



Newsletter No. 6

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.
Friday 10th February 2023



Let's Connect

This week is children's mental health week and the theme for this year is 'Let's Connect' which is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

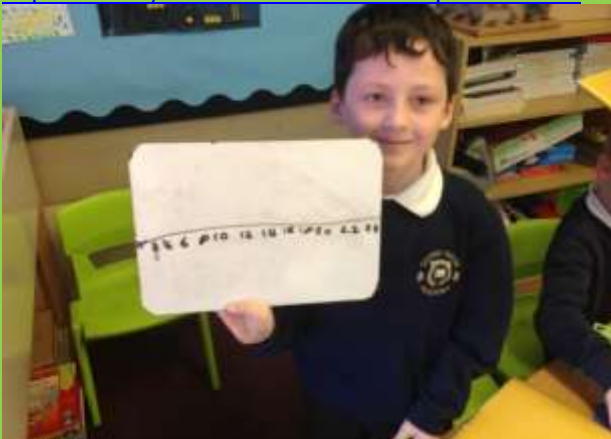
In Birch Class, we focused on what connections we have with each other. Each child drew round their hand and wrote five things that they love or enjoy doing. We managed to connect the whole class with at least one thing they had in common. The children had great fun finding out about each other and more importantly, they realised we all share a connection in some way!



Doubles

Year 1 have been going crazy with their doubles this week - they just can't stop doubling and want to show their learning in many different ways! Why not listen to the doubles song with them at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68>



Kipsy Day

Today, we have celebrated Kipsy Day. Pupils and staff have worn bright colours to school. Thank you for the donations so far for the Making Me charity. The option is still available on ParentMail to make a donation.



Reading Corner

On 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year's theme is "You are a reader". Please could your child come to school on Thursday 2nd March dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books. We would also like them to bring a named copy of a book from home into school to share with their class.

Bake Sale

On Friday 24th February our school councillors will be holding a bake sale. We are asking for parents to donate cakes up to the Friday morning of that week. These need to be handed into the school office. Cakes can be home made or shop purchased, but **nuts must not be an ingredient**. Pupils will be able to purchase cakes on the Friday breaktime with a suggested donation of 30p. Any cakes left will be for sale on the playground after school. Funds received from this event will be split. Half will go to something for school, decided by our school council and the other half will go to The Need Project. Many thanks for your help in advance with this.

Values Ambassador Awards

At the end of half term we recognise a child in each class for following our Values. The pupil receives a Values Ambassador Award medal, and will get to have tea and cake with Mr Clarke next half term. Well done to the children below.

Acorn A Leo

Leo lives our values every day. He is kind and caring and always helps out other children when they need it. He is helpful and always really great at tidy up time. Leo enjoys learning and always joins in with quiet enthusiasm.

Acorn B Edie-Rae

Edie is a very good role model in Acorn Class. She quietly lives all of our values. She is kind and caring to her friends and is very helpful around the classroom. She is becoming a real Go for it Gorilla and takes on new challenges becoming more confident as she does so.

Ash Zoie

Zoie is a wonderful member of Ash class who quietly gets on without any fuss and this does not go unnoticed by the adults. She takes pride in her work and always tries her hardest. She works well with all of her peers and is a really fantastic role model. Well done Zoie!

Oak Yasmin

Yasmin is an excellent role model for Oak class. She embodies all the school values and takes pride in helping others and contributes well in her lessons. It is clear that Yasmin tries her best at all times. Well done Yasmin!

Beech Yumi

Yumi always tries her hardest in class and lives the school values each and every day. She quietly helps out around the classroom and sets a wonderful example to the children around her regarding behaviour and pride in her work.

Elm Tara

Tara is a confident member of the class who will always take responsibility for any tasks that need doing. She uses her initiative and acts without being asked. She presents her work beautifully and takes pride in all lessons. She shows respect to all children and adults in school. Well done Tara

Willow Isabella

Isabella displays a 'can do' attitude to her work in class. She will persevere with all the challenges and do her best each time.

Maple Oakley

Oakley is an excellent example of someone who lives all the school values. He quietly goes about his day, always showing respect and compassion towards his peers and the adults. He takes responsibility for his learning, always applying himself to whatever task is set.

Sycamore Ryder

Ryder always brings enthusiasm and endeavour to all aspects of school life. He consistently takes pride in his learning and always seeks to contribute to our whole-class discussions. He is a good friend to his classmates and ever respectful to peers and adults alike.

Chestnut Darcey

Darcey always follows school values, she is kind, respectful and helpful. Darcey is enthusiastic and tries her best in all aspects of school life.

Hazel Mia

Mia is a child who embodies the spirit of Gothic Mede Academy by following the values consistently. She has a friendly disposition and always seeks to lend a helping hand. She is respectful, observant and determined in all that she does and displays maximum effort. It is a pleasure to have Mia in Hazel class.

Birch Dottie

Dottie is always showing respect to adults and other pupils around the school. She listens carefully to what is being asked of her and carries out each task with a smile on her face. She shows compassion to her fellow pupils going out of her way to offer friendship and love when they needed it the most.



This week our Values Ambassadors from last half term enjoyed tea and cake with Mr Clarke



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	Keeley	for her enthusiasm and commitment to learning and for always giving the best possible effort.
Oak	Malachai	for showing dedication and focus in both his phonics and maths lessons this week. Also Malachai was nominated by the class as being a good friend for showing kindness to everyone.
Beech	Dougie	for his excellent attitude towards writing his report. Dougie showed great focus and took pride when writing all 3 sections.
Elm	Imogen	for her fantastic independent story writing about a message in a bottle. For having confidence to use her phonics to sound out and write words needed.
Maple	Emmanuel	for making great progress with his fine motor skills. Emmanuel now uses scissors with more control and makes great attempts at writing his letters.
Willow	Riley	for consistently good work in maths.
Chestnut	Frankie Leigh	for having an improved attitude and focus to school life with great results.
Sycamore	Islagh-Belle	for seeking opportunities to take responsibility for, and to extend, her learning at home and seeking opportunities to share this in school.
Hazel	Ava	for her improved confidence in maths, particularly in understanding word problems.
Birch	Ruby-Blue	for her excellent attitude to maths and the hard work and determination she is showing.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Well done to Oak Class for being nice and tidy

Lunchtime Awards

Harper	Beech Class
Oliver	Maple Class

Silver Junior Duke Award

Caleb	Hazel Class
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Gold Mini Duke

Henry Nuttall	Willow Class
Thalia	Willow Class
Brooke May	Willow Class

Bronze Junior Duke Award

George	Chestnut Class
Zach	Sycamore Class
Evie	Sycamore Class
George	Sycamore Class

Elizabeth	Sycamore Class
Chloe	Sycamore Class
Dylan	Sycamore Class
Elliot	Sycamore Class
Islagh-Belle	Sycamore Class
Ollie	Sycamore Class
Lewis	Sycamore Class
Ryder	Sycamore Class

Star Performers	
Football - Freya	Willow Class

<u>Multisports</u> - Freddie	Birch Class
Charlie	Birch Class
Logan	Hazel Class

Street Dance	
Isla	Chestnut Class
Amelia	Birch Class

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