



Newsletter No. 7

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

Friday 22nd May



Dear Parents and Carers,

After 13 years, we say farewell to Mr Clarke today. As a school community, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Clarke for his dedication, leadership, and commitment during his time at GMA. His support, vision, and passion for ensuring the best outcomes for children and staff have had a significant impact across the school.

We are incredibly grateful for all he has contributed and know that he will be greatly missed. On behalf of all the staff, children and families we wish Mr Clarke every success and happiness for the future and the next stage of his journey.

The children have enjoyed celebrating his time here at Gothic Mede this afternoon, with an assembly and time together on the field flying kites.

As I write this final message for the newsletter on my very last day as your Executive Principal, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude. Over my 13 years working at Gothic Mede Academy, it has been an absolute privilege to lead the school and work alongside such a dedicated community.

When I reflect on our journey together, I will look back proudly on the extensive work that we did on the value of pride in Arlesey. Together, we have ensured that our children have been provided with a safe and nurturing, and highly inclusive environment. I am incredibly proud of how far the academy has come, a journey validated repeatedly by external visitors, such as Ofsted.

Thank you for your unwavering support, kindness, and partnership over the years. I will greatly miss this wonderful community, and I wish the children, staff, and families of Arlesey every success for the future.

Mr Clarke

RECEPTION – LITTLE CITY

This morning, Reception had a fantastic time taking part in the Little City workshop. The role-play city provided wonderful backdrops and toys, allowing the children to fully immerse themselves in imaginative play. Reception thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of different roles, including hairdressers, firefighters and shopkeepers.



DODGEBALL

This week, each class took part in an exciting Glow in the Dark Dodgeball session!

Organised by Premier Education, the children enjoyed playing dodgeball in our hall in the dark using glow-in-the-dark balls, bibs and even glow-in-the-dark face paint.

The sessions were full of energy and excitement, the children had a great time taking part!



The PFGM are excited to announce that the Gothic Mede Academy Summer Fete is on **Saturday 20th June 2026 from 11am - 2pm.**

Join us on the field behind the school for games, prizes, a dog show, live performances, craft stalls, delicious food stalls, face painting and maybe even the chance to soak a teacher!

All money raised will be going towards further funding improvements to our school and playground areas.

If you are a crafter or have something to sell, and would like to attend our fete, stalls will be £20. Please email kerry.jane.beauchamp@gmail.com for more details.

Fingers crossed for sunshine, we hope to see you there!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

As previously communicated, please be aware that all after school clubs are now booked directly with the individual club lead.

Clubs will no longer be available to book via MCAS, as all bookings and payments are now managed directly by the club providers.

All club leaflets have been sent to parents (except BX Dance which should be sent the week we return), if you require information regarding a particular club, please contact the school office.

YEAR 4 LEAVERS HOODIES

Our Yr4 leavers hoodies are now ready to purchase via our online shop.

The online store will close at 11pm on Thursday 4th June, so please make sure to order before then. Orders are expected to be delivered to GMA on June 22nd. Please click the following link to access the online shop:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/gothic-mede-academy-leavers-2026--year-4/may-2026-1>



YEAR 3 – SWIMMING

Year 3 will begin their swimming sessions after half term. Lessons will take place every Friday for 6 weeks commencing on 5th June. The children will travel by coach to Saxon Pool in Biggleswade. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them each week. This should include: a towel, swimsuit/trunks, a swimming hat and goggles (optional).

Please can children wear their PE kit on swim days and their school uniform on a Wednesday.

Parent Guide on the Manosphere

From TikTok algorithms to gaming forums, our children are constantly exposed to new online subcultures. To help you stay ahead of the curve, we've put together a quick guide to understanding the "manosphere" a term used to describe online spaces that influence young people's views on gender, relationships, and modern masculinity. The guide provides practical tips on how to spot harmful content and how to foster healthy, open dialogue at home.

Click here to read the guide -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j8fXYwG2ZasuX1U8jq6uicaKWqVHO5Z8/view?usp=sharing>

Join us in supporting our students to navigate the internet safely and critically.

Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A – Lilly - Lilly is a quiet member of Acorn class, who is a kind friend and is always ready to learn.

Acorn B – Bowie - Bowie is a good friend to all the children and always does his best during carpet times.

Ash – Marley - Marley is so kind and compassionate to everyone in the class. He always invites people to join in and will help anyone if they are finding things difficult. He has such a caring nature and always ensures everyone in the class is doing alright! Marley always tries hard with his work and takes responsibility for his own learning, challenging himself to do his very best. Marley is extremely polite and respectful, he always uses good manners such as please and thank you and holding open doors.

Oak – Maeve - Maeve consistently models the school values throughout the day. She shows great compassion towards others through her kindness, caring nature and willingness to help her friends. Maeve is always polite, respectful and ready to learn, taking pride in everything she does. She is a wonderful role model who demonstrates our school values every day.

Beech – Theo - Theo is such a kind and compassionate member of the class. He is an excellent role model, often being one of the first to be ready for learning and always trying his best with every task.

Elm – Hallie - Hallie has shone this year; she is such a kind, respectful and caring girl who always tries her best. She is considerate of others feelings and will offer to play with someone who needs a friend. Hallie is respectful to all the adults in school, holding the door open for them or offering to help them carry things. Hallie is such a fantastic pupil and we are lucky to have her in Elm!

Maple – Charlie - Charlie has made a wonderful start in Year 2 and Gothic Mede. We are proud that he takes great pride in everything that he does and has a keen desire to learn new things whilst modelling respect to everyone and showing compassion to all.

Willow – Atlas - Atlas is receiving the Values Ambassador Award this half term because he consistently demonstrates our school values of respect, responsibility, pride and compassion in everything he does. He is a kind and thoughtful friend to others, always showing strong morals and setting an excellent example within the classroom. Atlas approaches school life with maturity and care, and is someone his peers can look up to.

Chestnut – Zoie - Zoie is a calm and sensitive member of Chestnut class who quietly sets a fantastic example to those around her. She lives the value of responsibility and pride every day trying her hardest with all aspects of her learning and offering help whenever she can. She has grown in confidence over the year and comes into school with a smile and positive mindset that brightens our classroom.

Sycamore – Lara - Lara has shown great responsibility for her learning this year. She always has the equipment that she needs and is ready to start tasks independently and efficiently. She takes pride in her work and always completes it to a high standard. Lara shows respect for other children in her class. She waits her turn to speak and listens carefully to what others say as well as giving her own very valuable contributions. She is compassionate towards others and looks after children if they are feeling sad or hurt.

Rowan – Jake - We are so proud of Jake for the way he is approaching all aspects of school life. He takes responsibility for his learning, supports his class mates and is respectful to the whole school community at all times.



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	Roman for developing his resilience when writing and recognising that it's ok to make mistakes, this is how we learn!
Oak	Freddie for showing a consistently good understanding of the concepts we are covering in maths, for giving clear and detailed explanations of his understanding and for using resources maturely.
Beech	Kylie for her fantastic effort in phonics each day and for the progress she is making as a result of this
Elm	Flo for consistently living by the school values every day. This week Flo has been recognised by adults around the school for showing responsibility and respect.
Willow	Alessandro for the amazing effort he put into writing a report all about Victorian schools. He was also an excellent representative of our school on the year 2 trip.
Maple	Shaurya for making good progress over the year and taking responsibility for his learning with pride.
Chestnut	Luke for his authentic and focused Egyptian artwork and scroll. Luke took great care in his work and demonstrated pride in his final piece.
Sycamore	Aurelia for her independent work in Maths. Aurelia is challenging herself to complete more of her workbook and to tackle more of the problem-solving questions.
Rowan	Luke for his fantastic use of vocabulary and imagery in his recent independent writing.

CELEBRATIONS

- Jacob (Maple) won a bronze award at his Taekwondo competition
- Remi (Rowan) achieved a MOTM football trophy
- Alyvia (Beech) awarded a dance certificate
- Karina (Chestnut) achieved a trophy and 2 medals from her dance competition
- Tommy (Oak) awarded a football trophy from his presentation awards.
- Mila (Beech) received her yellow belt at martial arts

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 1ST JUNE	Children return to school
FRI 5TH JUNE	Year 3 Swimming
MON 8TH JUNE	Arts Around the World Week

FROM THE KITCHEN

w/c 1st June is **WEEK 1** of the menu

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

When making meal choices for your child, please can you discuss this with them. Some pupils have been upset by the choices made for them.

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