



Newsletter No. 13

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.
Friday 15th December 2023



Christmas Performances

What a busy week we have had with six Christmas performances to parents and carers! We are so proud of all the children for their wonderful singing, dancing, acting and storytelling. From the nativity through to learning about Christmas in other countries, it has been a joyous week. A big thank you to our parents and carers who have provided costumes from home and also listened to children practising their singing and lines. Thank you also to our fantastic team of staff who have made these performances happen.



Baking in Year 4

In DT, Birch class have been creating their very own savoury pastry. They have enjoyed taste testing a range of products and then taking their favourite elements to create some delicious snacks. They also created their own packaging to display their baking in, spending time considering what purpose the packaging has and what information needs to be included on it. Well done Birch class!



Winter Wonderland

There are so many wonderful entries for the Winter Wonderland art competition that have come in this week. The winners will be announced next week. Well done to all the children who have taken part. Here are a few of the many fantastic designs.



Christmas Confectionery Shop

For the last few weeks our school councillors have been hard at work in their Christmas Confectionery Shop! We have been very impressed with their dedication and positive attitude. They have made an amazing £347.25 for the school.



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	Lily	for her participation and engagement with our Christmas rehearsals. Lily has learnt all of the songs and actions and demonstrates great enthusiasm.
Oak	Eddie	for engaging really well in his phonics sessions and trying his best with learning tasks.
Beech	Bea	for her fantastic effort in phonics. Bea is identifying all the sounds in words and starting to use her phonic knowledge in her writing.
Elm	Casey	for showing dedication to improve her writing during English and phonics lessons.
Willow	Dougie	for putting lots of effort into his learning, in particular he has worked hard in English and is really taking pride in the writing he produces.
Maple	Kiera	for always participating in class and living the school values. Kiera is kind and respectful to her friends and an overall great model in Maple class.
Sycamore	Jackson	for his infectious enthusiasm for learning, especially in mathematics.
Chestnut	Nephin	for showing kindness and compassion in the classroom by supporting others with their learning.
Hazel	George	for always modelling politeness and respect in the classroom.
Birch	Alex	for taking responsibility for cleaning up after our savoury baking and for the care shown when designing his box.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Hazel Class for keeping their desks clear of learning materials and stacking the chairs neatly.

Elijah from Willow Class - Green hat - swimming

Dexter from Chestnut Class - 50m back crawl

Teddy from Hazel Class - Man of the Match for defending

Max from Chestnut - 100 metres swimming and football trophy

Forest School

As you will all be aware, we are very lucky to have a Forest School at Gothic Mede Academy that is now in its second year of running. We know that Forest School offers numerous benefits to the children, including developing their social skills, physical skills, confidence, resilience and knowledge to name a few. Since last academic year, we have been able to offer Forest School to our Reception children on a weekly basis and this is something that will continue going forwards. We were keen to expand our offer of Forest School and, at the start of this academic year, our Year 1 children have had weekly sessions at Forest School for some of the Autumn term. Having reviewed our offer, we have decided that Years 2-4 will also get half a term at Forest School later in the academic year. The class teachers will inform you of when this will be nearer to the time. We are really excited that this is something that we can offer to all of our pupils.

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