



Newsletter No. 14

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

Friday 22nd December 2023



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day



On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. Thank you to those who donated to Save the Children. A big thank you to our fantastic kitchen team who made a delicious Christmas dinner which we all enjoyed.



Family Crib Service

St Peter's Church invite you to join them for their Family Crib at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Your children can take part in this simple telling of the Christmas Story. They can dress as angels, shepherds, kings or even sheep. They have costumes for the children to wear, so no need to go to any expense. There are carols to sing and short readings to tell the story. So if the family are getting restless, waiting for Santa, what better place to come and tell the retelling.

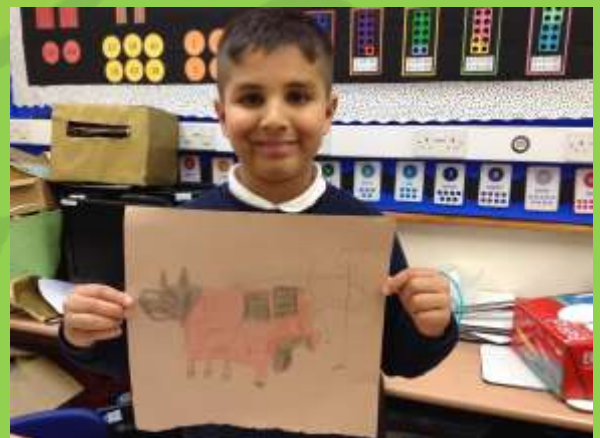
Star Challenges

In Birch class, we have had some fantastic star challenges with pupils finding out some facts about their favourite scientists. Here are just two that we have received, both focusing on the amazing Albert Einstein.



Cave Paintings

In Year 3 we have been learning about prehistory - the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We showed what we have found out by creating our own scenes as cave paintings.



Handwriting Awards

Beech Jack

Jack has been working really hard on starting in the right place and forming his letters correctly.

Elm Luke

Luke's handwriting is very neat and his letters are well formed. He writes on the line and shows pride in his work

Maple Evie

Evie has worked really hard to write her letters smaller and keep them all a consistent size.

Willow Dougie

Dougie works hard to make sure his handwriting is consistently neat and he is putting lots of effort into learning how to join his handwriting.

Sycamore Finley

Finley has been working extremely hard to improve his letter formation in our handwriting sessions and apply this in his independent writing.

Chestnut Louie

Louie has been focusing on joining his letters really well this term and his handwriting is looking fantastic.

Birch Gabriella

Gabby has shown so much dedication to improving her handwriting and a huge improvement can be seen in the formation of letters and neatness of her work.

Hazel George

George has made a huge effort in improving his handwriting lately and I am proud of his achievement and determination.

Maths Trophy Winner

Amber - Year 4

Amber explains her thinking using mathematical language as well as the process she has taken. This helps her to recognise any mistakes along the way and rectify them without adult intervention. She is also a great support helping others. Well done Amber!

Winter Wonderland Art Competition Winners

We had so many wonderful entries for the Winter Wonderland art competition. Gothic Mede certainly has lots of fantastic artists! We were very lucky to have Helen Bardell, the Churchwarden from St Peter's Church, to come and judge the results, She said that the decision was very difficult and wanted to say well done to everyone who took part. Here are the winners:

Acorn and Reception winner - Ryo – Acorn B



Year 1 and 2 winner - Esme – Elm



Year 3 and 4 winner - Alexa – Sycamore



Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A

Kody

Kody always arrives at Acorn class with a big smile on his face and happily goes in taking his friends with him. We have talked about our learning animals and Kody has really taken this on board and has become a real persevering parrot in lots of different areas and is so proud of himself when he achieves something as are all the staff in Acorn class. Well done Kody.

Acorn B

Demirai

Demirai is an asset to Acorn class, she is a kind, caring and thoughtful friend. Demirai is always happy to help and takes pride in helping to keep Acorn class tidy.

Ash

Isaac

Isaac is such a polite, kind and caring member of Ash class. He demonstrates great enthusiasm and enjoyment across all areas of the curriculum and always applies himself fully. Isaac is a wonderful role model to his peers as he consistently lives all of our school values each and every day!

Oak

Peyton

Peyton is a fantastic friend to everyone in reception. She is extremely kind and caring, looking out for everyone. Peyton demonstrates a real love of learning and always tries her best showing great pride in her achievements.

Beech

Adriana

Adriana has really blossomed in Beech class this term. She took a bit of time to get used to the new routines and structure of Year 1 but is now showing that her responsible attitude to learning and keenness to embrace every learning opportunity that is offered to her is resulting in success after success. Adriana also lives our value of compassion - she notices when other children need something and is always willing to help out. Sometimes this is as a friend to a child looking for a buddy, and sometimes it is by putting things away for others or supporting them with a task. Adriana is enthusiastic about every aspect of school life and is a joy to have in Beech class.

Elm

Layla

Layla has flourished this term, demonstrating many of the school values. She shows courage and responsibility in her learning, working hard to improve her skills. She is always ready to learn and is a role-model in the classroom.

Willow

Oscar

Oscar shows a very good understanding of our school values, he is always respectful, takes responsibility around the classroom and is always happy to help. He shows compassion for others and is a lovely friend to his classmates and if anyone is upset he will always check to see if they are okay.

Maple

Oliver

Oliver is a caring, kind, polite member of Maple class who always puts 100% into his learning. He has worked particularly hard in phonics this term and has made fantastic progress with his reading. Well done Oliver!

Chestnut

Brooke-May

Brooke is a caring and compassionate member of the class who is a brilliant role model to others. She shows respect and responsibility listening to others and is always happy to lend a helping hand. She strives to do her best and always takes pride in her work.

Sycamore

Poppy

Poppy has consistently sought to demonstrate the school's values. She shows pride in all she does, takes responsibility for her learning and is a caring, compassionate member of the class.

Hazel

Penny

Penny is an optimist and not only does she have the skill to believe she can make good things happen, she does. Penny is a fantastic role model for the class and gives 100% to everything that she does. She has a desire to learn and follows the school values consistently.

Birch

Freddie

Freddie has really developed in how he takes responsibility for his learning and sets a fantastic example to those around him. He is always engaged in his learning and challenging himself to achieve as much as possible. I have seen Freddie work hard to make good choices both in the classroom and on the playground and this has a fantastic impact on Birch class. Keep working hard!



Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we said goodbye and to some wonderful staff members. Miss Smith, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Deakin and Mrs Pedley are all moving on to pastures new. We will miss them all and would like to thank them for their dedication, hard work and wonderful spirit around the school. We would like to wish all four of them the best of luck for their future.



We wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday January 8th.

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	Oscar	for the perseverance, care and pride he took when creating his Christmas decoration at Forest School.
Oak	Rosie	for showing amazing confidence and acting skills in the school nativity!
Elm	Malachai	for his enthusiastic performance during the nativity. He performed his role fantastically and sang loud and clear throughout.
Beech	Ada	for her wonderful commitment to our school performance. Ada has tried her best in every rehearsal and her impeccable behaviour has been an example to others around her.
Willow	Joel	for his effort and perseverance in his learning this week, in particular drawing the other half of a shape to make it symmetrical.
Maple	Lily	for stepping up in the Christmas play and doing an amazing job. Well done Lily, you were absolutely fantastic and everyone was so proud of you!
Chestnut	Lilly-Mae	for working hard in all her lessons and demonstrating our school values.
Sycamore	Paige	for her effort and growing confidence in our mathematics lessons.
Hazel	Dexter	for being a star model in class - following the school values and working hard consistently.
Birch	Garvan	for his enthusiastic performances when rehearsing the young voices so



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Chestnut Class for tidying away the learning materials and for keeping the floor rubbish to a minimum.

Maverick from Elm Class - moved to orange level in swimming

Elijah from Willow Class - Man of the Match

The following children participated in Redbourne Kurling Festival:

Chestnut – Lucy, Arthur, Dexter, Henry, Oliver

Sycamore – Willam, Agnes, Joron, Bahir, Lily Rose,

Noah, Alexa

Pen Licences were awarded to the following children from Birch Class:

Elizabeth

Garvan

Ollie

Isla

Evie

Islagh-Belle

Lewis

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