



Newsletter No. 12

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

Friday 12th July 2024



SPORTS DAY

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday. The day was filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and outstanding performances from our students. It was a joy to see the children encouraging each other and celebrating each other's successes. We are proud of every student who took part and made the day so memorable.

Congratulations to our winners, Blue (Hiz) team! Thank you to Ryder and Ellie for accepting their trophy.

A big thank you to our dedicated staff who helped organise and run the events smoothly. We also extend our gratitude to all the parents and guardians who came to cheer on our students, making the event even more special. Photos will be uploaded to our Facebook page next week.



YEAR 1

For science this week, Year 1 built animal homes. We investigated whether animal homes can be waterproof by pouring water over our structures.



TRANSITION DAY

The 'New Sycamore Class' had a lovely transition day last week as they took part in lots of activities that helped Mr Warlow get to know them better (and vice versa), while learning about some of the exciting things that they have to look forward to in Year 3.



YEAR 4 EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday - Leavers Party. 3:30 –5:15pm. Children can bring in spare clothes to change into. A drink and snack are provided, the tuck shop will also be available.

Friday - Leavers Assembly 9:15am. Parents welcome to attend, a celebration of their time here at GMA.

PUPIL PREMIUM

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called '**pupil premium**'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school to help pupils reach their full potential.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

To register, you can call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306, option 4 or online via this link https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals

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	Isaac	for always giving 100% effort to his learning and for being such a kind and caring member of Ash class.
Oak	Rosie	for always being ready to learn and trying her hardest during lessons.
Beech	Zoie	for using lovely phrases when writing her learning chunks in English. Zoie has made great progress with her sentence structure and vocabulary.
Elm	Thalia	for having a positive attitude to school and learning. Thalia comes in with a big smile on her face and shows care to others by sharing kind and uplifting words.
Willow	Bobby	for his fantastic hard work and perseverance in spellings every week and for using what he learns in his writing.
Maple	Hadley	for working incredibly hard to live all of our values this week. Hadley has produced some wonderful writing and maths due to his hard work and responsible attitude.
Chestnut	Henry	for a fantastic year always challenging himself and doing everything with a positive mindset.
Sycamore	Alara	for working hard to improve the quality and presentation of her writing.
Birch	Gabriella	for her hard work and focus across all areas of her learning.
Hazel	Frankie-Leigh	for trying hard in her maths lessons recently.