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

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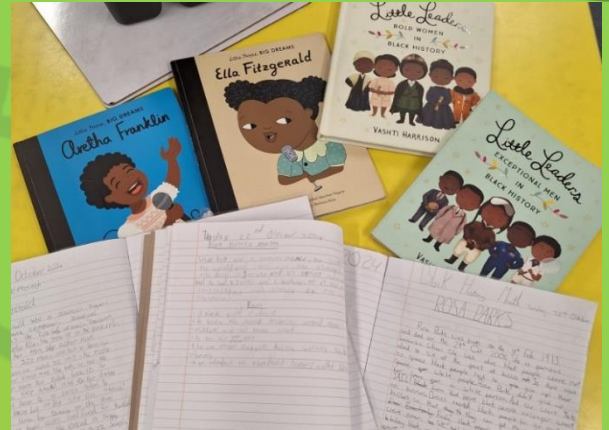
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is **Black History Month**. At Gothic Mede Academy the children have spent time learning about the achievements, history, and contributions of black individuals and communities across the world, as well as their important role in shaping our shared history. The children completed activities and listened to presentations about lots of truly influential people.

In Birch Class, we have been learning about Black History Month and why it is so important to recognise the achievements of black men and women who have helped inspire others.

In celebration of Black History Month, Year 1 created art work inspired by African American artist Alma Thomas. Alma Thomas was known as the godmother of colour and the children were excited to recreate her famous art piece called 'The Eclipse'.

Year 3 have been learning more about the origins and purpose of Black History Month and were surprised to learn that it dates back to 1926. We discussed influential people from history and thought about our contemporary black role models. We have also discovered the long history of black music and some of the famous figures that have influenced the music that we enjoy today.



ACORN

Acorn class have been learning about autumn and have read the story Pumpkin Soup and made our own pumpkin soup to taste. It was delicious!!

YEAR 3

The new 'forces' unit of science that Year 3 started this week began with an investigation into contact forces using push, pulls and twists. In art this week, we have been exploring the work of M.C. Escher. We created a template that enabled us to make tessellated art works with repeating patterns.



Dinner and snack payments will be available on ParentMail all over the half term and will close on Monday 4th at 8am.

Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A – Rohan - Rohan always arrives at Acorn class with a big smile and cheerful good morning. Rohan lives the value of responsibility and is always willing to help and join in with Acorn routines

Acorn B – Maeve - Maeve has settled into Acorn class beautifully and is always very cheerful. She lives the school values of responsibility and kindness and does everything with a smile on her face

Ash – Aria - Aria has demonstrated our class values consistently this term. She always tries her hardest, listens well on the carpet and engages with classroom activities. She always helps to tidy up, can be trusted to carry out classroom jobs responsibly and is a kind and caring friend to all.

Oak – Paige - Paige always lives our values. She is kind and caring, always looking out for others. She is helpful and will always volunteer to help with a job. Paige listens carefully and always tries her hardest.

Elm – Harper - Harper has been a role-model since her first day in Elm class, demonstrating excellent behaviour and living by the school values. She is so helpful to all the adults in Elm, always offering her assistance to hand out books or help her peers. She is respectful and kind - she likes to make others laugh and smile. She has made such a fantastic start to Year 1, well done Harper!

Beech – Albie - Albie is always proactive in looking for ways that he can take responsibility. He tidies up playground equipment, pushes chairs in around the classroom and always makes sure that class equipment is put away properly. Albie is a great role model to the rest of the class.

Willow – Oscar - For always being ready to learn, and contributes brilliantly to lessons. For being kind and caring towards his peers and takes responsibility in the classroom.

Maple – Isabel - Isabel lives the school values in so many ways. She takes such pride in her work, always taking great care with the presentation of her work. She can be relied upon to take responsibility for any task, like when she took responsibility for showing the class the actions for the harvest poem. She is very respectful and compassionate towards her classmates, always looking for opportunities to help them whenever she can.

Chestnut – Isla - From the very start of term Isla has demonstrated excellent skills for learning, living her values in every possible way she can. She is helpful around the classroom and recognises the importance of being a role model to others, taking pride in meeting the expectations of our school.

Sycamore – Luke - Luke is a kind, respectful member of Sycamore Class who works hard in all areas of his learning and takes pride in the excellent contributions he makes to our learning.

Birch – Amy - for always showing the value of respect and compassion to all those around her. She shows such kindness to other members of the class and is always modelling the behaviour expected at GMA.

Hazel – Oakley - for always modelling our school values through his dedication and commitment to learning.



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	Abigail for the pride she takes with her handwriting and letter formation when completing her apply sheets in phonics
Oak	Finley for always being ready to learn and being a great role model for our school values.
Beech	Max for taking pride in his presentation when writing, and for living the value of responsibility around the classroom.
Elm	Joshua for showing independence and determination in Maths this week. Joshua has worked hard to recall his number bonds to 10 and use these to complete many addition number sentences.
Willow	Ada for taking so much pride and care in her English poetry and for always being ready to learn, setting a brilliant example for others.
Maple	Yasmin for the effort she put into her 'If I Were in Charge' poem and taking pride in her handwriting when writing it up.
Chestnut	Remi for taking pride in being an excellent role model for our class recognising the importance of listening within the classroom which has helped him to master new skills in his maths learning.
Sycamore	Alice-Rose for the effort she has made when learning to use column addition in mathematics.
Birch	Louie for his dedication to his learning, completing 120 minutes of TT Rockstar's at home in just one week!
Hazel	Finley for taking responsibility for his learning and greatly improving his presentation.



OTHER AWARDS TO MENTION

- Well done to Albie for gaining a medal in his first rugby tournament with Letchworth Rugby Club
- Congratulations to Nephin, after he attended the North Herts District Cricket Trials at u10 age group, he received the exciting news that he has been successful in making the u10s squad for next season.
- Well Done Araiya-Mai for winning two dance awards, 1st in Beginner Solo & 2nd in Beginner Duo!
- Well done to Harmony for being so brave following her recent stay in hospital.

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