



Newsletter No. 5

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

Friday 13th October 2023



Mindfulness in Year 3

This week in our fantastic mindfulness course led by the inspirational Will George, who advises BEST on all things well-being related, we focused on 'being' and mindful eating.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Acorn's focus book has been 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and helping finish the sentences with the repeated words. We've been on our very own bear hunt in our outdoor classroom. We enjoyed swishing and swashing our way through the grass, splashing our way across the river, keeping warm in the swirling snow storm, holding our friends' hands as we walked through the forest, squelching through the mud and finally finding the bear (very friendly, thankfully) in the dark cave.

The children then explored the area. They enjoyed the mud kitchen, climbing the tree, digging in the mud pit and collecting apples. They used these to create their own bear hunt. The bear was fed numerous apples to keep him calm and happy!

Year 1

At Forest School this week, Year 1 identified different landmarks and gave each other directions to get there. They then created a plan to show an aerial view of Forest school. Great work Year 1!

In art, the children have been learning about abstract art and this week they were creating drip paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock. We think he would have been really impressed with the paintings the children produced!



The Great Chocoplot

Over the first half term of the year, Year 4 have been reading the book *The Great Chocoplot*. From this we have created our own class version of the story. Sentences were taken from different members of the class and put together to form a fantastic version of the book. The choice of language and exciting vocabulary were amazing! We start our version imagining we are in the rainforest:

The long vines as green as basil. The canopy was majestic. The canopy was majestic and beautiful. Majestic, beautiful and drenched in wildlife. Hissing and swooping, a duet of birds awoke in the upper canopy. The parrots sang together in harmony, while the sun set peacefully. Rattling across the brown, crunchy leaves, a rattle snake started going up an elegant tree, like a sly spy. Jelly imagined herself galloping through a diamond waterfall and some emerald green grass.

Jogging to see Gran, Jelly saw a disgusting, rotten caravan. Damp and depressing. It was revolting and rotten. It was cluttered and crusty but Gran loved it. Jelly stepped inside. Suddenly, she smelt the disgusting, rotten fruit sitting on the side. As she turned she caught sight of Gran's windows that were as filthy as the sewers. Strewn across the floor were items of Gran's dirty washing like stepping stones in a murky river.

Well done!

Yesterday some of our Year 4 pupils attended a football tournament at Pix Brook Academy. This was run by the Sports Ambassadors at Pix Brook and the children played football against other lower schools. We entered two teams and were delighted with both 1st and 4th place. The children had a fantastic time. A big thank you to Chris Cripps who attended the tournament with our pupils to coach and support them.



Meet the Teacher

This week it is time to get to know our teachers from Year 3. We are extremely lucky to have the wonderful Mrs Lupton and Mr Warlow.

Mrs Lupton



What made you want to teach at Gothic Mede Academy?

To teach at a school that is part of a growing community.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

History and geography as the world is a wonderful and interesting place and even without travelling we can learn so much about our world and what has happened in the past.

What do you like doing outside of school?

Walking my dog and watching musical theatre.

Mr Warlow



How long have you taught at Gothic Mede Academy?

14 wonderful years.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

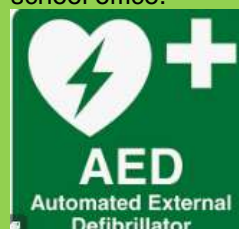
I became a teacher to help inspire the next generation with the love of learning.

What do you like doing outside of school?

I have a love of travel, food and socialising with friends and family.

Emergency Defibrillator

We have been given an emergency defibrillator by Central Bedfordshire Council and it is located in the school office.



Upcoming Diary Dates

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	

Make the School Rules Day

Gothic Mede Academy
The Friday 21st October
make School Rules

- Wear your own clothes
- Bring a treat for break time
- Have a crazy hairstyle
- Wear a hat/hairband
- Wear something spooky
- Temporary tattoos allowed
- Have squash in your bottle
- Bring in a cuddly toy
- Wear nail varnish
- Wear trainers

50p per rule
Make as many as you like!

Payments to be made via Parentmail

PFGM Movie Night

Parents & Friends of Gothic Mede Present
HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA
Friday 3rd November

Commences straight after school. Approximate pick up time 5.30pm.

Cost £3.50, payable via Parentmail. Price includes entry to the movie and popcorn!

Parentkind
Adventure Association

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	Ayah	for her fantastic enthusiasm when performing in our Harvest Assembly. Ayah sang and acted confidently, demonstrating a sense of pride in performing to the rest of the school.
Oak	Edie-Rae	for always having a positive attitude towards her learning and being a kind friend to her peers.
Beech	River	for his excellent attitude to learning. River is always ready for learning with the correct equipment. He listens carefully on the carpet and always does his best in independent tasks.
Elm	Isabel	for working very hard in her writing. She has been adding detailed sentences to her work, always remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
Willow	Erin	for her fantastic effort and concentration during Harvest Assembly performing the Year 2 poem.
Maple	Oliver	for being a respectful member of Maple Class and always living the school values.
Sycamore	Jessica	for her enthusiasm, imagination and application in our English lessons.
Chestnut	Arthur	for his enthusiasm and creative ideas throughout our poetry topic.
Hazel	Jesse	for showing enthusiasm and determination modelling his samba dance moves.
Birch	Kimberley	for her detailed recall of the human digestive system and the pride she showed in her presentation.



Other awards to mention

Isabella Chestnut Class
Isabella competed in the Leicester Open Judo Championship on Saturday and won a silver medal.

Darcey Hazel Class
Cub of the Camp for increased confidence especially on the rock wall

Harper Hazel Class
Trophy - Motocross - 5th position

Remi Maple Class
Stotfold Player of the Week - Football

Evie Maple Class
£192 raised for Children with Cancer with Race for the Kids

Well done to the Arleseey Cubs who took part in camp this weekend and for showing great resilience.

Tidy Ted
Oak Class for having tidy desks and chairs stacked neatly.