



Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 28th February



SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate British Science week between 10th – 14th March 2025, Gothic Mede Academy will once again be taking part in the British Science week poster competition.

The theme for 2025 is '**Change and adapt**'. There are lots of ideas pupils could focus on to show how things can change and adapt, such as showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology.



All entries will need to be handed in to their class teacher by Friday 14th March and a winner from each Key stage will be selected, winning a prize. These winners along with some runners up, will then have their entries entered into the national competition where they will have the chance to win further prizes. All posters can be no bigger than A3 and not include flaps.

To ensure our records are up to date, if you didn't complete the recent form on ParentMail, please could you get in touch and confirm if your child is a **Young Carer**.

Central Bedfordshire define a young carer as such: Children aged 5 to 17 who look after or are affected by someone in their family who has a physical illness, disability, mental health illness or substance misuse problem; taking on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities which would normally be expected of an adult.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

On Wednesday, we held an assembly to show everyone all the new toys that have been bought for the playground. These include- giant Connect 4, ball launchers, quoits with ribbons (to dance with), giant waffle blocks (for building), a croquet set, tin can alley game, hoopla and a variety of different shaped balls! These will hopefully be out on the playground starting next week. We hope they will be enjoyed by all, but please be respectful of our new equipment and look after them. - Henry, Birch Class

Happy School Bag Collection is Soon!

Please drop off your donations by the kitchen doors on **Friday 14th March**.

Bring as much as you can, you can use extra bags if needed. More donations mean more funds for our school!

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be cosying up with our books so children and staff will be wearing pyjamas. Everyone will bring in their favourite book to share. Author Pippa Goodhart will be doing workshops throughout the day. Please check Parentmail where you have the option to purchase any of her books. She will also be selling books on the playground after school.



AUTHOR PIPPA GOODHART

VISITS GMA ON WBD!

**ASSEMBLY & WORKSHOPS
PLUS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY
ONE OF HER AMAZING BOOKS!**



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** Arthur for living all of the values, particularly respect. Arthur always tucks chairs under tables, tidies away toys and rubbish and he never has to be asked to do so!
- Oak** Paige for her fantastic writing. Paige is trying really hard to use her phonics to write words and sentences herself.
- Beech** Lexi for showing responsibility for learning, particularly in Maths. Lexi has listened carefully to class inputs and focussed well when completing independent tasks.
- Elm** Anmoldeep for being a responsive learner. Anmoldeep has shown great engagement by answering and asking lots of questions.
- Willow** Mila for her excellent effort in English when writing her own report and for trying hard to be compassionate to others, taking the time to consider how she can be a good friend to others.
- Maple** Maverick for challenging himself during maths lessons and working hard to explain his reasoning when solving problems.
- Chestnut** Molly for always taking pride in her work and for showing responsibility in lessons trying her very best to work independently and challenge herself.
- Sycamore** Corey, for his effort to improve his reading fluency.
- Birch** Imogen for her increased confidence and excellent attitude across all areas of her learning, challenging herself even when she finds things tricky.
- Hazel** Delilah for always being a polite and friendly member of the class, she always tries hard in every lesson.



CELEBRATIONS

Maths trophy awarded to Ato. Ato is a marvellous mathematician! He loves a challenge and his fast recall of number facts, along with his perseverance, ensure that he solves many problems accurately. Ato is working hard to use the most efficient ways to solve problems and to explain his reasoning. Well done Ato.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day Children to wear pyjamas to school
Friday 14 th March	Year 4 Assembly, 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day

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