



Newsletter No. 14

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

Friday 16th December 2022



Merry Christmas

Everyone at Gothic Mede Academy wishes you a very Merry Christmas!

This morning we shared carols and readings and made a reflection on Christmas time. We thought about taking time over the next couple of weeks to appreciate what we have – the beauty around us, the love in all of our relationships with others and what we have. We know that a lot of you will find this Christmas challenging for many reasons though and if you need any support, please contact our Family Support Worker through the office: GMA-Office@bestacademies.org.uk



As you can see below, we were sorry to say goodbye to two members of staff today, but we are very pleased to welcome Ms Alix Marschani as the new class teacher in Willow Class and science leader across the school.

Good luck Mrs Wells

Today we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Wells. Mrs Wells is leaving us today to move on to a new challenge at a special school as science leader. We wish you all the very best and thank you for all you have done for Gothic Mede.



Good luck Miss West

Goodbye and good luck to Miss West as well who has helped to look after many children in her roles as LSA and midday supervisor. We'll miss you a lot and wish you well in your new role.



Thank you!

Thank you to all of you for your support this term, but especially to four people who worked tirelessly on Monday morning to clear enough of the school site for us to be able to open.

Thank you to Mr Hough, Mr Kirby, Mr Anderson, and our very our Site Agent, Mr Curtis. It was not an easy job but I am particularly grateful to the parents who volunteered to help to allow us to stay open. Thank you to the other adults who volunteered to help – we'll be calling you in the future if there's a repeat of this week!

Thank you as well to Mr Curtis for the work that he has done this week to defrost water pipes, fix boilers and keep the site safe. It has been an immense task and one that – due to Mr Curtis's skills – has been completely unnoticed. Thank you Mr Curtis!

Thank you as well to all of the staff at Gothic Mede Academy. The job is demanding at the best of times but we've had real challenges this term with absence and I am very grateful for everyone's commitment and flexibility for the sake of the children.

What a wonderful time of the year!

Christmas Jumper day is one of the best! So much fun and lots of colour. It was wonderful to see our children looking so festive.



We then got to eat a wonderful Christmas dinner cooked by our super kitchen team whilst listening to Christmas music. Some of the children had made Christmas hats in their classes which they wore to lunch. There was lots of happiness in the hall with staff eating with the children.



Then we danced! A big thank you to The PFGM who organised two fantastic Disco's. The staff even enjoyed showing their dance moves!



Not to forget the fun we had on Monday in the fresh crisp snow. The children and Staff had great fun on Monday break building snowmen, making snow angels and there may have even been the odd snowball!





Values Ambassadors this half term

Acorn A Ashley

Ashley is always so kind, caring and compassionate to the other children in Acorn class. He is always offering to help someone out and has a kind word for everyone. He is a fantastic role model at tidy up time too! Well done Ashley.

Acorn B Ted

Ted is a great role model in Acorn Class, always living our values. He is kind and compassionate towards the other children in Acorn class, helping them out and playing games where he demonstrates his sense of fairness and ability to take turns and listen to the ideas of others. Ted also lives the values of perseverance, trying hard in all he does. Well done Ted.

Ash Isabelle

Isabelle lives all of our values on a daily basis. She is so considerate and respectful towards her class mates, holding doors open, tucking chairs under etc. Isabelle is so compassionate and always looks out for her friends, checking in to see if they are ok and noticing if they are not. Isabelle enjoys taking responsibility within class, she carries out jobs and tidies up without needing to be asked. She really is a fantastic role model, well done Isabelle!

Oak Roseanna

Roseanna is an amazing role model for the other children. She always engages in learning and constantly represents the values of GMA. She is a helpful member of the class and is always making the right choices. Well done Roseanna

Elm Leon

Leon is so respectful towards all of his class mates. He enjoys taking responsibility within class and demonstrates good initiative if he sees anything that needs doing to help Elm class. Leon is so compassionate towards everyone in school and this is a pleasure to see. Well done Leon.

Beech Harper

Harper is a wonderful role model for Beech class. Harper lives the value of Compassion in all that she does - supporting those around her with their work and looking after children who need a good friend. Harper not only takes care of people around her, but also takes responsibility for making sure that the learning environment is tidy and that equipment is available and in the correct place. We are very proud to have Harper in Beech class.

Maple Oliver

Oliver has really demonstrated the school values this half term. He takes great responsibility for his learning as he always applies himself to his work and is able to ignore any distractions around him. He has shown pride in his writing by using interesting vocabulary and beautiful handwriting. He is a great role model for the class. Well done Oliver!

Willow Cecily

Cece is a compassionate, respectful and responsible member of willow class and takes pride in everything she does. She is an excellent friend to her peers and regularly offers her support and guidance to those in need, Cece is always the first person to offer kindness to someone who is having a difficult day. She loves learning at Gothic Mede and always tries her best at everthing she does. Cece's handwirintg is exceptional, she has taken responsibility over her learning to ensure it is the best it can be. Well done Cece for living our values!

Sycamore Sienna

Sienna is always patient with, and tolerant of, her class mates. She consistently shows respect for, and compassion towards, adults and children alike. She demonstrates pride in her work by striving to improve in all areas of the curriculum and, with her mature attitude to school, loves to take responsibility and is ever ready to offer a helping hand.

Chestnut Evie

Evie has had such a brilliant term in Chestnut class. She consistently works hard and puts so much effort into everything she does. She has been an excellent role model to to hers, always making sure that she is on task and ready to learn. In her Maths work she has been brilliant at using equipment and representations to help her solve different problems and it has been lovely to see becoming more confident at sharing her understanding with others.

Hazel Evelyn

Evelyn has consistently been a compassionate and empathetic member of Hazel class. She thoroughly lives out the values of caring and thoughtfulness with her words and actions. She strives to do her best in her learning and perseveres when she finds a task difficult. The most remarkable thing about Evelyn is that she navigates life with such optimism and enthusiasm towards each day, regardless of injury or illness. She always shows respect to adults and the enviroment around her. We are proud to have her in Hazel.

Birch Archie

Archie has been an excellent role model for all the school values but in particular compassion. He shows compassion on the playground by including those children who may not have anyone to play with and is always ready to offer to be a friend. During lessons, he is ready to work with others and support them when they are struggling. or offer comfort if they are upset. As well as compassion, he lives the other school values in a range of ways such as tidying the playground equipment or showing respect to adults around the school. Well done Archie, you are an excellent role model.

Handwriting Awards

Well done to the following for improvement in their handwriting this term.

Emily Beech
Bobby Elm

William Maple
Harry Willow

Mazie Sycamore
Oliver Chestnut

Ivy Hazel
Lily Birch

Maths Award

Year 3 would like to award James for his hard work and perseverance in Maths. James is always so eager to learn new mathematical concepts and doesn't shy away from a challenge. He works extremely hard and contributes to lessons with his quick number fluency



Winter Wonderland Canvas winners

Well done to everyone who took part. What an amazing display of colour and creativity. All entries were judged by Mrs Sarah Greaney.

Year 3 and 4

James from Chestnut class

This canvas was chosen because of the detail. The child has used colour and space really well. It is a beautiful Christmas scene!



Year 1 and 2

Ruby from Elm class

What a wonderful colourful canvas. A beautiful Christmas bauble with lots of colour and glitter. This canvas made me feel really happy



Acorn and Reception

Jake from Ash class

A simple but effective idea, using fingerprints to add to the detail and different types of materials have been used to decorate the canvas.



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	Grace	for showing curiosity about frost and ice at forest school and using her senses to explore what she can see and feel when outside.
Oak	Spencer	for showing resilience and bravery when being confronted with change.
Elm	Freddie	for his kindness and compassion towards his friends in class and for encouraging others to join in his games at playtime.
Beech	Elijah	for his enthusiasm and focus at every Christmas play rehearsal and in our performances. Elijah was particularly helpful at gently reminding other children when they needed to come on and off stage.
Maple	Noah	for working more independently and for his fantastic performance as a narrator in the Christmas play.
Willow	Dexter	for his fantastic Great Fire of London diary writing.
Chestnut Sycamore	Layla Lewis	for an exceptional effort in maths. for his enthusiasm for, and engagement with, a range of curriculum areas.
Hazel	Ivy	for her love and caring of the more vulnerable children in her class which has been a huge help for the lunchtime supervisors.
Birch	Charlotte	for her hard work during DT, producing a detailed box and delicious looking pie.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Well done to Sycamore Class for stacking the chairs and keeping the desks tidy.

Pen Licence

Birch

Ollie

Charlotte

Soleil

Ayuub from Willow class - Level 1 swimming

Isabella from Willow Class - Judo player of the month

Athletics Certificates - for members of Birch and Hazel class

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