



Newsletter No. 9

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

Friday 21st June 2024



QUADKIDS ATHLETICS

Last week, a group of children from Year 4 took part in an athletics event at Etonbury Academy. They spent the morning taking part in a range of activities and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They performed so well that our two teams managed to come 9th and 10th out of 47 teams. Well done to all involved!



FOREST SCHOOL

Year 3 have had another amazing session with Mrs Anderson at our Forest School. This week, they searched the school field for a range of flora and fauna, ticking-off a range of things on their list, planted trees and tried 'worm-charming' - not a single worm was 'charmed', but it was great fun!



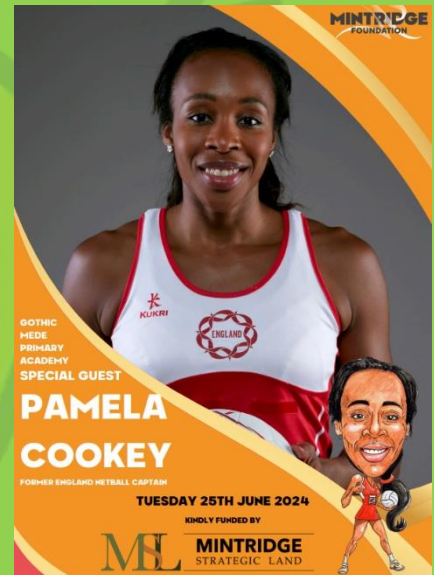
ROMAN DAY

On Friday, Year 3 were thoroughly informed and entertained by a visitor from Ancient Rome. Sergio Pulcher (aka Carl from Portals to the Past) came into school to lead our Roman Day. The children from Chestnut and Sycamore classes came to school dressed as Romans, were given a complete history of the Roman Empire, shown artefacts, took part in a quiz, played a Roman board game, identified the different parts of a Roman soldier's uniform and took part in gladiatorial contests. It was a fantastic day - thank you for all the effort that parents and carers put into creating or sourcing the costumes!



YEAR 3 ATHLETE VISIT

Gothic Mede are very lucky to have special guest, former England netball captain Pamela Cookey, visit our school on Tuesday. While she is here she will be delivering an inspirational presentation to all of the children and then delivering coaching sessions to the Year 3's.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record



For more information go to:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school

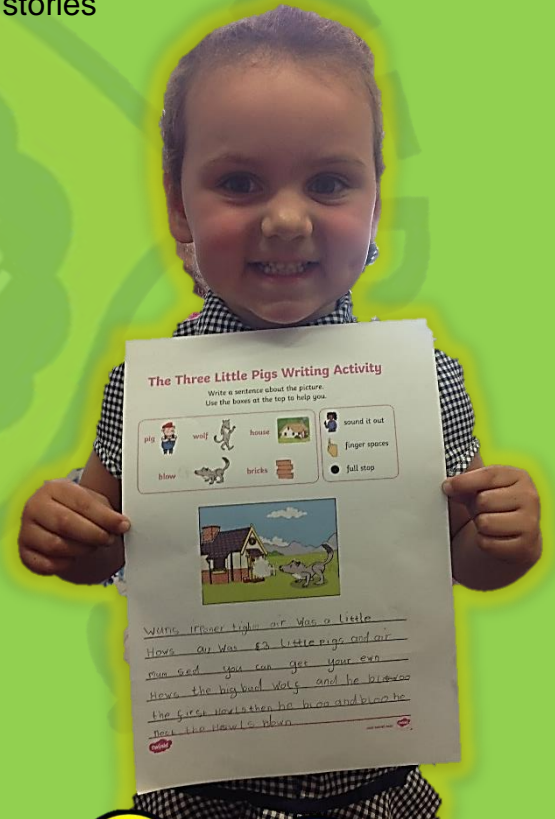
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We would like to advise you that the Department of Education have updated the legislation regarding Penalty Notices for non-school attendance, this will come into force on 19th August 2024. Please click on the link below or see the poster for more information to ensure you are aware of the changes.

[School attendance | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

WOW WRITING

We are so proud of how we have raised the standard of writing across the school. Even our youngest children in Reception are writing amazing stories



WORLD WELLBEING WEEK

Next week it is World Wellbeing Week. The children will be taking part in wellbeing activities at school during the week. This will include the opportunity to put a wish on the wishing tree.

At Gothic Mede Academy we follow an emotional literacy program called Making Me. Part of this involves every child having the opportunity to put their Kipsy caterpillar onto the feelings they have. This allows us to better support children with whatever they might be feeling.

On Friday 28th, it is Kipsy Day and we will be having a **NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY**, dressing up in bright coloured clothes (like Kipsy). We are asking for a £1 donation towards wellbeing activities in school. Payment will be available via ParentMail next week.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been making 3D drawings as part of their Paper Play art unit. They experimented with overlapping spirals, loops and concertina designs.



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	Ayah	for the wonderful sentences she writes every morning. Ayah is now writing detailed, extended sentences.
Oak	Macie	for her excellent attitude to learning. Macie is always ready to learn and takes pride in the work that she does.
Beech	Vincent	for always being helpful around the classroom and for working hard to solve maths problems involving comparing numbers.
Elm	Layla	for being a responsible member of the class. Layla shows she is ready to learn by sitting on the carpet with her resources and having her eyes on the teacher ready for the lesson.
Willow	Emily	for being an excellent friend and role model to her peers. Emily is always ready to learn and explains her ideas and answers.
Maple	Remington	for his amazing ideas in English this week learning about George and the Dragon. Remi drew a fantastic picture and wrote a super sentence of how he would capture the dragon. Well done Remi.
Chestnut	Arthur	for excellent focus in his learning last week, offering his ideas and sharing his understanding with the class group in all lessons. Arthur is always positive and hard working.
Sycamore	Freya	for her excellent engagement with, and knowledgeable contribution to, our Year 3 Roman Day.
Birch	Joe	for his hard work and focus across maths and English. Joe has taken real responsibility for each task he has been given to learn.
Hazel	Roemina	for her continuous hard work and focus throughout Year 4 and always modelling the school values.



OTHER AWARDS TO MENTION

- Elijah (Willow) – was awarded a Football trophy
- Dougie (Willow) - was awarded a Football trophy
- Louie (Chestnut) - was awarded a Football trophy
- Teddy (Hazel) - was awarded a Football trophy
- George (Hazel) - was awarded two Football trophies - Team Trophy and Players Player Trophy