



Newsletter No. 11

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

Thursday 28th March 2024



STREET DANCE

Last week our dance squad took part in another competition, this time at Bedford Kings House, up against lower schools from across the county. The dance needed to be a piece around the theme of 'unity'. With the help of Bex, their amazing dance teacher, they created a piece focussed on friendships and being kind. Our dance squad pulled out all the stops and managed to achieve GOLD! We are so proud of them! A video of their winning routine is on our Gothic Mede Facebook page.



FIRST AID TRAINING

The Year 4 children had the great opportunity to practice their first aid skills. They were highly motivated to learn basic life-saving skills, such as calling for help, performing CPR on an adult and child, learning how to put someone in the recovery position, plus having the opportunity to explore how the heart functions and pumps blood around the body. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for delivering the training, it was a wonderful learning experience.



SCIENCE POSTER COMPETITION

We were really impressed by all the entries into our science poster competition. It was very difficult, but we have selected one winner from each year group. These entries have also been put forward to represent our school in a national competition.

Year 1: Nikol
Year 2: Ioli
Year 3: Henry
Year 4: Islagh-Belle



YEAR 3 FAITH TOUR

The Year 3 children had the opportunity to bring their recent learning about places of worship to life this week when they took part in the Queen's Park, Bedford 'Faith Tour.' They really enjoyed visiting a mosque, a gurdwara and a church, where they gained a deeper understanding of the Muslim, Sikh and Christian faiths.



VR EXPERIENCE

On Thursday, both Year 3 classes were fortunate to use the VR headsets provided by BEST's IT partners, Partnership Education Limited and facilitated by Liam and Nathan. We used them to carry out a virtual 3D exploration of the pyramids at Giza, supporting our history study of Ancient Egyptian beliefs, and some other 'wonders of the world.'

CLIMBING FRAME

Please can we ask that when you collect your child at the end of the day, please do not allow them, or any siblings, use the climbing frame in the playground. The climbing frame is only to be used during the school day, when a member of staff is able to supervise. Thank you for your understanding.

Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A – Molly - Molly always lives our values. She is kind and caring and such a great role model to all. She applies herself to all she does and loves learning through play and in adult led sessions. She is always polite and helpful.

Acorn B – Hallie - Hallie is a great friend and shows compassion to everyone in Acorn class. She is always ready to learn and happy to help to keep the classroom tidy.

Ash – Ashley - Ashley is such a kind, helpful member of Ash class. He always applies himself fully to his learning, taking pride in all that he does. Ashley takes responsibility for keeping the classroom tidy and consistently lives our school values.

Oak – Rosie - Rosie is such a polite, kind and caring member of Oak class. She has a 'can do' attitude to learning, always applying herself fully. Rosie is a wonderful role model to her peers living all of our school values each and every day!

Elm – Casey - Casey is such a wonderful friend. She is so caring and thoughtful to others and looks out for her peers. She shows responsibility by helping those in need and is always respectful to adults. She continues to push herself in her learning and it has been lovely to see Casey grow in confidence.

Beech – George - George has really blossomed this year and his kind caring personality shines through every day. He always keeps an eye out for those around him and is quick to help others in the class if they need support or a friend to play with. George has worked really hard this year to be more confident in himself and to push himself outside his comfort zone. As a result, George has made great progress in many areas of the curriculum. Well done George!

Willow – Jackson - Jackson only joined our school this year but he has very quickly taken on board all of our Gothic Mede values. Jackson is such a kind and caring member of Willow class who always shows compassion to others. He's respectful to both his peers and the adults around the school and takes pride in everything he does. Well done for being such an excellent role model, I know you will take on the responsibility of values ambassador fantastically.

Maple – Tugrahan - Tugrahan is a kind, caring, friendly member of Maple class who always has a smile on his face! He is always ready to learn during carpet time, demonstrating good listening and attention. He faces challenges with enthusiasm and determination, showing pride in what he does.

Chestnut – Henry – Henry is an excellent role model demonstrating our school values in everything he does. Henry is patient and tolerant of others understanding the diversity of our class and that everyone has different needs. He will always make time to support others and help both adults and children in any way he can.

Sycamore – Freddie - Freddie is consistently conscientious, always attentive and can be relied upon to be a fantastic friend to his class mates.

Hazel – Roemina - Roemina has made good progress in all areas of her learning due to following the school values. She takes responsibility for her learning, remains focused at all times, tries her very best and has a positive attitude towards everyone in the school.

Birch - Islagh-Belle - Islagh-Belle shows her dedication to her learning, always engaging with her learning at home and in school. She is keen to complete tasks at home and share with others in the classroom. She shows a real passion to all areas of the curriculum and takes such responsibility for her work. It is a real inspiration to those around her.



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	Lex	for being so engaged and enthusiastic with his learning in all subjects.
Oak	Seth	for his enthusiasm towards writing. Seth has been doing lots of writing independently at home, applying the skills he has learnt in class to write well written sentences.
Beech	Karina	for her amazing story about Pinocchio. Karina has put into action all the feedback that she has been given this half term and her writing has improved amazingly!
Elm	Evie	for pushing herself in her writing last week. She is one of our inspirational writers this term as she has been writing creative sentences using adjectives, verbs and punctuation. Well done Evie!
Willow	Harvey	for his hard work in English, thinking of lots of great describing words for the crow in the story.
Maple	Evie	for working exceptionally hard in phonics and maths this week. Well done Evie
Chestnut	Dexter	for focused independent work in lessons. Dexter has been working hard to live his values and take pride in his work.
Sycamore	Thalia	for the impressive, thoughtful project work she has completed recently at home.
Birch	Joe	for his fantastic ideas and word choices in English lessons.
Hazel	Amber	for always showing respect when speaking to others and taking pride in her work.



Other awards to mention

- Ellie (Birch) received a participation medal and Student of the Year award for kickboxing.
- Isabella (Chestnut) completed the Muddy Mayhem obstacle course race, getting very muddy and bravely tackling cold river crossings and jumping from height!
- Sienna (Birch) received Player of the Match & Player of the Week from Stevenage FC
- Araiya-Mai (Willow) won a trophy for coming 4th in her dance championship competition.
- Logan (Hazel) awarded 2 swimming certificates, for completing stage 2 and for swimming 10 metres.