



Newsletter No. 8

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.
Friday 8th March 2024



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Yesterday we celebrated the joy of reading, the magic of storytelling and the profound impact books have on our lives! It was lovely to see the children dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite book. We have loved seeing all the unusual places the children have been reading in, here are some highlights...



AUTHOR VISIT

We were delighted to welcome two authors to Gothic Mede for World Book Day. Helen Hunt read her book "Ada's Adventures" to Reception and Year 1 children, and Jenni Douglass did an assembly based on her book "Tess and the Ashes Catastrophe" and then signed pre-ordered copies. Children will receive their copies of Ada's Adventures next Wednesday/Thursday.



YEAR 2 – CHICKS

We are thrilled to share some egg-citing news with you – Year 2 has turned into a bustling hatchery as we eagerly await the arrival of our baby chicks! On Thursday our fluffy friends began to hatch!

This incredible learning experience provides our students with an opportunity to experience the miracle of life up close. The children will have the chance to observe their development and learn about their behaviour.



YEAR 1 – PUPPETS

Year 1 have started their new English unit based on Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi. We had a great experience session on Monday investigating how different puppets move and talk.

YEAR 3 – ART LESSONS

The Year 3 children have really enjoyed building upon the understanding they developed in their art lessons, which focused on the human form, by crafting sculptures in clay. They investigated the work of a range of sculptors before using a variety of techniques to create their own work.

In science they used playdough to make their own 'fossil' casts as part of their study of rocks and soils.'



GIRLS FOOTBALL

A group of Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a girl's football festival on Wednesday this week. The children represented Gothic Mede fantastically well and enjoyed the event greatly.

RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

For Red Nose Day this year children are able to come to school in non-school uniform, wearing something RED. You will be able to contribute a voluntary donation of £1 via ParentMail.

Our kitchen staff will be making Red Nose biscuits. Children who have school meals will have one as their pudding. An extra 50 biscuits will be available to purchase via ParentMail for 50p each and children can have this as part of their packed lunch. Biscuits will be available to purchase Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March. **PLEASE NO CASH, thank you.**



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	Faith	for coming into school so beautifully in the mornings and for her engagement and participation during lessons.
Oak	Noah	for his fantastic effort and commitment to learning during phonics sessions.
Beech	Isabelle	for her fantastic poem about her daddy. Isabelle used a variety of great metaphors.
Elm	Esme	for excellent reading. She has been reading lots at home and is such a confident reader! Well done Esme.
Willow	Elijah	for his excellent effort in maths, showing perseverance to solve multiplication and division problems.
Maple	Remi	for his positive attitude and hard work across all areas of his learning this week. Well done Remi.
Chestnut	Brielle	for showing kindness and compassion in the classroom working positively with others.
Sycamore	Freddie	for his growing confidence in, and increased contributions to, our maths lessons.
Birch	Sienna	for her engagement and enthusiasm in maths, always challenging herself and sharing her answers with the class.
Hazel	Logan	for effort and commitment in improving his reading.



Other awards to mention

Pen Licences from Birch Class: Tristan, Akhaya, George & Denys

Darcey - Hazel - Yellow Belt in taekwondo

Adriana - Beech - Number Bonds Certificate

Amber - Hazel - Stage 5 Swimming Certificate

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