Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 27th February

Dear Parents/ carers,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break.
We have had an exciting first week back with some fantastic opportunities for the children both inside and outside of school. Monday saw our Y3/4 pupils head to the O2 for Young Voices where they sang their hearts out alongside other schools and parents. We were told how wonderfully our children behaved and we could not be prouder of them.
On Tuesday we had a visit from the local firefighters for Y2 who all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the fire engine and learning about fire safety.
Year 4 represented the school at a football tournament at Pix Brook Academy on Thursday in which they won overall. We are super proud of all involved. Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Smith

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Yesterday, we took a team to the Pix Brook Football Festival. Our pupils competed against Year 4 teams from Fairfield, Roecroft and St. Mary's. The nine pupils from Gothic Mede played brilliantly: they demonstrated great skill, teamwork and resilience.
They played the 'A Teams' of all three schools and conceded no goals in normal play. Having reached the semi-final stage, they beat Roecroft 'B' 3-0 to reach the final against Fairfield 'A' (who they had already beaten in the group stage). The match remained 0 - 0 after normal time, but Gothic Mede were victorious by 2 goals to nil in the penalty shoot-out which featured a fabulous display from Gothic Mede's keeper. Well done Year 4 footballers! Thank you to Pix Brook for hosting the event and to Mrs Glindon, who transported us in the Pix Brook minibus.

GMA GOOD NEWS STORY

What an incredible night our children had at the O2 on Monday! Joining hundreds of other young performers, they became part of a truly spectacular choir for Young Voices 2026! We are so incredibly proud of every single one of them, not only for their fantastic performance, but also for their outstanding behaviour throughout the evening, it was a very long day but they all coped so well. Some comments from students who attended: *It was a crazy but fun day; the lights were so pretty. It was very loud but I loved singing along and dancing. We had a VIP area which was so good! My favourite was the pop medley song and my favourite was the Urban Strides group!*

Tea with the Head
Friday 6th March – 8:40am

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming Tea with the Head morning.
This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the Head of School in an informal setting, ask questions, share ideas, and discuss school life together over a cup of tea or coffee.
We value your feedback and hope you can join us.

SCIENCE WEEK

We are thrilled to announce that British Science Week 2026 is just around the corner, running in school from March 9th to March 13th. This year's theme is one that sits at the very heart of learning: "Curiosity: What's Your Question?"

At Gothic Mede we believe that every great scientific discovery starts with a single "Why?" or "How?". Science week will be all about celebrating the inquisitive nature of our children and encouraging them to look at the world with fresh eyes.

Throughout the week, our classrooms will transform into hubs of exploration and to finish off we will be visited by Sublime Science on Tuesday 24th March (more details to follow).

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH IS WORLD BOOK DAY!

Come dressed as a character from a book (or in pyjamas to represent snuggling up with a book at bedtime). Please can children bring in a named book from home to share with their friends. There will be lots of fun activities throughout the day to celebrate our love of reading.

FIRE SERVICE VISIT

On Tuesday, Year 2 were excited to welcome three firefighters from Shefford Fire Service to Gothic Mede. The firefighters spoke to the children about fire safety and explained what to do in an emergency, sharing lots of important advice in an engaging and child-friendly way.

The children then had the fantastic opportunity to use a real fire hose and take a close look at the fire engine.

It was a wonderful experience and a great way to bring their learning to life. Thank you to Shefford Fire Service for visiting us!

World Book Day Menu
Thursday 5th March

Gruffalo Pasta Bake (Tomato)
Or
Wonka 3 Course Meal Pie (Beef & Veg)
-
Oompa Mash
Snozzeberry Peas
Carrot Wands
-
A Selection of Sweet Treats from Willy Wonka!
Hungry Caterpillar Fruit Pots

FROM THE KITCHEN

We have a special menu for world book day next Thursday, we have a fun lunch time planned! If your child (Reception – Year 2) usually has a packed lunch and they would like to have a school dinner on World Book Day, please let the kitchen know, by either phoning or sending an email. For children in years 3 & 4, please select a school dinner on this day via the MCAS app.

SEN Coffee Morning: Tues 24th March 9 - 10:30am

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEN Coffee Morning, which will focus on how you can be supported in your role as a parent carer. We are delighted that representatives from the SNAP Parent Carer Forum will be joining us. They will be offering advice and guidance on looking after your own wellbeing, as well as providing information on how to access SEND support and services available to families. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, gain helpful information, and connect with other parents in a supportive and informal setting. We look forward to welcoming you.

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	David for working collaboratively with his peers and showing resilience and perseverance when tackling problems.
Oak	Dotty for living our school values so well. Dotty is always ready to learn, she listens and participates well during carpet time.
Beech	Archie for his fast recall of maths facts which he has been using to solve addition and subtraction problems.
Elm	Isaac for always being so positive at school. Isaac is so kind and helpful and often offers words of encouragement to others.
Willow	Eddie for his brilliant effort in his report writing, working hard to form his letters correctly and completing lots of sentences.
Maple	Faith for taking responsibility for her learning in class and trying her best.
Chestnut	Alina for showing determination and positivity in her learning, Alina has been trying really hard with her handwriting.
Sycamore	Clara for her positivity and perseverance in PE. Clara has worked hard to improve her accuracy when passing the ball in netball.
Rowan	Reuben for his increased contribution to our whole-class learning, especially in mathematics.

CELEBRATIONS

- Vincent (Sycamore) awarded a certificate for achieving red belt at his martial arts club.
- Darcey (Chestnut) awarded Star Player by her team, Stotfold Jrs FC
- Max (Beech) awarded Player of the Day certificate and medal by his team, Beds Elites FFC

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURS 5TH MARCH	World Book Day
FRI 6TH MARCH	Tea with the Head
9TH – 13TH MARCH	Science Week

FROM THE KITCHEN

Please click on the link to view the dinner menu. Next week is week 3.

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