



Newsletter No. 4

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

Friday 6th October 2023



Meet the Teacher!

We had some feedback from parents that it would have been nice to find out a little bit more about the teachers themselves. This week we are starting with Year 4.

Mrs Holland – Birch Class



Why did you want to become a teacher?

When my second child was about to start in reception class I really wanted to challenge myself and get back into working. I had always wanted to be a teacher and when I heard an advert while in the car one day for teacher training, I decided to apply. I was very lucky to be accepted and started my training a few months later.

How long have you taught at Gothic Mede Academy?

I came to GMA during my PGCE training and started teaching with Mrs Gallie in Hazel class. Once my training year was over, I was lucky enough to be offered a full time position and have now been teaching here for just over 4 years.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

I love to teach science. I feel it is a lesson that allows children to discover so much, allowing them to engage with their learning. I always get asked such interesting and thoughtful questions that often require a little research to answer!

Mrs Hopla – Hazel Class



What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

I have many subjects that are my favourite but my top four are maths, English, art and Tudor history.

What do you like doing outside of school?

Outside of school, I enjoy travelling and reading a good book or two, and spending time with my family as well as designing and making craft and decorating.

What is an interesting fact about you?

I have been teaching children between the age range of 2.5 to 10/11 for over 32 years.

Maths in Year 1

This week Year 1 were introduced to the part-whole model. We used cubes to show the whole and then explored the different parts that make a number.



Upcoming Diary Dates

11.10.23	School open evening	5:00-6:30pm
23.10.23 – 27.10.23	HALF TERM BREAK	
30.10.23	Children return to school	
03.11.23	Mastering number workshop for Year 2 parents	9.00-10.00am
07.11.23	Parent Consultations / SEND Reviews	4:00–7:00pm
09.11.23	Parent Consultations / SEND Reviews	4:00–7:00pm
13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week	
14.11.23	Children in Need – Acorn A	
15.11.23	Phonics information session for parents	9.00-10.00am or 4.30-5.30pm
17.11.23	Children In Need - Acorn B & Reception to Year 4	
11.12.23	Acorn A and Reception Christmas Performance	2.00pm
12.12.23	Year 3 Christmas Performance	9.30am and 2.00pm
14.12.23	Acorn B and Reception Christmas Performance	2.00pm
15.12.23	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances	9.30am and 2.00pm
20.12.23	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties	
22.12.23	Carol Service in School (staff & children only)	10.30am
22.12.23	End of Term	



GMA Preschool Acorn Class Open Morning



Including a welcome from the Early Years Lead and Head of School, a tour of the setting and our beautiful Forest School

For prospective parents of children starting our Acorn preschool in Sept 2024
(Children born 1st Sept 2020 to 31st Aug 2021)

Tuesday 7th November 2023 @ 9.00am

We look forward to meeting you

To book call the School Office: 01462 732002

Email: GMA-Office@bestacademies.org.uk





OPEN EVENING

- ★ Do you live in or around Arlesey and have a child/children who are under the age of 9?
- ★ Come and see our facilities, which include a preschool, classrooms and Forest School
- ★ Wednesday 11th October 2023, 5pm-6:30pm
- ★ **We look forward to welcoming your family!**



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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	Remi	for his enthusiasm when completing matching activities linked to our maths learning.
Oak	Archie	for a great effort during our dough disco activities. He has been trying his best and showing excitement!
Elm	Layla	for showing a love for learning new things. She has enjoyed reading our new key text 'The Cloudspotter' and wrote some great sentences expressing how the characters felt.
Beech	Darcey	for her super instruction writing about our sports day for toys.
Willow	Jack	for his excellent knowledge of grammatical terms in English and for sharing his imaginative story ideas with the class.
Maple	Molly	for always settling down to work quickly and completing her tasks with pride. Well done Molly for always being ready to learn.
Chestnut	Eddie	for fully participating in Wednesday's mindfulness session with Will, respectfully listening and trying the mindful breathing exercises.
Sycamore	Jack	for making super progress with his reading and hard work in mathematics lessons.
Hazel	James S	for persevering on a task and seeing it through to the end even though he wanted to give up.
Birch	Akhaya	for her fantastic engagement in all lessons, working hard to share with talk partners and the class and adding valuable contributions.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Sycamore Class for keeping tidy desks and neatly stacked chairs.

Elizabeth from Birch Class - took part in two cyclo-cross events, coming 4th and 1st – well done Elizabeth.

Isabella from Chestnut Class - received her Blue Peter sports badge for playing tennis and basketball. She was also voted player of the match for Stotfold girls. Well done!