



Newsletter No. 6

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

Friday 26th May 2023



VR Headsets

Our IT support providers, Partnership Education, don't only provide day to day technical support and IT strategy advice, they also support us to access opportunities to enhance teaching and learning. Our Year 3s relished the chance to explore the ancient sites of Rome via a bank of VR headsets!



Fruit Kebabs

In DT, Year 1 have been designing and making healthy fruit kebabs using repeated patterns of fruit. They have had a great time designing their kebabs and an even better time eating them!



Reading Corner

Raising a Reader: Top Tips for Parents to Foster a Love of Reading

Free online event for parents of primary age children!
Monday 12th June 7-7.45pm

We know from current research that children of all ages who read for pleasure perform better in all subjects. Reading for pleasure also builds empathy, improves wellbeing and has a dramatic impact on life outcomes. This session will explore practical tips on how to help your child to foster a love of reading.

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>

Well Done Dukes

It is wonderful to see more children completing their Duke awards. These children received their certificates and badges in yesterday's assembly. Well done to Bobby and Ethan who also received an Outstanding Effort Certificate for their work and attitude towards the award.



Values Ambassadors

Well done to our Values Ambassadors this half term.

Acorn A

Eddie

Eddie has really lived our school values and made fantastic progress this year. He follows class expectations and routines. He is a kind friend, always polite and tries his best. He takes pride in the classroom and helps at tidy up time.

Acorn B

Atlas

Atlas is naturally curious about everything he sees and observes. He asks questions and engages in conversations about the world around him. He is a kind friend.

Ash

Oscar

Over the year, Oscar has really bloomed. He has become increasingly confident and resilient, he tries extremely hard and is always willing to 'have a go'. Oscar consistently lives our school values, he takes pride in all that he does and is always kind and caring towards his friends.

Oak

Karina

Karina has joined the school this year and shown confidence and resilience. She has a positive attitude towards learning and is always up for a challenge.

Beech

Oliver

Oliver has really blossomed this year and every day takes real pride in doing the very best that he can in all lessons. If he finds something hard he perseveres and sticks with it until he gets it. Oliver is always helpful around the classroom and is a gentle compassionate member of Beech class.

Elm

Remington

Remi is a confident boy who has enjoyed undertaking responsibilities in class this term. He is helpful, caring and shows initiative in class. If he sees something that needs doing he will help without being asked. He has shown a mature respect for Elm Class and Gothic Mede in general. Well done Remi!

Maple

Willow

Willow is an incredibly caring and compassionate member of Maple class who is a brilliant role model to others. She shows respect and responsibility in class by listening to instructions and always being ready to learn. Willow is always ready to offer her ideas and strives to do her absolute best at all times.

Willow

Thalia

Thalia for showing amazing helpfulness to her friends and supporting her table group during class activities.

Chestnut

Harry

Harry has a kind and caring personality, who checks on others if he thinks they may be unhappy. He is showing increasing responsibility in class and has a good attitude to his learning.

Sycamore

Dylan

Dylan is an amazing role model for his classmates and for the younger pupils in school. He consistently takes responsibility for his learning and behaviour, always shows respect to all members of the school community and invariably takes pride in everything he does.

Hazel

Lacey

Lacey is the epitome of what it means to a values ambassador. Using her own initiative, she will tidy up the classroom, volunteer to carry out tasks, and ensure that any miscarriages of justice have been rectified. With her new-found confidence, she is able to contribute in all manners lessons and works well with members of Hazel Class. She displays the values of Gothic Mede Academy on a daily basis and encourages her peers to do so as well.

Birch

Soleil

Soleil really lives our school values both in and out of the classroom. She always takes responsibility for her learning and for jobs around the school. She lives compassion in all she does and can be relied upon to offer a friendly smile or a kind word to all around her.



Make the Rules Day

We had tattoos, nail varnish, coloured hair and the children even came in with their teddies. Thank you to the PFGM for arranging a super Make the Rules Day.



Movie Night

What a great Movie Night we had watching The Queen's Corgi. Thanks again to The PFGM for organising this event. The popcorn went down well too!



Maths Trophy

Well done to Maverick from Ash Class. Maverick participates enthusiastically during every maths lesson and when engaging with maths activities during our child initiated play. Maverick can explain and justify his reasoning and is always keen to demonstrate his answers in different ways.

Bikes and Scooters

We have noticed a number of children riding their bikes or scooters inside the fenced area at the start and the end of the day. Please remind your child to walk with their bike or scooter once they come through the school gates in the morning and until they have left the school site at the end of the day. This is to avoid any injuries at what is a busy time of day. Many thanks.

Happy Half Term

Wishing you all a happy half term. We hope you enjoy it as much as these children enjoy Forest School!



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	River	for the effort and enthusiasm he is putting into his writing; we are seeing fantastic progress as a result!
Oak	Hallie	for excellent effort towards her writing and letter formation.
Elm	Molly	for her amazing independent story writing. She included lots of detail and made the story very interesting to read. Well done!
Beech	Ronnie	for trying new activities in school and outside school.
Maple	Oliver	for his enthusiasm and contributions during our geography lessons investigating natural and man-made wonders of our world.
Willow	Jason	for trying his very best to write with neat handwriting. What a great improvement this week!
Chestnut	George	for his excellent effort in English, contributing creative ideas to the class.
Sycamore	Alexander	for taking greater responsibility for settling down to the task in hand and the effort he has made to improve his reading fluency.
Hazel	Mia	for her contribution in all areas of the curriculum.
Birch	Ella	for her mature and respectful approach to PSHE.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Chestnut Class for having nicely stacked chairs and tidy desks.

Bob from Elm Class received 1st place at Jordan Reynolds Boxing Academy

Islagh Belle from Sycamore Class received her Gymnastics Silver Award

Elizabeth from Sycamore Class received 1st place in four cycling races - Go-Ride Omnium

Reign from Oak Class got his first gymnastic award for core skills 1.

Ellie from Sycamore Class participated in the ESF Butlins tournament from 12th - 15th May with her team Hitchin Belles. Although the team had losses and draws, they played brilliantly against tough opponents. She saved many goals in goal keeper position and defended amazingly against some much bigger girls! Ellie was presented her trophy by famous footballers Faye White & Glen Hoddle.

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