



Newsletter No. 5

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

Friday 3rd February 2023



Bird Action Live

As part of our Big Schools' Birdwatch this week, Willow Class have learnt to identify many of the amazing birds observed on the RSPB live webcam. We watched the bird action live from around the UK and recognised robins, jays, goldfinches and the lesser spotted woodpecker. The next step was to use our knowledge to draw these birds accurately and paint them in their colours carefully. Here we are painting away using ID cards and the live webcam. Our results were amazing!



Kipsy Day

Next Friday, we will be dressing in bright, crazy clothes to celebrate 'Kipsy day'. This is a day where we give time to children's mental health and try and raise money for the charity 'Making Me'. Making Me help us to deliver emotional wellbeing and emotional literacy to pupils in our school. Most recently, they have visited Year 3 for resilience workshops but are reliant on donations to continue their important work. We would be grateful for a donation to this cause.

School Uniform Price Increase

We have had news from Total Clothing our uniform supplier that there will be a price increase which will come into effect on Monday 27th March 2023. They have only made price increases where absolutely necessary. Please find the details below.

Polo-shirt from £7.45 to £8.20
Sweatshirt £12.20 to £13.45
Cardigan £13.25 to £ 14.60
Fleece £15.90 to £17.50
PE T-shirt £6.35 to £7.00
Caps £6.35 to £7.00
PE bag £6.35 to £7.00
Book bag £7.90 to £8.70

Number Day

We have had a day full of numbers here at Gothic Mede! The children dressed up in numbered clothing and there was lots of maths and number activities going on around the school. Mr Clarke led a TT Rockstars assembly with our Key Stage 2 pupils. He even put his skills into practice and showed the pupils how it is done and went on to score a very impressive 41 correct answers in one minute. He has challenged all of the children to beat this!



In Year 1 for Numbers Day, we had a numbertastic time going on Numbots. Here is what the children said:

Emily: "I really like filling in the numbers."

Jack: "It's very good. I'm going to play it when I get home."

Oscar: "I want to make my own robot."

Elijah "I liked it when I got to the next level."

All children have logins in their reading records so they can play at home. Who will be top of the leaderboard next?



Junior Duke

It has been an exciting week for our Junior Dukes! Some of our pupils have completed their awards and have been rewarded with a certificate, badge and tea and cake with Mr Clarke.



Silver Junior Duke awards for some of our Year 4 pupils. Well done to William, Rowan, Evie, Levi, Beth, Jake, Huey, Soleil, Max, Evren, Elodie, Lily, Lacey, Laurie, Siyana, Keanna, Florence and Freddie.



Bronze Junior Duke awards for some Year 3 pupils. Well done to Blake, Mia, Harry, Teddy, Roemina, Amber and Amber.



Mini Gold awards for some Year 2 pupils. Well done to Nephin, Jackson, Louie, Agnes, Dylan and Oliver.

We were very happy to award some Merit Duke Awards to a pupil from each group. We were looking for repetition and completion of task at home, beautifully completed Duke books and enthusiasm in sessions.



Well done to Evren, Dylan and Amber who received a Merit award.

Junior Duke is allowing the pupils to learn and practise basic life skills. In our first groups we have seen cookery, washing cars, sewing, drama and music to name a few. We look forward to more children working through these awards.

Children's Flu Vaccination Clinics

*for Children in Reception to Year 9 only

If your child still needs a flu vaccination we have the following catch up clinics available:

Monday 13th February	Milton Keynes
Tuesday 14th February	Sandy
Wednesday 15th February	Luton
Thursday 16th February	Bedford

If you would like to book an appointment or require further information please call us on 0300 790 0594, Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm

Appointments are subject to availability.

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	Clara	for her participation and enthusiasm across all areas of the provision and for her positive, cooperative interactions with her peers.
Oak	Harriet	for her fantastic writing. She has tried hard to segment the words she wants to write, using correct graphemes to represent the sounds.
Beech	Cairo	for following instructions in class resulting in producing a beautiful garden painting in the style of Monet.
Elm	Oscar	for his beautiful painting of Van Gogh's <i>Starry Night</i> and also Monet's garden. He took great care with both of his paintings.
Maple	Jackson	for his fantastic effort in maths lessons. Jackson really challenges himself and is always keen to attempt the problem solving style questions.
Willow	Isabella	is a great team member because she has shown attentiveness to those at her table who ask her questions about their work and will listen and help on every occasion.
Sycamore	Mazie	for her enthusiasm, confidence and creativity when participating in our year group assembly.
Chestnut	Roemina	for trying hard with her Junior Duke work.
Hazel	Tobi	for his excellent behaviour and engagement during Young Voices and counting in maths.
Birch	Lilly	for her infectious enthusiasm and hard work at Young Voices.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted –
Hazel Class for keeping the desks and floor nice and tidy.

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Amber from Chestnut class for swimming 50 metres.