



# Newsletter No. 15

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are absolutely thrilled to have won the Christmas Tree Festival competition!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful children who created such beautiful baubles. Their creativity and effort truly made our tree stand out and brought so much joy to everyone who saw it.

We are incredibly proud, what a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to everyone for their continued support. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the PFGM.

## CANVAS COMPETITION WINNERS

We were amazed by the entries for our Winter Canvas Competition this year. The standard was incredibly high, and it was very difficult to choose winners!

A huge well done to everyone who took part. The winners are as follows:

Early Years: **Ivan (Acorn A)**

KS1: **Ellia (Willow)**

KS2: **Nikol (Chestnut)**

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all our pupils for sharing their wonderful artwork with us.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed sharing their slider toys that they had made in D&T with the children in reception.

## YEAR 2

In Year 2 the children have been learning about habitats and micro habitats in science - the children have created some fabulous star challenge homework habitats.

## MATHS TROPHY – Lola (Rowan)

Lola has made huge progress stepping up to Year Four maths this year, after working in a small group in Year Three. Not only has she transitioned brilliantly to whole-class learning, but she is also clearly growing in confidence and even sharing her ideas in the lessons. Well done Lola!



## YEAR 4

We have been very impressed by the range and quality of the Star Challenges we have received this week - from PowerPoint presentations to dioramas. The children have shared their home learning with confidence and enthusiasm. It isn't too late to bring your Star Challenge in, you can complete them over the Christmas break if you like!

## SPECIAL VISITOR

We had a very special guest in school this week, Santa popped in to visit all the children! He brought lots of festive cheer and delivered some Christmas treats for the children to enjoy at their class Christmas parties on Wednesday. Thank you, Santa!

## ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Well done to everyone who took part in the Rock Steady Concert, we are incredibly proud of you! The children performed with confidence, showcasing all their hard work and practice. It was wonderful to see them shine in front of the whole school!



## GOODBYE MISS MORRIS

As this term comes to an end we say goodbye to Miss Morris, our Interim Head of School. Miss Morris stepped up during a pivotal time for the school and has led with grace, professionalism, and an unwavering focus on the children and supporting the team. Thank you, Miss Morris for your hard work, and the lasting impact you've made during your time here. We are a stronger school for having had you at the helm during this time.

January sees us warmly welcoming Mrs Smith to Gothic Mede as our new Head of School. Mrs Smith brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are very much looking forward to working with her as she leads the school into the next chapter.

**GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY**  
Parents & Friends of Gothic Mede

**THANK YOU!**  
With your support, we raised  
**£1,488.79**  
this term!

Thank you to all parents and friends who got involved and donated, your generosity is amazing!

These funds will go towards new play equipment for the children.

**Thank you for making a difference!**

# Values Ambassador Awards

**Acorn A – Esme** - *Esme really lives the school values, she is always willing to help and ready to learn. She is also a kind friend and a great role model.*

**Acorn B – Elodie** - *Elodie is always engaged during carpet times and wants to learn. She also loves to help her friends.*

**Ash – Willow** - *Willow is a fantastic role model to her peers. She demonstrates our school values every day - she takes responsibility for her learning and she shows respect to her peers and adults in Reception. Willow is always keen to help around the classroom and will always do her best on any task she is given.*

**Oak – Finn** - *Finn is such a responsible member of Oak Class. He always helps at tidy up time and proudly takes on other responsibilities around the classroom. Finn shows great pride in his work, sharing his achievements in class and at home.*

**Elm – Teddie** - *Teddie lives our school values every day by demonstrating responsibility in the classroom and outside with her peers. He is such a dedicated learner and tries his best in everything he does. He shows respect to adults, always saying please and thank you. Teddie has made so much progress since starting Year 1 well done Teddie!*

**Beech – Elijah** - *Elijah displays such a responsible attitude towards his learning. He is always enthusiastic and works hard across the curriculum taking real pride in everything that he produces.*

**Willow – Ellia** - *Ellia has been awarded the Values Ambassador Award this half term for her consistently excellent behaviour and positive attitude to learning. She is always ready to learn, listens carefully, and joins in with all lessons. Although she is quiet, she shows great effort and focus every day and is a kind, supportive friend to others. She is a wonderful role model for our class.*

**Maple – Joshua** - *Joshua has made super progress over this term and has a desire to learn. He takes responsibility for his learning and consistently tries hard taking pride in what he does.*

**Chestnut – Zayyan** - *Zayyan joined Gothic Mede at the start of Year 3 and has not only done an excellent job of learning about our school and its values but has also been an excellent role model at helping others to remember them. Zayyan is respectful member of the class and approaches everything at school with kindness in his heart and a smile on his face.*

**Sycamore – Thalia** - *Thalia is an incredibly compassionate child who is always happy to be a buddy and support to other children. She helps around the classroom and is always respectful to adults around school. Thalia has worked really hard this term on taking pride in her presentation and as a result her handwriting has improved greatly. Thalia is a joy to have in Sycamore Class and always brightens up our day.*

**Rowan – Ruby** - *Ruby has had a fantastic start to Year Four. She is taking increased responsibility for learning, by sharing her ideas and showing pride in her work. She demonstrates compassion and respect for others and is a good friend to her classmates.*



## 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>	Grace for her enthusiasm and concentration in our nativity performances. She knew all the songs and dances and was always watching the grown-ups to follow their cues.
<b>Oak</b>	Bobby for trying hard in writing sessions, listening to the sounds and working hard to write them down.
<b>Beech</b>	Ciara for her effort across all lessons and for showing such compassion to her peers.
<b>Elm</b>	Ellie for her hard work across the curriculum. Ellie consistently tries her best and has made lots of progress this term.
<b>Willow</b>	Toby for his effort in sentence stacking during English lessons, he has worked independently to write sentences using vocabulary learnt in lessons.
<b>Maple</b>	Oscar for taking his learning seriously and working hard to improve whilst maintaining a great sense of humour and putting a smile on many faces.
<b>Chestnut</b>	Bailey for his determination and positive approach to his reading. Bailey has been working hard to not only move up book levels but to apply his reading skills across all of his subjects and try his very best.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Corey for engaging well with guided reading. Corey not only showed excellent understanding of the text but also applied himself well to the independent task and produced a super comic strip of the story.
<b>Rowan</b>	Erin for her super effort in English when sharing her word choices and ideas.

## CELEBRATIONS

- *Ato (Chestnut) was awarded the MOTM trophy by his football team*
- *George (Sycamore) was awarded a MOTM medal by his football team*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	Inset Day
<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	Children return to school
<b>FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	Tea with the Head

## FROM THE KITCHEN

When we return (w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Jan), we are on **Week 1** of the menu.

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