



# Newsletter No. 9

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.  
Friday 23rd June 2023



## Reading Corner

We had such a treat on Thursday when local author Laura Noakes came into school to talk to and inspire children about creative writing. This is what some children had to say:

Margaret - "I found it exciting."

Ava - "I found it fun!"

Leo - "I found it inspiring because I now want to write a book."

Beth - "I found it intriguing and I learnt a lot more about writing."

William - "Very fun because we get to draw our own characters."

Anthony - "Good because you could write anything you want."

Ivy - "I found it excellent because it was an exciting experience."

Laura signed copies of her book "Cosima Unfortunate Steals a Star" and gave a great assembly to the whole school. Thank you Laura for a super morning!



## Movie Night

Please find below information on our last Movie Night for this school year. To purchase a space for your child, please pay through Parentmail – Shop. The purchase window will close at 6pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



## Change of Dates due to Strike Action

- Sports Day for Reception to Year 4 was due to take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. This has now been moved to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (still at 9.15am). The reserve Sports Day will now be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- We also had our step-up day planned for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (this is where children spend the day with their new teacher and in their new classroom). Following discussion with the local lower and middle schools, we have agreed to move the step-up day to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- As the step-up day has been moved to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, we have had to move the Year 4 Leavers Performances to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The performances will still be at 9.30am and 1.45pm.
- Finally, the children's end of year reports were due to go out on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. These will now go out on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## Story Time

Our Year 4 Junior Duke pupils have been completing their Drama Unit where they had to read a story to younger children using actions and props. They put on such a wonderful version of The Gruffalo, well done.



## 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.

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| Ash             | Lara            | for her concentration and the great care she has taken with her painting this week. She has created some beautiful pieces of art!                             |
| Oak             | Sebastian       | for being an excellent helper to adults and for doing fantastic tidying.  |
| Elm             | Oliver          | for increased confidence with his reading and for using his phonic awareness when sounding out unknown words.   |
| Beech           | Elijah          | for his excellent vocabulary contributions in English leading to him being able to write more complex and interesting sentences.                              |
| Willow<br>Maple | Albie<br>Harley | for his consistently neat and accurate handwriting. Well done!<br>for participating well during group work by listening, taking turns and encouraging others. |
| Chestnut        | George          | George has a consistent positive attitude to all his work. Also, he always treats adults in school in a calm and respectful manner.                           |
| Sycamore        | Garvan          | for his enthusiastic, independent and well-reasoned contributions to our whole class learning especially in maths.  |
| Hazel           | Amera           | for settling well in Hazel class, making new friends and being extremely helpful with tidying up.   |
| Birch           | Siyana          | for her hard work across all subjects. She is always putting in her full effort and showing respect in every lesson.  |



## Other awards to mention

### Tidy Ted

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

### Other awards to mention

Jack from Willow Class - Learn to swim Level 1

Dexter from Willow - 25m front crawl Little Aqua

Max from Maple Class received a trophy for AFC Shillington 22/23

Stotfold under 8 Blacks took part in the Letchworth football tournament on Saturday. From Gothic Mede this included George, Teddy and George from Year 3. They all played amazing and won their group overall!!! They played against four local team winning all four games and not conceding any goals!!

Athletics Competition - Gothic Mede came 5th out of 14 for our part of the competition and 14 out of 45 overall. It was the first time that any of them had run 400m and they performed really well under the heat.

Congratulations to Elodie, Evelyn, Rhozie, Sophie, Jake, Jake, Max, Micaiah, Lily, Willow, Ruby-Blue, Salma, Soleil, Ella, Oscar and William.