



Newsletter No. 12

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

Friday 8th December 2023



Oh, Christmas Tree!

A big thank you to Arcade Nursery who have donated our beautiful Christmas Tree. The tree has taken its place in the hall this year for all the children and staff to enjoy.



Clubs in the New Year

Over the next few weeks, club information for the new term will start to come out. The information is always followed by a form for completion if your child would like a space. Please complete this and we will confirm spaces in due course.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils enjoying our extra-curricular clubs this term. As always if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Glindon.



Junior Duke

Our Year 4 Junior Dukes took on the challenge of cooking eggs five different ways in the kitchen on Monday. It was really successful with no broken eggs!



Mindful Magic

We are so lucky to have Mindful Magic take sessions at Gothic Mede. This weeks after school Mindful Magic after school clubs were about being present and accepting change. We used the theme of snowmen and thought about how when we build them, we are so present - we don't stop ourselves from having fun just because it will melt in the future, we just embrace the moment in front of us. One day of course they will melt, and it's ok to feel sad they've gone, but knowing that we will be ok is so important, and remembering that every moment is a new moment and a new chance to experience joy! We had a lovely meditation on this theme, and children made some lovely twirly snowmen for our craft.

Christmas Performances

We are looking forward sharing our Christmas Performances with you next week. Just a few reminders:

- Please remember the performance is in the village hall.
- Please refrain from bringing babies / younger children to the performances if possible. If it is not possible then we politely ask that if your baby / child gets upset during the performance that you move into the foyer area until they are settled.
- For safeguarding reasons, please do not take any photos or videos during the performance. You will be allowed to take a photo of your child at the end of the performance.
- As we do not charge for tickets, we will be asking for charity donations instead. This year, we will be collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital so please being along some coins if you would like to make a donation.
- The children will be returning to school after the afternoon performances as they will need to get changed etc. Therefore, you will need to collect your child from the playground at normal time.



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	Robin	for coming into school so beautifully this week.
Oak	Elias	for his focused attention when completing learning activities.
Elm	Spencer	for writing a fantastic cross-curricular writing piece retelling the story of the Gunpowder Plot.
Beech	Bailey	for applying his learning about repeated patterns in different contexts. Bailey has spotted repeated patterns all around him and has identified the components of the pattern confidently.
Maple	Oliver	for working super hard in his phonics and reading this term. Well done Oliver.
Willow	Jackson	for his perseverance to find answers during maths and his clear explanations of what he did.
Chestnut	Lucy	for her help around the classroom and a fantastic commitment to all aspects of her learning.
Sycamore	Cecily	for her ever-increasing confidence when sharing her ideas and learning in mathematics lessons.
Hazel	Ava-Rose	for coming into class happy and ready to learn, and for her super contribution in class discussion.
Birch	Hugo	for his positive attitude around the classroom and engagement in his learning across all subjects.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Beech Class for having neatly stacked chairs and keeping their desks tidy.

Isabella from Chestnut Class was voted Player of the Match by the opposition in Stotfold's 10-6 victory against Bedford on Saturday.

Gaby from Birch Class

Number Works - Reading

Fraction concept

Using known facts

Well done to Esme from Elm for donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust over the weekend.

Absences and Appointments

If your child is off sick or not attending school for any other reason, please can you call the school office and leave a voicemail, log it on Parentmail under absences or email GMAoffice@bestacademies.org.uk by 8.30am every day that your child is off. If we do not receive any of the above, an unauthorised absence mark will be entered until we have a reason for absence.

Please can you make any appointments for your child out of school hours so that their learning is not disrupted. If you do need to make an appointment in school hours please can this be done once your child has been marked in for either the morning or afternoon sessions (after 9.00 or after 1.20). This will prevent the absence from having an impact on their attendance rate (and the school's). If you are unable to book an appointment out of school hours we will require medical evidence so would need to see the hospital/doctor letter/text. You can screen shot the text and email in or show Mrs Deacon, Mrs Glindon or the class teacher.

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