



Newsletter No. 2

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

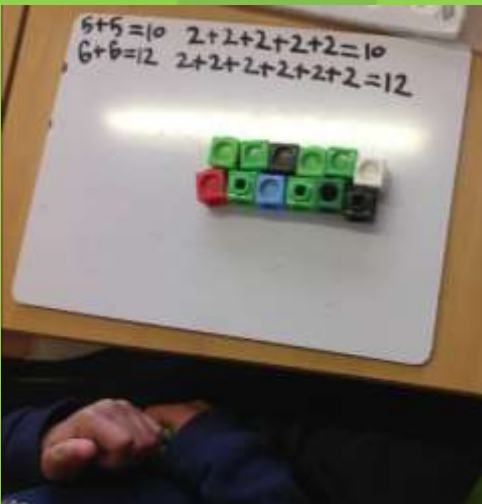
Friday 26th April 2024



YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been finding out about arrays in maths. They are everywhere - egg boxes, chocolate boxes, paint palettes.... We have been making our own arrays and showing our repeated addition calculations.

It was brilliant to see so many children taking part in the Year 1 Easter Reading challenge. The children read a wide variety of books and gave them a star rating review.



ACORN CLASS

Acorn have been making their very own vegetable superheroes inspired by the book Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. They have done an excellent job adding faces and capes to their veggies and flying them around the garden!



REMINDER

Please could we remind parents and carers to keep younger siblings with them while waiting for classes to be released at the end of the day. We are often finding that younger siblings are running around unaccompanied close to the areas where we release classes from (e.g. down the side of Chestnut class and on the steps near Birch class) which can make it difficult for teachers when they are releasing their classes. Thank you.



CANVAS Competition

We would like to invite your child to enter our Arts Around the World Canvas Competition. Children can design the canvas with something associated with a country. Examples would be a mosaic for Italy, an English garden for England or Lapland for Finland. It is their choice using any medium to create their picture (e.g. pastels, paint, felt tip etc.)

All entries will then be displayed in school and a winner will be selected from early years, year 1 and 2, and years 3 and 4. Canvases need to be purchased from Parent Mail shop at a cost of £2.75.

Please make sure that completed canvases are returned to school by Friday 24th May.



DIARY DATE
Class photos –
Wednesday 15th May

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	Anmol	for the amount of pride he takes with his letter formation and with his writing.
Oak	Seth	for showing dedication and great effort in his maths learning this week.
Beech	Vincent	for sharing his story of Three Billy Goats Gruff so beautifully with a younger child. Vincent told the story in an engaging way using actions and different voices.
Elm	Charlotte	for settling in well to Elm Class. Charlotte has been contributing to class discussions and putting lots of effort into her learning during her first week at Gothic Mede.
Willow	Jack	for his effort in English lessons. Jack is working hard to become more independent in his writing and last week he wrote sentences without relying on the sentence scaffold, well done!
Maple	Oscar	for his beautiful neat handwriting. Oscar always works hard to ensure his work is presented to a high standard. Well done Oscar.
Chestnut	James	for an excellent first week back and working hard in his maths learning.
Sycamore	Freya	for her impressive confidence in mathematics, when sharing her approach to formal calculation methods.
Birch	Dylan	for his positive attitude to school life, always ready to offer help and show compassion to those around.
Hazel	Harry	for returning back to school with a smile on his face and having a positive attitude towards his learning.

Other awards to mention

- Nelly in Beech was awarded a trophy for coming third in her street dance competition.
- Isabella in Chestnut was awarded Judoka of the Week at her Judo club, and received a medal.
- Nephin in Chestnut received a certificate for completing his blue award in swimming.
- Ida in Chestnut was awarded her Chief Scout's Bronze Award during the Biggleswade and District St George's Day parade
- Pen licence for Teddy, Dexter, Florrie & Blake in Hazel class.

TIDY TED: Sycamore Class for keeping their cloakroom area neat and tidy.

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