



Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 17th October



YEAR 3

As part of Black History month year 3 have been learning about the life and artwork of Alma Thomas. They produced some lovely paintings in her style.

YEAR 4

It has been another busy and fun-packed week in Rowan Class. Our Mindfulness session with Will George from BEST was held remotely, so children spoke via a microphone. In art, we continued with our rainforest inspired art, looking at some of the work of British Arts and Craft artist William Morris, and tracing and combining patterns that we had sketched in previous weeks. In science, our study of human and animal digestion, ended, where it always ends, in the observation of a range of animal faeces and a fun game of 'Poos Clues.'



MAKE THE RULES

On the last day of term, Friday 24th October, it's time to Make The Rules!

Children will be invited to dress in their own clothes, maybe something spooky?!?! Will they bring a teddy to school or have chocolate for a snack? For one day only, they can even choose to do everything on our list!

Each rule they make costs 50p and can be paid for via ParentMail, from next week.

Please can we ask no scary masks or inappropriate Halloween outfits as this may scare the younger children, many thanks!

We are looking forward to seeing the children make as many rules as they can! PFGM



GMA GOOD NEWS STORY



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Phonics Information Session. It was a really valuable opportunity to share how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child's reading at home.

We really appreciate your time and engagement. Working together makes such a positive difference to our pupils' progress and confidence.

Bromcom MCAS

We will be launching a new communication system called My Child at School (MCAS) on Monday so please look out for a sign-up notification. Some of you may already use this and will be able to link with siblings' schools. Once you receive a notification to sign up, please do so as we will be using the email communication side of this after half term and will replace ParentMail communications. The payment side of MCAS will be coming shortly and will be available by the end of December. We will keep you notified when we launch new parts of MCAS but for now payments will stay on ParentMail. To log in you may require our School ID which is 15374 or postcode SG15 6SL. Once you are set up, please can you update any contact and children's information if necessary to ensure our system is up-to-date.

[Link to MCAS Parent Guide](#)

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	Ruby for always being ready to learn, always following instructions, showing respect to her peers and being a fantastic role model to the rest of her class.
Oak	Clae for his engagement during discovery time and applying his learning to complete lots of different activities.
Beech	Paige for her effort when creating a fantastic portrait in the style of Jean Michel Basquiat.
Elm	Abi for a fantastic independent writing piece inspired by the story "The Cloudspotter". Abi used different writing techniques to make her work stand out.
Willow	Leo for his amazing can-do attitude towards his learning. Leo showed brilliant resilience when making his moving monster, calmly asking for help, listening to instructions and then independently having a go and doing a brilliant job too.
Maple	Anayah for showing respect and responsibility when lining up and walking around the school.
Chestnut	Malachai for showing determination and resilience in his learning.
Sycamore	Oscar for showing great tenacity and resilience with Maths when adding 10s over 100. Oscar made great progress with this challenging concept.
Rowan	Leon for his excellent and enthusiastic contributions to our English lessons by sharing his ambitious word choices.



CELEBRATIONS

- *Teddie in Elm awarded a swimming certificate for 25m backstroke!*
- *Ioli in Rowan awarded a swimming certificate for passing stage 5!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

W/C 27th October	Half Term
Mon 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 7th November	Tea with the Head

FROM THE KITCHEN

Next week, we are on **Week 2** of the menu.

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/schoolmeals>

We have a new menu which will take effect when we return on Monday 3rd November, this is on our website, please take a look using the link.

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