



# Newsletter No. 6

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024



## Football

The Year 3s took advantage of the fine weather and took their last football lesson, in PE, out on the field, where the children practised dribbling, defending and attacking before playing small-sided matches.



## Languages Day

We were very lucky this week to have visitors into school to talk to us about other languages including Greek, Urdu and Japanese.

We were very lucky to have Miss Moore come in to teach us a range of Japanese greetings, how to count to 10 and a range of customs. The Year 3s were enthralled.



Elm Class had an exciting trip to China which is linked to our current geography unit. We tasted some food from China, such as prawn crackers and kiwi - China's national fruit. A big thank you to Reign in Elm for bringing in lots of Chinese New Year decorations, which we used to decorate our classroom!



Fasten your seatbelts everyone! Beech Class were very excited to fly with Captain Timms on Gothic Mede Airline this week. They flew to New York, Sydney and Beijing finding out about food, landmarks and places to visit along the way.



## DT

In Birch Class, we have spent the last half term designing and making torches. The children have shown fantastic perseverance in combining their science knowledge with DT, overcoming a range of challenges and reflecting on what they might change next time.



## Maquettes

In art this week, having sketched hands, eyes and the human form, the Year 3s created free-standing maquettes.



## Coordination Skills

Year One have been sharpening up their coordination skills through speed stacks. We have been having lots of fun practising the 3x3 cup stack.



## Parent Consultations

Pupil Learning Conferences are now available to book on School Cloud. You will have received an email (not ParentMail) with instructions on how to book. The meetings will last 10 minutes and will take place between 4:00 and 7:00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, as shown in the diary dates that went out earlier this term. As always, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible during the year to discuss matters if you have any concerns or questions, as the 10-minute appointments only provide an opportunity for a brief meeting about how your child is getting on this year. We request that the pupils attend the Pupil Learning Conference with their parents/carers as they will be sharing their interim reports with you as part of it.

Please note that you can book only one appointment for your child i.e. both parents need to attend together or one parent attends on behalf of both parents. Teachers do not have sufficient appointments to see each parent separately. Please come to the front entrance when you arrive and come into the hall to wait for your appointment time. At this time, you should go to your child's classroom, where the consultation will take place.

## Mothers Day Breakfasts



You need to book a space for you and your child/ren. (These need to be pupils of Gothic Mede) Spaces need to be booked by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February,

To book, please purchase through ParentMail shop. There will be 2 options with the two different dates.

## Maths Award

Well done to Henry from Year 3 for receiving the Maths Award this half term.

Henry received this as he is very conscientious in maths, trying hard to challenge himself with reasoning and problem solving.

# Values Ambassadors

At the end of each half term our class teachers award a pupil from their class for showing our school values in an exceptional way. Well done to the pupils below.

## Acorn A Carter

Carter for settling into Acorn so well and growing in confidence. Always willing to help and ready to learn.

## Acorn B Finley

Finley for always following the school values. He is a responsible and caring member of Acorn class.

## Ash Lily

Lily always follows the school values and is a wonderful role model. She is kind, considerate and caring and has impeccable manners. Lily always tries her absolute hardest and takes the utmost pride in everything that she does. She demonstrates fantastic focus and concentration on any task that she completes.

## Oak Kaiden

Kaiden is a fantastic role model for the class. He always takes pride in his learning and always tries his best. He is a kind and respectful member of Oak Class and is always happy to help anyone.

## Elm Ato

Ato lives our school values every day by demonstrating responsibility in the classroom and outside with her peers. He is such a dedicated learner and tries his best in everything he does. He shows respect to adults, always saying please and thank you. He is a role model to others and deserves this recognition!

## Elm Reggie

Reggie is everything we could look for in a values ambassador. He takes pride in his learning and always does his best. If he doesn't understand something he works hard until it clicks. Reggie's behaviour around the school is impeccable. He looks after the environment, plays gently in the playground and is always respectful to adults and children around him.

## Willow Ellis

Ellis is a kind and thoughtful member of the class. He works hard and is a brilliant role model who consistently lives the school's values. He is respectful to both grown-ups and his classmates and shows compassion when someone needs help or is upset.

## Maple Kiera

Kiera is incredibly hardworking and always treats others with respect and kindness. She is a fantastic role model for Maple class always ensuring she lives the school values to their best! Well done Kiera.

## Chestnut Harry

Harry is an outstandingly responsible member of the class. He is respectful towards others listening to everything that is said within the classroom no matter who is speaking. He is engaged in his learning and participates well with group activities. Harry has a positive mindset and will try his very best in everything he does.

## Sycamore Max

Max demonstrates an exceptional engagement with his learning. He always takes responsibility for being on task and working hard, clearly taking pride in the progress he is making and the ideas he shares.

## Hazel Isla

Isla follows the school values consistently in everything that she does in the classroom and around the school. She is kind and caring towards others, models good manners and takes pride in herself, her work and the way she conducts herself. Well done!

## Birch Ellie

Ellie always lives the school values, particularly showing the value of respect to adults and pupils both in the classroom and on the playground. She listens carefully in lessons and works hard to produce her best work at all times. She is an excellent role model to all around her and is an asset to Birch Class.



## 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	Ted	for his great focus and concentration, demonstrating a sense of pride in his work.
Oak	Kaiden	for fantastic handwriting and excellent letter formation.
Beech	Ada	for working cooperatively and carefully in her science group when testing the absorbency of a variety of materials.
Elm	Carter	for being such a dedicated learner during phonics lessons. He is so engaged and determined to learn all the alternative sounds.
Willow	Yumi	for her hard work and determination in English, Yumi carefully considers the sentences she writes and looks for ways to improve them.
Maple	Corey	for fantastic maths work this week. Well done Corey, you have worked really hard.
Chestnut	Jason	for determination and perseverance with his English narrative writing and creating sentences in spelling lessons.
Sycamore	Joron	for his fantastic engagement with, and participation in, his phonics group this week.
Hazel	Ava-Rose	for engaging in class discussion and taking responsibility for her learning.
Birch	Kyle	for showing kindness to adults around school, holding doors open and helping with jobs.



## Other awards to mention

### Tidy Ted

Willow Class for keeping the desks tidy and putting rubbish in the bins.

Nepht from Chestnut

Well done for swimming 50 metres Front Crawl

Poppy from Sycamore

Well done for becoming Arlesey Under 8s

Football captain.

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