



# Newsletter No. 13

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## END OF TERM

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to thank all the parents and carers for all their support over the last year. We would also like to thank all the staff who work so hard to provide a fantastic education for the children at Gothic Mede. We hope that all our families and staff have a lovely summer. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been taking their computing to the next level over the last couple of weeks. They have been putting their developing coding skills to practical use by using the Microbits that we received free from the BBC. They used the LED display, the control buttons and the sounds. Having coded on the 'makecode' website, they downloaded the code to their



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local library at the beginning of the school holidays, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Families can join at any time during the summer. It is FREE to join the library, FREE to join the challenge, FREE to reserve books and there are NO FINES charged for late return of children's books

## HAPPY SCHOOL BAG

Thank you for your donations towards our Happy School Bag collection last month. We raised over £100, taking our total raised for GMA this academic year to over £342. Our next collection is on 14th November 2024. The more we collect, the more you help to raise.



## YEAR 4 LEAVERS

We find ourselves filled with a mix of emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 4 students. We want to take this opportunity to celebrate their achievements and express our heartfelt gratitude to you, the parents and guardians, for your support. It has been a privilege to watch your children grow, learn, and flourish over the years. We are proud of the young individuals they have become, ready to take on new challenges and opportunities. As our students embark on the next chapter of their lives, we hope they carry with them the values and lessons learned at Gothic Mede Academy. We believe they are well-prepared to make a positive impact on the world, and we eagerly anticipate hearing about their future successes. **WELL DONE Year 4! You've been AMAZING!!!**

# Values Ambassador Awards

**Acorn A – Charlotte** - Charlotte always arrives at Acorn happily. She is kind and caring to all her friends and is always willing to help those around her. She lives the value of responsibility and helps look after the Acorn toys and helps tidy up

**Acorn B – Ryo** - Ryo as he always arrives at Acorn with a smile on his face ready to get on with day. Ryo is always kind and friendly to his friends and follows the school values

**Ash – Esme** - Esme is a wonderful, kind and caring member of Ash class. She is a great friend to everyone and shows compassion and empathy towards her friends. Esme loves to take on responsibilities and can be trusted to do so sensibly and effectively. Esme always works hard and continually strives to do her best.

**Oak – Denny** - Denny has a fantastic responsible attitude towards learning. He listens well and engages in all lessons. Denny always tries his best and takes pride in his work. Denny shows respect to both adults and his peers and is a kind and caring friend.

**Elm – Luke** - Luke is a role model to others as he puts in so much effort when completing learning tasks. He is respectful to adults in school and shows thanks to his teachers by telling them how much he enjoys their lessons. Luke shows pride in his work and has worked hard this year to improve his handwriting. Well done for an amazing term Luke!

**Beech – Harper** - Harper has gained confidence as she has settled in to Gothic Mede this year. She now shows a positive attitude to all areas of learning - taking pride in her work and persevering when she finds things difficult. Harper is a very responsible child - always making sure that she has the right equipment for a task and that she remembers her things at the beginning and end of a day. Harper has shown her naturally compassionate nature over the last couple of weeks as she has been an excellent buddy to a new child in the class.

**Willow – Reuben** - Reuben has really grown in confidence in Willow class this year. He works hard to live all of our school values and is always ready to start lessons with all of the equipment he needs. Reuben always tries his best and works well with all of the children in our class.

**Maple – Corey** - Corey displays such a responsible attitude towards his learning. He listens and engages fully in all lessons and is developing a real growth mindset and his resilience when tackling tricky tasks. Well done Corey!

**Chestnut – Arthur** - Arthur is a kind and caring member of the class. He works positively with everyone and tries his very best with his learning.

**Sycamore – William** - William has an incredible attitude towards all aspects of school life. He consistently strives to demonstrate the school's values, by being hard-working, caring and helpful.

**Hazel – Riley** - Riley is a superb member of Hazel Class. He takes great pride and responsibility in all areas of his learning. He has a positive attitude in everything that he does and his confidence has grown over the year no end. He is polite, kind, helpful and very friendly towards everyone. Well done!

**Birch – Chloe** - Chloe always shows such care to those around her. She is willing to offer friendship and help to anyone who may need it, really living the value of compassion. This also extends to the adults around her, where she is willing to offer help in the classroom and on the playground, setting an excellent example to all in GMA.



## 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	Robin	for his enthusiasm and participation in Sports Day.
Oak did	Jacob	for his determination and participation in Sports Day. Jacob also a great job of representing his team in the final relay event.
Beech	Lara	for her super story based on The Storm Whale. Lara's story was interesting and full of great humour.
Elm	Charlotte	for trying hard to develop her writing skills this term. Charlotte has been writing longer narratives that are planned well and creative.
Willow	Ronnie	for his continued progression and positive interactions in the Conker room.
Maple	Ruby	for working really hard in maths this term. Ruby has grown in confidence and shown great determination this term.
Chestnut	Willow	for her positivity throughout the year and showing perseverance in everything she does.
Sycamore	Max	for his imaginative contributions to our English lessons and especially his effort to suggest interesting vocabulary.
Birch	Freddie	for his consistent and positive attitude to all tasks. Whether he is singing a song or solving a maths problem, he always gives each task his full care and attention.
Hazel	Evie	for her commitment, effort and responsibility she has demonstrated to her learning all year.

## OTHER AWARDS TO MENTION

- Luna (Elm) - 1st prize in show jumping. Luna completed 12 jumps with her pony Star.
- Ellie (Birch) - Finalist medal U9 Hitchin Belles - Welwyn tournament. End of season trophy 23/24 under 9 - Hitchin Town boys. End of season medal 23/24 Under 10 Hitchin Belles.
- Lola (Willow) - Ballet trophy and certificate
- Jason (Chestnut) - Swimming certificate
- Keeley (Beech) - Swimming certificate
- Dougie (Willow) – Football Award
- Lex (Ash) - Maths trophy - Lex always contributes greatly in our maths lessons. He is able to give reasons and justifications for his answers using full sentences. Lex applies his maths learning during child-initiated activities.

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