



# Newsletter No. 13

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.  
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## School is out for Summer

Today brings the end of an era for a few of our incredible staff.

Mrs Roberts leaves for retirement after many years at Gothic Mede. Her dedication, inspiration and passion during her time at Gothic Mede has shone. Your love for teaching has been so visible. We will miss you Mrs Roberts and your wonderful ways.



Mrs Kinsey is also retiring. Again, she will be so missed by the Gothic Mede family. Mrs Kinsey has been here for many years and been extremely committed to the pupils at Gothic Mede. She has shown incredible values in her roles at Gothic Mede. Thank you Mrs Kinsey.



Miss Mills is leaving Gothic Mede to take up a new role. Thank you Miss Mills for your hard work, energy and enthusiasm. We wish you all the best in your new path and thank you.



Also a big thank you to Mrs New, Miss Marschani and Mrs Shorrock who have been amazing and are moving on to new pastures.

## Shakespeare Rocks!

The Year 4 children put on an incredible performance of Shakespeare Rocks. The pupils sang beautifully, remembered their lines and said them with great expression.

A big thank you to Mrs Holland and Miss Mills who made this happen and put hours of work into rehearsals and planning.



# Values Ambassadors

Well done to our Values Ambassadors for this half term.

## **Acorn A**                      **Ruairi**

Ruairi for increased independence and concentration in his learning and for showing determination and focus.

## **Acorn B**                      **Freddie**

Always living the values of the school and growing in confidence

## **Ash**                              **Clara**

Clara has made the most amazing progress this year and all of the staff in Ash class are extremely proud of her. Clara has a kind and caring personality and she always works hard and tries her best. Clara has worked particularly hard to improve her handwriting, something she struggled with at the start of the year, but now takes such pride in her written work. Clara takes responsibility for helping to keep the classroom tidy and really does live all of our values on a daily basis.

## **Oak**                              **Harriet**

Harriet is an enthusiastic member of class who always tries her best. She takes responsibility for her learning, taking on extra challenges during choosing time. She is a compassionate friend and always helps others. Harriet is proud to be part of Oak class, and the Gothic Mede community.

## **Elm**                              **Oscar**

Oscar is a happy, friendly little boy who is caring, helpful and shows initiative in class. For these reasons he naturally lives our school values each day. Oscar does not have to try hard to live our values because it just comes naturally to him in his personality. Well done Oscar!

## **Beech**                              **Elijah**

Throughout the year Elijah has been an amazing role model to other children. He works hard each and every day and is always on the lookout for ways that he can help around the class. Elijah always does his best and through his example, he inspires other children to do their best too. We are very proud of Elijah!

## **Maple**                              **Lucy**

Lucy is a compassionate and responsible member of the class who always tries her best with every task. She is a great friend and naturally helpful towards other children, noticing when they find something difficult and stepping in to help them.

## **Willow**                              **Jason**

This year Jason has done his best in his learning everyday and he has also inspired others to be kind and caring in class. Well done Jason!

## **Chestnut**                      **Florrie**

This year Florrie has shown a mature and responsible attitude at all times. She is always ready to listen and work. She can be relied on to take care of others in the class.

## **Sycamore**                      **Lexi-May**

Lexi-May has an exemplary attitude to all aspects of school life. She takes full responsibility for her own choices and increasingly for her learning. She always shows respect and compassion for her class mates and is happy to work with anyone in the class. The pride she has shown in her work has grown and grown over the year.

## **Hazel**                              **Anthony**

Throughout this year, Anthony has had to cope with a variety of challenges in which he has shown the values of courage, determination and perseverance. In addition, he has been incredibly compassionate and caring towards the members of Hazel class, particularly to members who were new to the class. He has grown in confidence and has been able to present on his experiences from school trips and read his writing aloud. In PE, though he found it hard work at the beginning, he grew to love the challenge and has learned many new skills whilst working well in a variety of partnerships. I am very proud of you.

## **Birch**                              **Jessica**

Jessica for her consistent living of the values and her mature attitude to all areas of school life. She has set an excellent example of how to take responsibility in both her behaviour and her approach to learning in the classroom.



## Sports Club Awards

### Bex Dance Awards

Shining Star      Soleil                  Birch Class  
Natural talent and great behaviour

Bright star      Freddie                  Birch Class  
Tries hard always puts effort in even though  
tech may not be on point

Rising star      Lily                          Birch Class  
Most improved

Shooting star      Elodie                  Birch Class  
Expect big things, great focus, exciting to watch

All star              Lilly                          Birch Class  
For being consistent in all areas

### Football Awards - Chris Cripps

Most improved

Ollie                  Sycamore Class  
Freddie              Birch Class

Values and Commitment Award

Eliza                  Birch Class  
Maksym              Birch Class

## Junior Duke Awards

### Mini Silver

Kiera                  Elm Class  
Imogen              Elm Class  
Jack                    Beech Class  
Emily                  Beech Class  
Thea                    Beech Class

### Bronze Junior

Layla                  Chestnut Class  
Lexi May              Sycamore Class  
Fred                    Sycamore Class  
Isla                      Sycamore Class  
Tristan                Sycamore Class  
Noah                    Sycamore Class  
Kimberley            Sycamore Class  
Harry                  Chestnut Class  
Riley                    Chestnut Class

Well done to Tristan who received a merit award  
for outstanding work from home.

### Silver Junior

Charlotte            Birch Class  
Lilly                    Birch Class  
Frankie                Hazel Class  
Ava                      Hazel Class

Well done to Lilly who received a merit award  
for showing fantastic perseverance towards her  
award.

## Handwriting Awards

Oak                      Malachai  
Malachai can now hold his pencil correctly and  
form so many letters clearly. He always tried is  
hardest and has made fantastic progress!

Ash                      Isabelle  
Isabelle takes such pride in her writing, she is  
able to write extended sentences and always  
chooses to write during child-initiated play.

Beech                  Reuben  
Reuben has worked really hard to make his  
letters smaller and to form all lowercase letters  
correctly especially his bs and ds.

Elm                      Molly  
Molly always takes pride in her writing. She has  
clear ascenders and descenders and this  
results in a beautiful style of writing. Well done.

Maple                  Emmanuel  
Emmanuel has worked so hard learning how to  
form his letters starting in the correct place and  
has made fantastic progress. Well done!

Willow                  Cecily  
Cecily has taken her time to produce her best  
handwriting this term. It is always neat with  
clearly formed upper and lower case letters.  
Well done!

Sycamore              Zach  
Zach has worked hard to develop the quality of  
his presentation this year and has made  
excellent progress with his letter formation and  
joins.

Chestnut              Harper  
Harper has put in so much effort this term to  
improve his handwriting, making sure to form  
his letters correctly and keep them the same  
size.

Hazel                    Lottie  
For having the most consistent cursive  
handwriting in Hazel Class

Birch                    Maksym  
For the care and pride he takes in his  
handwriting, always producing neat and  
beautifully presented work.





Good luck Year 4  
We will miss you!





## Acorn Celebration

Acorn class enjoyed a fantastic party yesterday. Safari Stu brought some amazing animals and we were very brave and looked at (or held!) a Madagascan Hissing Cockroach, a Tenrec, a red kneed tarantula, 2 different snakes, a skunk and a chameleon. We all enjoyed exploring Forest School and finished up with some delicious cake. Many thanks to all the parents that joined us and helped out.



## Forest School

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their last week at Forest School!



## Leavers Treat!

Our Year 4's had a fantastic time on Thursday when they enjoyed their Leavers Treat! They enjoyed hot dogs, pizza and ice cream sundaes and then they got to learn some circus skills with The Great Gappo.



## Celtic Harmony

On Wednesday, our Year 3 pupils headed to Celtic Harmony and spent a wonderful day learning about history. The children returned full of enthusiasm about their day and can share lots of knowledge around what they have learnt.



## Term Dates

The term dates on the website for next year are up to date. These replace the ones that were sent out by Parentmail last June.

We wish you all a very happy summer holidays.

## 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	Jake	for continuing to demonstrate high levels of motivation, engagement and effort with his learning.
Oak	Esme	for her fantastic participation in sports day. Esme was a great team player and showed pride in her team.
Elm	Tugrahan	for his motivation with his learning and for making lots of friends at school.
Beech	Chance	for thinking of great ideas and images to use in his poem
Willow	Ida	for contributing a very concise sentence to our whole class writing in English. Well done!
Maple	Emmanuel	for his hard work and focus on answering questions, ensuring that he uses full sentences.
Chestnut	Oscar	for great resilience when focussing on his work. Even when finding it difficult.
Sycamore	Lewis	for his focus, effort and pride in all his written work.
Hazel	William	for continuously showing the values of perseverance and determination.
Birch	Lilly	for her outstanding effort in school activities from play rehearsals to school clubs! Well done.



## Other awards to mention

### Tidy Ted

Elm Class for keeping floor rubbish to a minimum and having a nice and tidy classroom.

Well done to Jesse from Chestnut Class  
Learn to Swim Level 4

Thea from Beech Class  
Learn to Swim Level 4

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