



Newsletter No. 10

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

Friday 22nd March 2024



KITCHEN UPDATES

After half term the snack payment will be changing from 25p per snack to 30p per snack.

Please follow the link to view the menu for when we return after the Easter break, <https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/schoolmeals>



SCIENCE POSTER COMPETITION

The theme this year is 'Time'! Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

Please can all entries be in school by **Monday 25th March**. A winner will be selected from each year group and will receive a prize. In addition to this, the winning posters will be entered into a national competition on behalf of the school.



SCIENCE – YEAR 3

The Year 3 pupils have been enthralled by their study of Light and Shadows in science this half term, and have conducted some fascinating investigations, both in the classroom and on the playground. They were very proud of the work that they shared at our whole-school 'Science Fair' last Friday.



RAMADAN – YEAR 3

On Thursday, the Year 3 children very much appreciated Miss Dieme and Mrs Najam (parents of Year 3 children) taking the time to come into school to talk to them about the universal human values that are practised and celebrated during Ramadan. We found out more about how Muslims observe the period of fasting and reflection. The children were set the challenge of recording ways in which they help others.



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English Competition

Are you a budding poet?

Write a poem (of no more than 20 lines) about someone or something that is special to you

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Early Years Foundation Stage
- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2
- Key Stage 3
- Key Stage 4
- Key Stage 5

Closing date: Monday 25th March

Please hand all entries to your class teacher.

The English competition closes on Monday!



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	Ellia	for her excellent participation in phonics this week, particularly with her word building and sentence writing.
Oak	Mason	for being an excellent role model by keeping the classroom tidy and pitching in with extra jobs!
Beech	Adriana	for taking pride in making the sentences in her Pinocchio story imaginative and interesting.
Elm	Yasmin	for working hard to improve her writing. Yasmin has been writing pages of creative sentences using neat handwriting. She takes so much pride in her work.
Willow	Cairo	for his excellent independent work on writing instructions for how to set up a brooder box. Cairo listened carefully and included all of the elements needed to write good instruction.
Maple	Ruby	for working really hard in maths this week. Ruby has worked hard to solve problems comparing volume and capacity. Well done Ruby.
Chestnut	Lyla	for her positive approach to writing in English and spellings, creating imaginative sentences using a range of vocabulary.
Sycamore	Noah	for his hard work and excellent progress with reading.
Birch	Lexi-May	for her good concentration and diligence in completing her history form on children's jobs, working conditions, and risks in Victorian times.
Hazel	Frankie-Leigh	for taking responsibility for her learning and trying to read more often.



Other awards to mention

Poppy – Sycamore	Poppy was awarded girl player of the match at the weekend in Arlesey's 2-1 victory over Bedford.
Teddy – Hazel	Teddy was awarded trainer of the week at his football club, Stofold.

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