunch time.



Odd Socks Day

Today we also celebrated Odd Socks Day. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Today at Gothic Mede we wore odd socks to symbolise that it is okay to be different.



Basketball Festival

Some of our Year 4 pupils attended a Basketball Festival earlier this week and had a great time. Lottie from Hazel class told me: 'We were collected by coach and taken to Samuel Whitbread. We enjoyed a circuit of basketball related games. There were other schools there too following the circuit.'



Junior Duke

This week has been a busy week for Junior Duke pupils.

Year 4 were in the kitchen learning how to peel and chop vegetables. They used these and other ingredients to make some delicious vegetable soup. The children then had to answer questions for their log books on the making and eating of the soup. Great fun was had by all. A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who made this challenge possible.



Year 2 have been making sandwiches this week. They learnt the skills of spreading, slicing and filling.



Spelling Homework

We are so impressed by how well many children are doing their spelling homework this year. In some classes, nearly all the children are practising their words five times a week and we are seeing that they are now able to use these spelling patterns in their independent writing.

Please could all parents/carers support and encourage their children with their spelling homework. Improving writing is one of our school focus areas and being confident spellers will help free up brain space for creative ideas, vocabulary choices and sentence structure when writing.

A Morning of Maths

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for maths on Thursday morning. Mrs Undrell led a wonderful session on how we teach maths at Gothic Mede Academy. Parents then visited classrooms from Reception to Year 4 to see maths being taught. We have had great feedback from the parents who joined us and we look forward to running similar sessions in the future.



Reading Corner

This week's theme is the Environment.

Reception: Somebody Crunched Colin by Sarah Roberts. Colin the crisp packet finds himself on the ground, outside in the leafy garden. The problem is, he doesn't really belong there.



Year one/two: Meet the Oceans by Carol Hart. This is a vibrant picture book which takes children on a captivating exploration of the world's oceans.



Year three/four : Old Enough to Save the Planet by Lol Kirby. Twelve incredible young people around the world mobilise their communities to fight climate change.



Please let us know if you and your children have enjoyed any other books on this theme. For further recommendations, visit the Booktrust bookfinder site: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

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 | Isabelle | for her kind, caring nature and the compassion she continually shows to her peers. |
| Oak | Isabel | for being such a determined 'Go for it Gorilla!' Isabel always works hard and makes valuable contributions to class discussions. |
| Elm | Remi | for his amazing reading with excellent understanding of the text and characters. |
| Beech | Anne-Marie | for working really hard at her 'first, then, now' subtraction stories, and for being a kind and compassionate friend. |
| Willow | Oliver | for writing a descriptive haiku poem about the Great Fire of London. |
| Maple | Scarlett | for always coming into school with a smile and having a positive and cheerful approach to school. |
| Sycamore | George | for his super attitude to all his learning: always ready to learn and always taking responsibility for his own learning. |
| Chestnut | Florrie | for always being ready to work hard and putting her best effort into every lesson. |
| Hazel | Frankie | for showing increased independence in her school work and consistency in her homework. |
| Birch | Archie | for the commission he shows to his classmates. He is always ready to support and show kindness both in the classroom and on the playground. |



Tidy Ted

Well done to Oak Class for making the class nice and tidy.

Other awards to mention

Well done to Darcey from Chestnut class who walked 10km over the summer.

Harper from Sycamore class received a season trophy for biking. Harper received 4th place for all season.

Max from Willow class - Swimming 5 metres

Dylan from Willow class received a football medal for listening and helping.

Well done to Elodie from Birch class who has got the lead part for Matilda in a Katsact performance.

Tristan, Scarlett & Harmony raised £92 for the charity Bliss over the weekend by lighting up the sky on an evening walk. Well done to you all.

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