



Newsletter No. 7

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.
Friday 1st March 2024

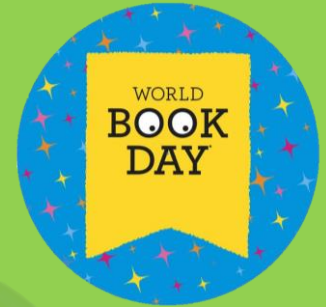


WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 8th March

This year for World Book Day all children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas and bring along with their favourite book from home.

As part of World Book Day, we are also asking for photos of the children reading in unusual places, the more imaginative the better!! Please can parents email photos to, GMA-office@bestacademies.org.uk Photos may be used on social media, so please bear this in mind when emailing them.



Acorn Class

Acorn Class have been learning all about making healthy choices this week. We have tried lots of different healthy snacks and talked about which ones we like best. We have talked about why it is important to look after our teeth and when and how to brush our teeth. We have also talked about the importance of sleep. We have enjoyed being doctors, nurses and dentists in our role play area too. We have some experts in bandaging!



School Reception

We would like to welcome Mrs Onadeko to Gothic Mede Academy.

Mrs Onadeko will be joining our administrative team. She can be found on the school reception desk every morning.

Mrs Glindon will still be here. She will be focusing on supporting our SENDco, Mrs Sugden, in the mornings and will be on the reception desk every afternoon.

Online Safety Webinar

We have an online safety webinar coming up on Tuesday 5th March at 8.00pm for parents.

Do you know how to keep your child safe online? Did you know that **Minecraft, Roblox** and **Fortnite** are not as safe as you might think? If you would like to learn more about online safety please click on the link below to join the webinar.

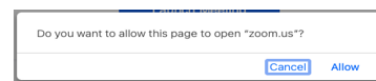
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On Line Joining Instructions For Parents

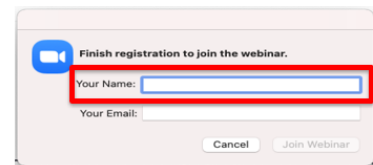
All Session will be live 15mins before the requested Start time.

Please ask the parents to click on the Link provided to the school (taken from your booking form) to access the relevant session

Your Browser will then open zoom and you will see this box.



Click on **Allow** button and you will then get the log in box



Please instruct the Parent to log on using one of the following instructions.

Please ask each parent to enter in the **'Your Name' Box'**

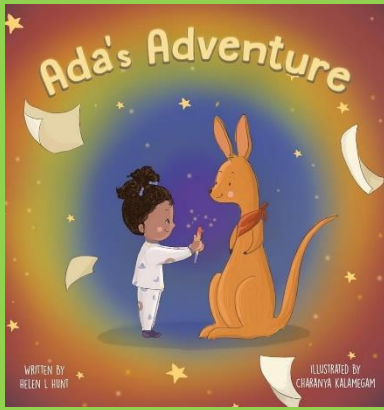
The following information :-

For One Child at a school e.g. = School Name / Y3 (One child in Year 3)

For Two Children at a school = School Name / Y1 & Y5 (Two Children)

For Non School Parents

If the session is being watched by another Family member, other professionals or school Governor etc then they can just use their full name to log on



Author Visit

We are very excited to have two authors who will soon be visiting Gothic Mede Academy. Helen Hunt and Jenni Douglas will visit the children, read them their new books and talk to them about being an author. Both authors will also be signing copies of their books.

Both books are also available to purchase on ParentMail if you would like your child to have a copy signed by the author.

Ada's Adventure is available for pupils in Acorn – Year 2.

Tess and the Ashes Catastrophe is available for pupils in Year 3 & 4.

Diary Dates

04.03.24 World Book Day Acorn A

05.03.24 Mothers' Day Breakfast 8:00am - 8:30am or 8:30am – 9:00am

05.03.24 Pupil Learning Conferences (children attend, and interim reports given) 4:00–7:00pm

07.03.24 World Book Day Acorn B, Reception & Years 1-4

08.03.24 Mothers' Day Breakfast 8:00am - 8:30am or 8:30am – 9:00am

Week Commencing 11.03.24 SEND Reviews

11.03.24 - 15.03.24 - Science Week

12.03.24 Comic Relief – Acorn A (TBC)

15.03.24 Comic Relief – Acorn B & Reception – Year 4 (TBC)

21.03.24 Year 4 Assembly 2:45pm (Parents welcome)

26.03.24 Faith Tour Trip - Year 3

28.03.24 End of Term

Year 1 Maths Workshop

The Year 1 Maths workshop took place on Friday morning. We welcomed parents into the school hall where Mrs Undrell arranged an informative presentation as well as fun games the children were able to play with their parents.

The purpose of the workshop was to share the things the children have been learning in their maths lessons with their parents as well as improving the confidence of our parents to help with home learning activities.

We would like to thank all those who were able to attend.



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	Max	for his effort and engagement in phonics, particularly with his sentence writing where he has been carefully copying sentences from the board.
Oak	Michael	for his increased engagement in outside activities. Michael has been exploring the Reception playground and is starting to safely use some of the equipment available.
Beech	Nikol	for the amazing effort she is putting in with her reading at home and school. Nikol is recognising many more sounds and reading more fluently.
Elm	Oscar	for making lots of progress in maths. He has been using his number bonds to 10 to help him recall number bonds to 20.
Willow	Isla Grace	for her constant engagement in lessons, taking pride in her learning and being a supportive classmate and friend.
Maple	Bob	for his effort and enthusiasm in his phonics lessons and positive attitude to learning.
Chestnut	Oliver	for showing hard work, determination and perseverance in his maths and English learning last half term.
Sycamore	Harley	for an excellent attitude to learning, taking increased responsibility for his learning in writing, phonics and mathematics and showing super pride in his presentation.
Birch	Chloe	for her positive attitude and hard work across all areas of her learning.
Hazel	Oscar	for working so hard and neatly writing his newspaper report.

Other awards to mention

Isabel in Elm - Achieved level 2 swimming certificate.

Elizabeth in Birch - Came 2nd place in the final round of the Muddy Monsters Cyclo-cross series. She was also really proud to be awarded 2nd place overall for the series in the Under 10 Girls category.

Darcey in Beech – Was awarded a Snowboarding Medal.

Mila in Beech – Achieved level 3 swimming certificate.

Elijah in Willow – Achieved Star of the Week at Stotfold FC

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