



# Newsletter No. 3

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May April 2023



## Coronation Celebrations

What a wonderful day it has been celebrating the Royal Coronation of King Charles III. It was great to see children and adults appear this morning in an array of red, white and blue. Thank you to our parents and carers for all your hard work in sending the children to school fit for royalty!



The day started with an assembly with Mrs Roberts who taught us about coronations and what we will see tomorrow.

It is such a shame that we had to cancel the picnic on the field due to the weather but we were not going to let the rain ruin our plans and we proceeded to have an indoor picnic in the hall!



It was then time for the Crown Parade! We saw such wonderful designs full of colour, pattern and lots of glitter!

Well done to our winners –

Reception	Jake
Year 1	Tristan
Year 2	Poppy
Year 3	Chloe
Year 4	Elodie

## Cricket Festival

Mrs Deakin, Miss DiGiovanni and Mr Warlow were incredibly proud of the twenty pupils from Chestnut and Sycamore Classes who attended yesterday's cricket festival in Henlow. Despite the fact that they were mainly competing against Year 4 children, they demonstrated passion, resilience and respect throughout the day, with one of the teams winning three out of their four group matches. Well done everyone!



## Absences

A request for absence during term time form must be completed for any term time absences for half a day or more. This needs to be done six weeks prior to the absence unless this is not possible. Forms can be found on our website or collected from the school office.

## Term Dates

Please check our Gothic Mede Term Dates on our website as these differ to the ones of Central Bedfordshire.

# The Faith Tour

As part of the RE curriculum for Year 3, 'Where, how and why people worship', our Year 3 pupils went to Bedford on Tuesday to participate in the Bedford Queen's Park Faith Tour.

During the trip, the children visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara (Sikhism), Westbourne Road Mosque (Islam) and All Saints Parish Church (Christianity).

The visit helps the children to understand the similarities and differences between these religions and the ways they worship.

Ollie from Sycamore Class and Mia from Chestnut Class shared their experience from The Faith Tour.

*What did you learn from the visit?*

Mia That some religions do not eat meat.  
Ollie In some religions you need to cover your head as a mark of respect.

*What building stuck out and why?*

Mia The Church because I really liked the stained glass window.  
Ollie The Sikh Temple as it had such a clean, big and empty space.

*What did you learn from the talks given by the religious leaders?*

Mia In Islam the Muslims pray five times a day, and a sixth time on a Friday.  
Ollie The Sikh religion was founded by Guru Nanak.

*Why do you think this trip is an important part of our school learning?*

Mia So we get to learn about different religions and the different things they do.  
Ollie So we understand other peoples beliefs.

Thank you to Ollie and Mia.



# PGL

Our Year 4 pupils excitedly boarded a coach last Wednesday morning to go to PGL for a residential stay. At PGL, the outdoors is used to deliver unforgettable learning experiences that engages students and makes lasting memories.

Eliza from Birch Class said that she enjoyed the activities very much. These included the vertical challenge, the giant swing, problem solving and the zip line. We also enjoyed a camp fire one evening which also included a story and songs.

Dottie from Birch Class said PGL was big! The food was good and the fish and chips were yum! PGL taught us team work, courage and determination. It was great to see our friends overcome fear and complete challenges.

Jake from Hazel Class said PGL gave him a great experience of being away from home on a school trip. The giant swing was my favourite as it went really high!



## 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	Zoie	for the fantastic progress she is making with her reading. Zoie is developing both her fluency and her confidence, so her reading is clear and enjoyable to listen to.
Oak	Douggie	for showing resilience and confidence when faced with a new challenge.
Elm	Ruby	for her enthusiasm for learning in every lesson and her new found confidence.
Beech	Anne-Marie	for concentrating well in phonics and trying hard to write all the sounds she hears in a word.
Maple	Alara	for her increased confidence in maths and making some good contributions to maths lessons, especially when learning about subtraction and fractions.
Willow	Riley	for his resilient attitude to improving his reading in class and making a massive effort to be more fluent and confident when reading out loud. Well done.
Chestnut Sycamore	Logan Lexi-May	for fantastic effort and enthusiasm in maths. for her effort in mathematics and her increased contribution to our whole-class learning.
Hazel	Margaret	for her development of leadership and communication skills and showing the value of courage during PGL.
Birch	Dottie	for her amazing attitude when taking on challenges at PGL and with how she worked with her roommates to ensure everyone was happy and settled.



## Other awards to mention

George from Chestnut class:  
Trainer of the Week for 2 weeks running and Man  
of the Match for Stotfold U8 Blacks  
Well done George!

### Tidy Ted

Maple Class for neatly stacking their chairs and  
keeping the desks tidy.