



Newsletter No. 13

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

Friday 5th December



YEAR 3

RECEPTION

Ash and Oak Classes thoroughly enjoyed making pitta pizzas and cooking them on the camp fire at Forest School. The story The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza, was the inspiration for this lovely activity. Each child chose what they would like to put into their pitta and chatted to the adults about why they had chosen it and discussed healthy choices. Mrs Anderson helped each child to cook their pizza on the camp fire and this was a great opportunity to practise all the camp fire safety rules we have learnt.

Year 3 performed their Nativity play "Don't Be Afraid" to the school on Thursday. The children said their lines beautifully and sang the songs with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to our wonderful Mr Clifton for making us our props. We look forward to performing to parents next week.



PFGM

Thank you to all those who attended movie night on Friday and came to support us at the Arlesey lights switch on. Those two events combined raised a total £923 for our school which will go towards new equipment for our playground!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We're excited to launch our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle once again! Tickets are now on sale, and we have a wonderful hamper lined up for the lucky winner. If you would like to take part, please place the correct money in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and hand it in to the school office.

Tickets will be on sale at the Christmas performances.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES – Please arrive at 1:45pm for a 2pm start. Information regarding tickets was sent via ParentMail. Due to space, we can only offer 2 tickets per family, not per performance. Thank you

Monday 8th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Acorn A and Reception performance

Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 performance

Yr. 3 Christmas performance

Acorn B and Reception performance

Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 performance

GMA Hall

Village Hall

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ALADDIN PANTOMIME

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Shooting Stars Entertainment for visiting our school and performing an amazing pantomime of Aladdin for the whole school. The performance was full of energy and our children were absolutely captivated from start to finish. It was a wonderful experience that brought so much joy and lots of laughter to everyone! Thank you to the PFGM for giving our pupils such a memorable treat!

CHRISTMAS TREE

This year, we are very lucky to have received two beautiful Christmas trees kindly donated to the school, one from Arcade Nurseries and one from Lower Wilbury Farm.

Mrs Greaney and a group of pupils had a wonderful time decorating them, and they now look fantastic in our school entrance and hall.

A huge thank you to both donors for helping make our school feel so festive!



STAFF INTERVIEW

Our school council interviews continue this week with Mr Clarke, our Executive Principal. The questions are written by the children!

Name: Mr Clarke

Job title: Executive Principal

How long have you worked at GMA? 12 Years

What do you like the most about working at GMA?

I like that it's like a big family – children, staff and parents.

What's the best thing about your job?

I see and can be part of children developing and learning from 3 years old to 9

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Rock climbing and other adventurous activities, and spending time with my wonderful family.

What age will you be when you retire?

I don't know! Right now, I can't imagine not working with children in school!

What have you been doing in school this week?

Lots of things! Meeting with parents, training, visiting lessons, planning how we spend money, check-ins with staff, watching dress rehearsals and lots more!

What's your favourite book and sport?

Book: Anything by Philip Pullman Sport: Sailing



By Esme and Carter

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	Willow for consistently showing the value of responsibility in all our learning. She is always listening, always sitting quietly and always following what grown-ups have asked her to do.
Oak	Malachi for his developing independence and confidence in play and physical activities.
Beech	Ivy Leigh for her engagement in phonics lessons. Ivy Leigh has been applying her learnt sounds in her writing and shown determination to recall the sounds.
Elm	Maya for showing determination to improve her writing skills. Maya has worked hard to include interesting adjectives and newly taught punctuation to make her work stand out. Well done!
Willow	Kaiden for his excellent attitude towards his writing, Kaiden persevered to improve his independent writing, working hard to look for ways he could improve it and make it even better.
Maple	Robin for his hard work and huge improvement in his handwriting.
Chestnut	Ato for his excellent approach to group working in our science investigation about friction. Ato showed patience and kindness to others in his group, ensuring everyone was engaged and resilient with their findings.
Sycamore	George for making great deductions in History when learning about what life was like in the Bronze age. George used pictures and reconstructions to make plausible suggestions about the Amesbury Archer and his grave goods.
Rowan	Bobby for the effort and pride shown when improving his writing.

CELEBRATIONS

- Nelly (Chestnut) awarded a Trophy for coming 2nd in her Dance competition!
- Cillian (Sycamore) awarded 2 Taekwondo medals from a competition he competed in!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 8th – Fri 12th	Christmas Performances
Wed 10th December	Christmas Dinner
Fri 12th December	Reception Storytelling

FROM THE KITCHEN

Next week, we are on
Week 3 of the menu.

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