Newsletter No. 3

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

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy week in school where the time has just flown by. I have been really impressed with how hard our pupils are working in lessons, talking about their learning with excitement and enthusiasm.

We have introduced Y4 play leaders this week to give our pupils the opportunity to learn different games they can play over break and lunch times - kick rounders is proving very popular!

Today, Mrs Undrell hosted our Maths Mastery Workshop in which we saw the majority of our Reception parents join their children in a lesson. It was a lot of fun and the children were so excited to teach their parents Maths!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

YEAR 3

In Science this week, we have been finding out how fossils are formed. We showed great cooperation in our science groups as we recreated the process of fossil formation using bread and a small dinosaur!

YEAR 1

This week in Science, Year 1 used their sense of taste to explore and describe different foods. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of items and using descriptive language to explain what they noticed.

They described lime as sour**,** crisps as salty**,** spinach as bitter, and popcorn as sweet! It was a fun and engaging way for the children to learn about their senses while developing their vocabulary and observation skills.

On Friday 30th January,
we will hold our first
Parent Partnership Group meeting.
If you are interested in supporting the school, through working parties and fundraising ideas, pop along to the hall after morning drop off. Tea and cake will be provided.

GMA GOOD NEWS STORY

Last week, our Junior Fire Safety Inspectors were very busy carrying out inspections of the school's fire extinguishers, ensuring they were safe and ready to use in an emergency. Using their check sheets, the children carefully recorded their findings. They did a fantastic job and Mr Clifton was extremely proud of their hard work and commitment. Well done to our inspectors for helping to keep our school safe!

MATHS WORKSHOP

Thank you to everyone who attended our Maths Workshop. We were delighted to see so many families join us to learn more about how maths is taught at Gothic Mede and how you can support your child's learning at home.

We hope you found the session informative and picked up some useful tips and strategies to help make maths enjoyable and engaging for your child. Your involvement plays an important role in their success, and we truly appreciate your continued support.

STAFF INTERVIEW – Time for another Staff Interview and this week it's Mr Warlow!

Name: Mr Warlow

Job title: Year 4 Class Teacher

How long have you worked at GMA? About 16 years

What do you love about working at GMA? The people; the staff are amazing! The best group of teachers I could ever imagine working with. The support staff are incredible and the children in school are fantastic. I always look forward to coming into school.

What's the best thing about GMA? Seeing the pupils achieve things that they didn't ever think they were capable of.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work? I like to spend time with my large family. I enjoy reading, walking in the countryside and gardening.

What is your favourite book? The Lord of The Rings

Favourite Movie? To watch with my family: Jumanji

Favourite Sport? Rugby

CONKER ROOM

The children in Conker Room are really enjoying puzzles lately and show great focus and enthusiasm while completing them together. If you have any puzzles at home that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

On Friday 6th February the PFGM are hoping to hold our first movie night of the year. Currently we do not have enough volunteers to do so. If you are interested in helping out please contact kerry.jane.beauchamp@gmail.com

Important Reminder: Medication in School

Please ensure that all medication is handed in to the school office and **not** kept in children's bags. This helps us to ensure medication is stored safely and administered correctly when required.

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	Harper for always choosing purposeful activities during discovery time and completing them with great care and attention.
Oak	Bonnie-Rose for her fantastic story map of the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Bonnie was able to use the map to retell the story.
Beech	Demirai for her fantastic effort when creating a painting inspired by the artist Jasper Johns.
Elm	Toby for his determination in English. Toby used adjectives to describe a forest fire in Australia.
Willow	Maxwell for working really hard in Science, he was a super investigator and was able to identify the different materials objects are made from and why that would be suitable.
Maple	Mason for his continuous engagement and participation in maths; explaining his thinking clearly and confidently.
Chestnut	Zoie for a really positive week. Zoie has tried her best in everything and been a respectful and responsible member of the class.
Sycamore	Jackson for producing some lovely artwork showing shading skills. Jackson was motivated and focussed throughout the session resulting in high quality sketches.
Rowan	Jackson for the effort and progress he has made in maths, as demonstrated in the recent assessments he completed.

CELEBRATIONS

- Luke (Rowan) was awarded Judoka's Judoka, chosen by his Judo group for being a good role model. Luke was awarded a trophy from his Judo club.
- Grayson (Willow) awarded a swimming certificate for completing stage 1.
- Lily (Rowan) awarded a football trophy by the parents of her team, Stotfold FC for player of the match, also received a football medal awarded by the opposition.
- George (Sycamore) awarded a football star of the week medal from his club, Potton Utd
- Esme (Sycamore) certificate awarded for being a zookeeper for the day!
- Joel (Rowan) awarded a rugby player of the match pin from his team, Biggleswade Rugby Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI 30TH JAN	Non-School Uniform Day
FRI 6TH FEB	Number Day
FRI 6TH FEB	Year 2 Assembly – 2:30pm

FROM THE KITCHEN

Termly snacks will be honoured for the next three weeks, children will need to bring in healthy snacks from home if you have not paid for the term. After February half term the kitchen will no longer be providing snacks.

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