



Newsletter No. 3

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

Friday 3rd May 2024



YEAR 4 - PGL

At Gothic Mede we are incredibly proud of Year 4. The children had a fabulous time at PGL. Some children faced their fears head on, they had an adventure experiencing things they have never done before. They climbed to heights beyond their imagination! They worked together supporting and encouraging each other in every activity and showed the staff at PGL good manners at all times. Well done Year 4!



YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been observing flowering plants. They identified the main parts of a plant - the flower, stem, leaves and roots. Last week, the Year 1 Mini Dukes enjoyed planting seeds in our outdoor area and we are looking forward to seeing our mini garden blossom!



SCHOOL DISPLAYS

The children and staff always put so much effort into creating such imaginative displays around our school. We thought it would be nice to share these with you each week, first up is Year 1.

Year 1 have been doing writing based on the story of Pinocchio.



YEAR 3

In Year 3 this half term, we have been continuing our 'Sketching the Seasons' art that looks at changes to trees through the year using a range of art skills and genres. For spring we have been inspired by Seurat, using pointillism to experiment with colour. We have put our science knowledge about light and shadow into practice by creating shadow puppets that block a light source and cast a shadow on the screen. We identified that the shape of a shadow corresponds to the object that blocks the light and the size of the shadow can be changed by moving the object further away or closer to the light source.



PARENT SURVEY

We kindly request a few moments of your time to complete our school survey. Your responses will remain anonymous, please complete one response per child.

Please click on the link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/VE1HsofH4EpQiBmS6>

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.

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| Ash | Tudor | for the fantastic independent writing he has produced this week. |
| Oak | Harper | for her fantastic participation in dance lessons. She had great ideas for the different movements that she used to make up her dance and did a great job of keeping in time with the music. |
| Beech | Jake | for his fantastic similes in his story about the alien. Jake is always imaginative and takes pride in creating the very best sentences that he can. |
| Elm | Thalia | for writing longer sentences in English. Thalia is becoming more creative with her sentence writing. |
| Willow | Chance | for settling back in well, with a positive attitude towards his learning. |
| Maple | Alyssa | for working really hard this week when writing her own version of 'The Crows Tale' for independent write. Alyssa wrote a fantastic story and remembered to include lots of the success criteria. |
| Chestnut | Willow | for having an excellent focus in our yoga class and for her positive contribution of ideas for our 'How to have a Strong Mind' instruction writing. |
| Sycamore | Rudra | for the super progress he has made with his reading fluency. |
| Birch | Zach | for always showing respect to all adults from school and from PGL. He was always ready to listen and complete tasks with a positive attitude. |
| Hazel | Darcey | for her determination and giving 100% effort in all areas of her learning and with a smile on her face. |



Other awards to mention

- Nephin in Chestnut was awarded his Bronze Award from Beavers and a 100m swimming certificate.
- Ida in Chestnut also received her Bronze award from Beavers.
- Max in Sycamore was awarded a football medal for winning the tournament at the weekend.
- Thea in Willow has achieved her 25m distance badge in swimming.
- Adrianna in Beech has been awarded a certificate for her maths work in her tutoring lessons
- Jesse in Hazel has been awarded a trophy from his rugby club, Biggleswade Rugby Club.