



Newsletter No. 9

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

Friday 15th November



CONKER ROOM

Over the recent half term break our Conker Room has been transformed with the addition of a sensory room, wet play area along a new safe storage cupboard. Everyone is enjoying our amazing facilities and making use of these exciting and stimulating new spaces.

A big thank you goes to Thomas and his team from Poplars Construction Ltd (<https://www.poplarsconstruction.co.uk>) who were professional and efficient throughout the process, completing the transformation in only 6 days.

Take a look at our before and after photos...



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people. At Gothic Mede the children have been involved in a number of activities throughout the week including class discussions and a special assembly where we spoke with the children about the effective responses to bullying.

We encourage you to talk to your child about what they learnt this week and help us reinforce these important values. Together, we can create a supportive and safe environment for all.

Here are some quotes from some Year 4 pupils:

Willow - We can avoid bullying by showing respect to other people. If you see bullying you can help by telling a teacher.

Lucy - Bullying isn't really meant to happen. It's not good. We can avoid it by standing up for people and telling an adult.

Henry - Bullying is really mean but if everyone is kind and respectful to each other it won't happen.

Nephin - Always tell a grown up if someone is bullying someone - don't just stand there.

PHONICS SESSION

It was lovely to see so many of you at our phonics/reading information sessions on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the sessions and found them useful. It was wonderful to see so many parents eager to support their children's learning at home. We appreciate your involvement and enthusiasm, as it makes a huge difference in building strong reading skills. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher or Mrs Oestreicher/Mrs Lewis.



CHILDREN IN NEED

What a wonderful day we've had, the day was filled with exciting activities and it was lovely to see the entire school community come together to make a difference.

A huge thank you to all who participated, donated, and supported the event. Your kindness and commitment help us teach our students the importance of compassion and helping those in need.

The day will end with a biscuit sale in the playground, thank you to our School Counsellors for helping run the stalls.



YEAR 1

In science, Year 1 have been finding out about the materials that different objects are made of. The children really enjoyed finding items from around the classroom and grouping them into different material types, they worked so well as a team.

We also commemorated Remembrance Day by making poppies. The children enjoyed discussing the heroic actions of the brave soldiers and why poppies are special at this time of year.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

We are excited to announce our **Christmas Hamper Raffle!** We have two beautifully arranged hampers filled with festive treats up for grabs.

We are selling tickets at £2 a strip (5 tickets). If you would like to purchase tickets, please put the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class and hand to the school office. Please only send money in each **MONDAY, you have up until Monday 9th December to buy tickets.** The winners of the raffle will be drawn on the week commencing 16th Dec.

This festive raffle is a wonderful opportunity to win a fabulous festive hamper while also supporting our school at the same time. With the money raising we plan to buy some much-needed equipment in the classroom to enrich the children's learning experience. Thank you for your support.





Our school is hosting an

Usborne Book Fair

Tues 19th November until 6.30pm

Thurs 21st November until 7pm

You can visit after school from 3.30pm
in Main Hall alongside Parents' Evening

**Our school can earn free books
based on the amount of books bought.**

Usborne will donate up to 60% of our event
value in additional free books of our choice.

Event value	Free books earned
Over £600	£360+ (60%)
£300 - £599.99	£90+ (30%)
£150 - £299.99	£15+ (10%)

Please encourage your class to visit
the book fair to help us to get lots of
free books for our school.

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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	Mihail for his excellent concentration and participation in phonics.
Oak	Romi-Lee for fantastic listening and participation during carpet time activities.
Beech	Ayah for her lovely story based on Superworm. Ayah concentrated really well to make her story interesting and her handwriting neater.
Elm	Bryan for trying his best in his learning. Bryan has been determined to make his writing creative, remembering to use adjectives and punctuation to make his work stand out.
Willow	Dougie for his hard work in maths this week and working independently to complete a range of addition and subtraction tasks.
Maple	Luke for his fantastic English work this week. Luke wrote a number of fantastic questions taking pride in his handwriting and thinking carefully about his spelling and punctuation.
Chestnut	Erin for her excellent story writing in English using lots of descriptive words and imaginative ideas.
Sycamore	Jake for settling into Gothic Mede Academy so well and consistently demonstrating the school values.
Birch	Oliver for his improved attitude to learning, working hard to show respect to adults in school.
Hazel	Emmanuel for trying hard in his English lesson to write independently.

OTHER AWARDS TO MENTION

- Harper in Elm for winning medals at her recent dance competition
- Remi in Chestnut received a football trophy for Player of the Match
- Imogen in Birch was awarded a rugby trophy for her great performance
- Grace in Willow received a football trophy for the fastest dribbler

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