



Newsletter No. 6

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

Friday 19th October 2023



Write Stuff

As part of their 'Write Stuff' English unit based on Neil Gaiman's *The Wolves in The Walls*, the Year 3 children have been imagining that they are tucked up in bed with their favourite soft toys listening to creepy noises!



Meet the Teacher

This week we are introducing the wonderful Mrs Skeggs. Mrs Skeggs covers in lots of year groups, so many of you will get to see her.



What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

I love teaching maths because it has always been my favourite lesson and I enjoy watching the children grow in confidence and learn how to solve all sorts of problems and puzzles by themselves.

What do you like doing outside of school?

I like going to the theatre and watching motor racing and I love to go on holiday somewhere hot!

What is an interesting fact about you?

I was the first female to graduate from my university with a degree in Motorsport Engineering.

Terracycle

Gothic Mede continues to recycle items through Terracycle to earn money for the school. Items can be placed in the box in the school foyer, or the box outside the Resource Centre. We are now collecting these new items:

- Flexible laundry washing capsules and pods packaging
- Flexible dishwasher tablets packaging
- Tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps

We continue to collect:

- Crisp packets
- Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils (though NOT wooden pencils), and correction tape and fluid pots
- Baby food pouches and caps
- Ella's Kitchen snack wrappers or porridge pouches
- Multipack biscuit wrappers or non-savory biscuits (such as Digestives or Hobnobs), including individual wrappers
- Cracker and cake wrappers
- Plastic bottle trigger heads and pumps used in cleaning sprays
- Plastic air fresheners, plastic electronic (i.e. plug in) air fresheners, and plastic air freshener cartridges (including plastic car air freshener products)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, toothbrush outer plastic packaging, toothpaste cartons
- Flexible wipe packaging used for home cleaning products or personal care and beauty products (though NOT baby wipes)
- Pumps, trigger sprays, and caps from home cleaning products and personal care and beauty products (though NOT the bottles themselves)
- Personal care and beauty product plastic tubes
- Hair colourant kits (apart from rigid plastic bottles and cardboard packaging)
- Plastic roll-on deodorants (but not aerosol cans)

Multisports Festival

This week some of our Year 2 pupils went off to Henlow school and did a variety of sports with their sports leaders. The children had a fantastic time!



Values Ambassadors

At the end of every half term a pupil is recognised in each class for following the school values in an exemplary way. Well done to the following children.

Acorn A **Romi-Lee**

Romi-Lee has settled well into Acorn class. She is always ready to help and takes pride in keeping Acorn class tidy

Acorn B **Teddie**

Teddie always comes into Acorn class with a smile on his face. He shows real enthusiasm for all his learning.

Ash **Joshua**

Joshua shows a really positive and enthusiastic attitude towards his learning. He demonstrates perseverance, even when faced with something that is particularly challenging and lives our school values each and every day!

Oak **Leo**

Leo Wright is a polite, hardworking member of Oak class. He is always ready to learn during carpet time, demonstrating good listening and attention. He faces a challenge with enthusiasm and determination, showing pride in what he does.

Elm **Quinn**

Quinn is a responsible member of the class who has worked hard this term. She shows respect to her peers and is an amazing friend!

Beech **Jake**

Jake is a wonderful member of Beech class who role models the values to the other children in the class. Jake is always ready to learn on the carpet and at his table and takes responsibility and pride in tidying up his learning area. We are very proud of Jake.

Willow **Emily**

Emily always works hard to live our school values, she is a very kind and caring person who shows compassion to her class mates. Emily takes pride in her work and the classroom and is always ready to learn.

Maple **Alice-Rose**

Alice is incredibly hardworking and always treats others with respect and kindness. Well done for being a fantastic role model Alice!

Sycamore **Harmony**

Harmony is a caring and considerate class member who continues to increase her independence, resilience and pride in all she does.

Chestnut **Riley**

Riley is always fully engaged and quick to respond to any instruction to stop and listen giving his learning his full attention. A kind and caring member of the class and an excellent role model.

Hazel **Rosie- Mae**

Super role model by following the school values consistently with a smile and positivity.

Birch **Kimberley**

Kimberley takes such responsibility for her learning. Always engaging fully in all lessons and taking pride in the presentation of her work. She is always respectful to those around her and is an excellent role model for others.

Here are some of our Value Ambassadors receiving their awards.



Make the Rules Day

Some incredible efforts today for Make the Rules Day! Amongst the sea of cuddly toys and treats for snack, there were some crazy costumes and hairstyles!



Sports Ambassadors

Every year we appoint Sports Ambassadors who help with sports equipment and sports leadership over play and lunchtimes. This week they received their badges. Well done to:

Hazel Class -
Harry, James, Isla, Evie and Amber

Birch Class -
Ollie, Akahya, Ryder, Chloe and Elizabeth

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	

PFGM Movie Night



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	Freddie	for demonstrating resilience and problem solving skills in a range of situations, for example at Forest school, when trying to fix a water blockage.
Oak	Macie	for being a fantastic role model and putting in so much effort during phonics sessions.
Beech	Nelly	for using stem sentences well in maths and for applying her learning effectively during independent tasks.
Elm	Malachai	for showing more independence in his writing this week. He wrote a great sentence using the time phrase "One day".
Maple	Alyssa	for settling down to her learning well this week and being a kind friend to her peers.
Willow	Oliver	for his brilliant effort in writing this week, he has written some fantastic ideas for a poem all about being in charge of the world.
Chestnut	Isabella	for her wonderful autumn tree watercolour painting which showed the beautiful colours of autumn on the falling leaves.
Sycamore	Poppy	for her superb engagement with our mathematics lessons. Poppy is always focused, resilient and prepared to ask for support if needed.
Hazel	Layla	for always being so happy and smiling, polite and friendly, and oozing positivity everyday.
Birch	Garvan	for his enthusiasm and focus during young voices practise.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Willow Class for putting all desk items in the trays and keeping floor rubbish to a minimum.

Elizabeth

Birch Class

On Sunday, Elizabeth came 4th place in the 5th round of the Central Cyclo-Cross League held in Hemel Hempstead.

Ava Rose

Hazel Class

Winner at horse riding event, receiving lots of rosettes!

Gaby

Birch Class

Number Works certificate - Multiply: Partitioning

Adriana

Beech Class

Number Works certificate - Place Value

Amber

Hazel Class

Gymnastics Level 3

Disco – Honours

Tap – Distinction

Ballet - Distinction

Dylan

Sycamore Class

Trophy for Stotfold Football Team - Man of the Match.

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