



# Newsletter No. 9

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November



Winter is here  
His frozen face glistens in the light  
His white hair is as frosty as an ice cube

Winter is here  
Birds tweet as they sit on icy glaciers  
Frozen lakes lay motionless in time

Winter is here  
The sizzle of meat wafts through the air  
The warm oven heats up the room

Winter is here  
Frosty shimmering spiders' webs glisten as the spider  
waits for its prey

Winter is here  
The sky gets darker and darker until the quiet night sky  
is pitch black

Winter is here  
Fluttering birds fly down to sit on the frosty lake  
Woodpeckers dig their beaks into the trees

Winter is here  
The tweeting of birds comes from the trees above  
The sounds of footprints come from the soft snow

Winter is here  
The sweet smell of berries cascades down from the air  
The crunchy smell of leaves come from the leaves on  
the ground

## YEAR 3

Year 3 have amazed their teachers with the beautiful imagery that they have used in their independent write poems "Winter is here". They have created beautiful pictures in their readers' minds and justifiably feel very proud of themselves.

This poem was written by Cillian.

## CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Next Friday is Children in Need Day. To mark the occasion, we are having a **non-school uniform day**, to include something spotty, if you can! A £1 donation will be available to pay via Parent Mail next week.



## REMINDERS

The 'Report an absence' option in ParentMail has been turned off so all absences are to be reported via the Bromcom app. If you have not yet connected to Bromcom, please contact the school office for a link to join.

Please can all parents use the office email address, [GMA-office@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:GMA-office@bestacademies.org.uk) rather than emailing teachers directly. This will ensure that your enquiries are dealt with efficiently.



## SEN COFFEE MORNING



Gothic Mede Academy would like to invite you to come along to our upcoming SEN Coffee Morning.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, catch up with staff and discuss SEN support.

➤ **WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

➤ **9:00AM - 10:30AM**

We are really pleased to let you know that SNAP (Special Needs Action Panel) will be leading our next Coffee Morning and the theme will be 'supporting your neurodiverse child'. Please do come along, it doesn't matter if your child has a diagnosis or is on the waiting list for the CDC, or if neither of these apply. You are all very welcome. The coffee mornings are supportive and a safe place to share.

Please can you respond by clicking on the link. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/bwUvVP6cnq5PBC8W6>

## HAPPY SCHOOL BAG

The Happy School Bag scheme is coming back again on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Happy School Bag is a scheme which allows schools to easily raise funds through collecting unwanted, sellable/reusable clothing. If you are planning a declutter in your home, the PFGM (Parents and Friends of Gothic Mede) could use your clothing to raise much needed funds for Gothic Mede Academy.

**Happy School Bag accept donations of:**

**Adults and children's clothing (not school uniform)**

**Paired shoes**

**Console Games and souvenirs**

**Handbags, belts, hats and accessories**

**Jewellery, toiletries and perfumes.**



The more donations we collect, the more the PFGM will receive. Our next collection date is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Donations cannot be accepted before 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The collection drop off point will be by the school kitchen, it will be signposted on the day. Please drop off your donations by **9am**.



## BEST CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

It's that festive time of year again, the BEST Christmas Card Competition has returned! All pupils are invited to design their very own Christmas card. The winning design will be featured as the trusts official Christmas card and shared with our school community. We can't wait to see all the festive artwork our pupils come up with this year!

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

You can design your Christmas card however you want - paint, draw or collage. Whatever you like as long as it has a Christmassy feel about it. Your design can be **A4** or **A5** in size, **landscape** or **portrait**.

**£15 Amazon voucher prizes** will be awarded to the best design in each of the following categories:

- ★ Nurseries - Reception
- ★ Years 1-4
- ★ Years 5-8
- ★ Years 9-13
- ... and a grand

★ **Voucher Prize**  
**£30** for an overall winner!

Please remember to write your **NAME, ACADEMY/NURSERY** and **YEAR GROUP** on the back of your design.

## ACORN CLASS

In Acorn class this week we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We made a giant poppy and a poppy wreath. We also celebrated bonfire night by having hot chocolate around the campfire and making firework pictures to decorate Acorn class.



Submit your entry via your school/nursery by  
**9am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Gothic Mede Academy would like to invite you and your families to our Christmas carol service at St Peter's Church in Arlesey on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This will be a lovely opportunity for the school community including staff, children and parents, to come together to celebrate Christmas! There is limited parking/parking restriction close to the church so please keep this in mind when travelling there.



**GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY**

# **CAROL SERVICE**

**TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY  
THROUGH SINGING**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER  
5PM**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH  
CHURCH LANE  
ARLESEY, SG15 6UX**

## 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.

<b>Ash</b>	Ariana for always trying her very best, being kind to all of her classmates and showing respect to grown-ups.
<b>Oak</b>	Maeve for always living our school values and working so hard during lessons.
<b>Beech</b>	Kayla for her positive attitude to learning and always being so helpful and compassionate towards her peers.
<b>Elm</b>	Molly for always being so positive. Molly shows excitement when learning new things and tries her best.
<b>Willow</b>	Ellia for her consistent effort in all of her learning in the classroom, Ellia really shone when sharing her learnt knowledge of food chains in Science.
<b>Maple</b>	Rosie for always modelling the school values, staying focused and working hard in all her lessons.
<b>Chestnut</b>	Belle for her positive contribution to the classroom helping to keep it tidy and organised for everyone.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Grace for consistently focussing really well in Maths and working hard to be able to master column addition and subtraction.
<b>Rowan</b>	Tara for her amazing, informative contribution to our school assembly about Diwali.

## CELEBRATIONS

Well done to Joel in Rowan class. He climbed Helvellyn - the third highest peak in England during the half term. What an achievement!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>W/C 10<sup>TH</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Odd Socks Day
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Assessment information sessions
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need non-school uniform day

## FROM THE KITCHEN

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

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

Reminder that the purchase window is from Thursday 12pm - Monday 8am of the following week

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