



Newsletter No. 6

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

Friday 14th February



MINI DUKE CLUB

This week in Year 1 Mini Duke club the children learnt about recycling. We made binoculars using recyclable materials and will be using them to go bird watching!

EGGS!

Year 4 Junior Duke club is back in full swing! This week we looked at how to cook eggs 5 ways. All 10 children either got to scramble or fry an egg. We discussed safety in the kitchen, why eggs are good for you and also how you know if an egg is cooked. The children enjoyed tasting their cooking. Feedback from the children included, 'WOW, I didn't know an egg could taste so good!'



In Sycamore Class today, we welcomed the opportunity to celebrate Tugrahan's life and his love of football. We wore football shirts and bright colours, while taking time to share our fond memories of a very special class mate. The children spoke warmly of his kind, caring and happy disposition, of his sense of humour, and of how much they enjoyed playing with him. We would like to thank David and Paul at MVI Merchandise in Lower Stondon who kindly printed a Galatasaray shirt in Tugrahan's memory for display in school.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week, Mr Warlow led an important online safety assembly to help the children navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. As technology plays a growing role in our daily lives, it's essential that children understand how to stay safe online. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home and remind children to always speak to an adult if they have any concerns.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Here is the link to view our current school menu. If you have a child in Reception, Years 1 or 2 and would like to opt in to try the free school meal for the term, please notify the kitchen and this can be arranged. <https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/schoolmeals>

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our special fundraising day held in memory of Tugrahan. The day was a chance for our school community to come together to celebrate Tugrahan and raise funds for both a memorial bench and for Keech Cottage, a charity which has supported Tugrahan's family. There are lots of things that we remember about Tugrahan. He was well known in school for his smile as well as his determination and perseverance. He also loved football and he was a keen supporter of Galatasaray S.K. He will be deeply missed by everyone at Gothic Mede and our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.



The admissions policy for September 2026 has been determined and published, and can be found via the link:

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/page/?title=BEST+Admissions+Policy&pid=215>

The next Happy School Bag clothing collection is on 14th March 2025.

Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A – Harrison - *Harrison is a very polite child and always makes good choices. He shows the values of respect and responsibility by always being ready to lean and help in Acorn class.*

Acorn B – Ariana - *Ariana always arrives at Acorn class with a cheerful welcome and a big smile, she is a great role model to everyone in Acorn class and is always kind and caring to those around her.*

Ash – Abi - *Abi is always sensible, hardworking and conscientious. She fully applies herself to everything she does. Abi is always ready to learn and is such a kind and caring friend. She is a wonderful role model to all of her peers.*

Oak – Ciara - *Ciara always has a big smile on her face. She is a kind and considerate friend and is always willing to help others. She always tries hard and takes pride in her work.*

Elm – Max - *Max brightens up Elm class with his positive attitude towards school. Max is inquisitive and determined - he wants to explore many topics and find out the answers to lots of questions! He takes pride in his learning and continues to work hard every day.*

Beech – Yigithan - *Yigithan has made such an effort this term to make sure that he has the right equipment for learning and that he is listening carefully to instructions. He is always tidying up around the classroom - not just making sure that his own area is tidy but that books, glues, sound mats etc are tidied away.*

Willow – Giovanni - *Giovanni joined our school in the Autumn term and he very quickly learnt the values of our school and demonstrated that he could be an excellent role model to others. Giovanni works incredibly hard in lessons, he goes above and beyond in most tasks he is given. He is responsible around the classroom, helping with jobs and making sure the classroom is neat and tidy. He has also worked hard to have compassion to others, offering to help when someone is in need. Well done Giovanni!*

Maple – Lottie - *Lottie always demonstrates a sensible attitude in everything she does. She shows respect by being polite and considerate towards the adults and children around her. Lottie always tries her very best which shows her commitment to learning.*

Chestnut – Freddie - *Since settling into Year 3, Freddie has demonstrated that he is a fantastic role model to others by taking responsibility and showing respect. Freddie is kind and compassionate frequently helping others in the class especially with computing. He shows a lovely patience with all members of the class and gets along with everyone.*

Sycamore – Lily - *Lily is such a positive influence in Sycamore Class. She always seeks to live the school values and consistently shows compassion to her class mates.*

Hazel – Cecily - *Cece is a very polite, calm and friendly member of the Hazel family. She is an excellent role model for the class and school, showing/modelling how we live the school values in every way.*

Birch – Lucy - *Lucy consistently shows the values of Gothic Mede. She is keen to offer help and support to adults and children in school, always showing respect and compassion to those around her. Her hard work and dedication are to be commended and is an excellent example to others in Birch class.*



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** Aria for producing some fantastic writing linked to our topic of Little Red Riding Hood.
- Oak** Ivy-Leigh for her increased attention and engagement during carpet time.
- Beech** Heath for always pushing himself to do his absolute best at every task. Heath loves a challenge and will put in extra effort and time to complete tasks to a very high standard.
- Elm** Oscar for his positive attitude towards school and learning. Oscar has been working hard to improve his writing and reading skills which has shown through his recent report writing.
- Willow** Jake for his amazing effort in Maths, learning how to multiply equal groups of numbers and sharing his understanding with the class.
- Maple** Layla for her excellent effort, enthusiasm and perseverance when creating a chair for a bear in our Design and Technology lesson.
- Chestnut** Alyssa for her continuous enthusiasm to her learning and for approaching each day as a fresh start with a positive mindset.
- Sycamore** Bob for his enthusiasm for, and the pride he took in, writing his report.
- Birch** Scarlett for her growth mindset towards her school work, always challenging herself while keeping a positive attitude.
- Hazel** Jackson for always working hard and participating in class sharing his knowledge and skills.

CELEBRATIONS

Harper

Awarded a trophy for competing in a Street Dance Competition! Well Done



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th February

Children Return to School

Tuesday 25th February

Chestnut First Swimming Lesson

25th & 27th February

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