



# Newsletter No. 12

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

Friday 31st March 2023



## Science Workshop

Every class had the opportunity to engage with real science this week. It was very exciting to welcome Sublime Science to our school. We saw at first hand a whole range of experiments with balloons, bottles and even an air cannon. These were just a few of the activities shared throughout the classes. Our instructor introduced us to forces, energy, friction, gravity and pressure, and chemical reactions. We were amazed and delighted at the knowledge shared with us - it is science, not magic we were reminded as we left in awe and wonder! A truly memorable and informative day had by all.



Sycamore loved yesterday's science workshop led by Sublime Science's Jokey Joel. They learned wide a range of new science facts through fun, engaging and interactive demonstrations. These ranged from sound waves to special absorbent materials and air pressure. A big thank you to Ms Marschani for organising this excellent opportunity!



## County Dance Competition

This year we decided to enter our fantastic Street Dancers to take part in the County Dance Competition for Key Stage 2.

We entered 2 squads – Stars and Moons.

The children have been practicing extremely hard with extra dance practices both at lunchtimes and after school. Rebecca Alfano who leads our Street Dance club applied everything to both routines filling them with props and incredible choreography. We were given a task of dances being tied in to the theme of saving the planet. Stars focussed on climate change whilst Moons was about recycling.

Last Friday we travelled to Kings House Bedford where the children performed their fantastic routines full of pride and enthusiasm. To our delight we came back with silver medals for our Stars squad and bronze medals for Moons Squad. We are all delighted!

The children performed their routines to their families this week.

We are so proud of the children's dedication and focus in both the lead up to and the competition.

Well done Street Dancers.



## Happy Easter

We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter Break. Children return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

# Values Ambassadors Awards

Well done to the children below for being our Values Ambassadors this half term.

**Acorn A Rosie**  
Rosie demonstrates her love of Nursery and learning every day. She arrives every morning with a big smile on her face and her happiness is contagious. She is a good friend to all and demonstrates kindness and compassion. She is helpful and always ready to get stuck in at tidy up time. Well done Rosie.

**Acorn B Faith**  
Faith has grown in confidence over the course of this year and shows real enjoyment of Nursery. She loves learning through play and makes up elaborate role play games. She is kind and caring and looks out for the other children in Acorn Class. She is helpful and great at tidy-up time.

**Ash Keeley**  
Keeley demonstrates a love of learning across all areas of the curriculum and consistently makes valuable contributions during lessons. She takes pride in all that she does and is always keen to share her achievements with me. Keeley is so kind and compassionate towards others and collaborates well with her peers. She shows respect for herself, her learning and for our classroom.

**Oak Spencer**  
Spencer has grown in confidence this term making valuable contributions during lessons and showing great pride in his work. He is keen to share his ideas with others but equally takes interest in others viewpoints, working well collaboratively. Spencer takes responsibility for his own learning, often choosing activities that challenge himself further.

**Beech Lola**  
Lola has grown in confidence this term and with her increased confidence she has shown more pride in her work, has been compassionate to a wider range of other children and has taken responsibility for her learning and the environment around her. Lola spreads happiness and gentle actions wherever she goes.

**Elm Pixie- Lilly**  
Pixie demonstrates a lot of care and compassion towards her friends. She will help the footballers to tie their laces. She will look after a child who needs help in class. She helps to make the classroom feel a happy place to be because of her lovely smile and caring personality.

**Willow Freya**  
Freya for being a kind and helpful friend to all in her table group every day!  
Freya always has a smile and is eager to start her learning. She is extremely positive and puts effort into everything. Well done Freya!

**Maple Jackson**  
Jackson is a great example of someone who consistently lives all the values and we have seen such a positive change in Jackson's confidence since being in Year 2. He takes responsibility for his learning, showing pride in his work and putting maximum effort into all he does. Jackson also shows respect towards his friends and the adults at school.

**Chestnut Oliver**  
He always has a mature attitude to school and his class. He shows respect for everyone around him and tries hard to lead by example. He is never distracted by others and frequently encourages and helps those around him.

**Sycamore Phoebe**  
Phoebe for always living the school's values. Phoebe is enthusiastic about all aspects of school life, she has a genuine love of learning and consistently demonstrates respect for everyone she meets, responsibility for her learning and behaviour and pride in our school which she demonstrated when meeting the inspector last week.

**Hazel Frankie**  
Frankie for being an empathetic and optimistic child who consistently shows the values of Gothic Mede Academy. She often asks what jobs need to be completed and offers help and support to children who are feeling upset, anxious or explains what the class did previously in their learning if they were absent. Frankie shows pride in herself and her work and represents the school well on excursions outside of school.

**Birch Eadon**  
Eadon for always showing care and compassion to those in the classroom and for showing respect to all those around him. Eadon is fantastic at including others in his games at break and lunch and shows real concern and empathy for others if they are having a bad day. He is so enthusiastic about his learning and eager to engage, taking responsibility for his education and setting a brilliant example to those around him.



## Maths trophy

Well done to Max from Beech class for his amazing explanations of his reasoning in maths, ability to make connections between lessons, and enthusiasm for extending his knowledge through additional challenges. Max is a talented mathematician and his class have benefited greatly this term from his clear use of stem sentences and logical attitude towards problem solving.

## Handwriting Awards

Oak                      Vincent

Vincent has worked hard to form many more letters correctly.

Ash                      Mason

Mason has worked hard to develop his pencil control and letter formation.

Beech                    Bobby

Bobby has worked so hard this term to make his letters smaller, form them all correctly and to sit them on the line. As a result his writing is a pleasure to read.

Elm                      Lily

Lily has made her ascenders and descenders more consistent and always takes pride in her writing.

Maple                   Lucy

Lucy has worked hard to start joining her letters. She also positions her letters correctly on the line and makes sure her capital letters are bigger.

Willow                   Brooke-May

Taking care to form all letters correctly and legibly.

Sycamore                Lewis

Lewis has worked very hard to join his already neat handwriting this term by taking increased pride.

Chestnut                Florrie

Working hard to join all of her letters correctly and persevering even when she finds a join tricky.

Hazel                    Micaiah

Micaiah has worked very hard on vastly improving his handwriting. The improvement is astronomical and this handwriting award is well deserved.

Birch                    Gillies

Gillies has shown a great improvement in the sizing of his letters and in the cursive joins that he is using. His work is presented very neatly and shows a great deal of care.

## Year 4 Assembly

Year 4 did a fantastic job performing their class assembly about the Alps. They used their learning from Geography, French and Science to take parents and carers on a journey around the Alps stopping off in France for breakfast, looking at animals and their food chains and considering the features of a mountain. Everyone did a brilliant job and showed how much they have learnt over the last 2 terms. Well done year 4!



## Good luck and Goodbye

This week we have said farewell for now to Mrs Walker, Mrs West and Mrs Ganzer. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to Gothic Mede. We also would like to wish them well for their future.



## 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	Angel	for her enthusiasm for learning and her cooperation and collaboration with her peers.
Oak	Karina	for an improvement in confidence and communication with adults and peers!
Beech	Araiya-Mai	for her improved concentration in phonics lessons resulting in significant progress in her reading and writing.
Elm	Kiera	for her amazing story that she wrote at home and for her enthusiasm and love of learning in school.
Willow	Jack	for his fabulous reading out loud in class during a guided session. Amazing progress and confidence shown.
Maple	Noah	for showing independence and great enthusiasm when making his vehicle in DT.
Chestnut	Evie	for her imaginative vocabulary choices in her writing during our English unit on 'The Secret of Black Rock'.
Sycamore	Garvan	for explaining and demonstrating calculation methods in mathematics.
Hazel	Jake	for his improved attitude towards mathematics and being about to subtract fractions from each other.
Birch	Ollie	for writing an engaging first draft of his explanation text.



Tidy Ted

Sycamore Class for keeping the desk tops and floor clear and tidy.

### Other awards

Nephin from Maple Class

Completed the Muddy Mayhem challenge and received a Medal. He also completed the Bronze Falcon Challenge Award.

Ellie from Sycamore Class received a Kick Boxing Participation Medal and her Swimming Level 4.

Florence from Birch received Highly Commended in her Ballroom Exam

Year 4 Badminton certificates were given to members of Birch and Hazel class for their participation in a Badminton event.

Dance competition.

Silver medal winners.

Birch – Gillies, Freddie, Oscar, Soleil, Elodie, Salma, Ella, Siyana and Lilly.

Chestnut – Rosie-Mae and Amber

Sycamore – Akhaya

Bronze medal winners

Birch – Laurie, Eliza, Amelia, Darcie, Lily

Hazel – Elodie

Chestnut – Layla, Frankie-Leigh, Mia, Isla

Sycamore – Gabby, Sienna, Ellie