



# Newsletter No. 3

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a gorgeous week with wonderful sunshine and it has certainly been welcomed. We have taken full advantage of the change in weather with pupils heading over to Forest school for their learning, music on the playground during Monday's drop off and a visit to the park over lunchtime today. We are also so pleased the weather has been favourable for our wonderful Y4's who have been out at PGL this week. We can't wait to see them return and tell us all about it!

In other news, we had a visit from Jo Young today who is the principal at Etonbury. We enjoyed showing her around our school and she was impressed with how friendly and chatty our pupils were. Jo will be back over the Summer term to meet our Y4 pupils who will be moving up to Etonbury in September as we work on supporting our pupils in their next steps into the wider world.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Smith

## MUSIC MONDAYS!

We are excited to introduce Music Mondays! Each Monday morning, we will have music playing in the playground as the children arrive, creating a fun and positive start to the week. It's a great way to lift spirits and get everyone ready for learning. If your child has any song requests, please let Mr Clifton know!

## YEAR 3

As part of their English unit "Theseus and the Minotaur" Year 3 entered a labyrinth in the Forest School area this week. They worked brilliantly in small groups to follow the string to gain points to slay the Minotaur.

## SPORTS DAY

Please see the updated dates for our upcoming Sports Days. These dates are different to those previously communicated, so we kindly ask you to make a note of the changes. Thank you for your understanding.

<b>Acorn A</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm
<b>Acorn B</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm
<b>Recep – Year 4</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm



## ABSENCE REQUEST

**FORMS** Please can we remind parents to complete an absence request form for any time off during term time, including holidays, funerals, weddings, or other planned events. Forms can be found via our website, using the link.

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=50>

## Are you and your family at the beginning of your SEN journey?

This Early Years SEN Support Pack from the Witherslack Group is here to help. It provides accessible, expert guidance created by specialists in early years SEN, supporting families to better understand and support their child with confidence.

Within the pack, families will find practical advice and information on:

- Recognising signs and behaviours
- Supporting communication, independence, and social skills
- Understanding assessment, diagnosis, and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

To sign up to receive your free pack, click [here](#)

## GMA MINI MARATHON!

On Wednesday, all pupils are invited to come into school wearing their PE kit. We have been inspired by Mrs Sugden, our SENco, who will be running the London Marathon on Sunday. To celebrate this, our School Councillors have organised our very own Mini Marathon! Pupils will challenge themselves to run, jog or walk as far as they can within a 20-minute time slot. This will be a sponsored event, with funds raised being shared between Great Ormond Street Hospital and supporting the development of our school playground. Thank you for your support!

### 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>	Ayla has been trying exceptionally hard in phonics this week. She has taken responsibility for her learning by writing extended sentences using newly taught harder to read and spell words.
<b>Oak</b>	Future has shown real perseverance and a positive attitude in improving his writing. This was clearly reflected in his thoughtful sentence work on the stages of a frog's lifecycle.
<b>Beech</b>	Jensen for taking such responsibility for his learning and writing some fantastic sentences including adjectives and repetition.
<b>Elm</b>	Freddie for showing more determination in his learning. Freddie has been trying hard to complete his tasks independently.
<b>Willow</b>	Albie for his hard work using his mathematical knowledge to work out measurements of capacity and volume.
<b>Maple</b>	Jacob for a positive start to the new term showing respect and responsibility for his learning.
<b>Chestnut</b>	Karina for the pride she takes in her work. Giving her best effort to everything she does.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Thalia for her excellent participation in French. Thalia is speaking with a beautiful accent and is challenging herself to ask and answer questions in French.
<b>Rowan</b>	Evie for her enthusiastic engagement with, and excellent contributions to, our mathematics learning.

## CELEBRATIONS

- Ada (Sycamore) awarded a gymnastics medal and certificate for taking part in the gymnastics county qualifier.
- Dougie (Rowan) received MOTM in his football game.
- Darcey (Chestnut) awarded a swimming certificate for completing stage 4
- Alessandro (Willow) has moved up to level 3 in swimming

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in our Easter trail over the Easter holidays! We had quite a few entries and we have chosen a winner! Congratulations to Jack Cullen – please pop by the office to collect your prize!

If you completed an entry and put in in, please also pop by the office to collect a little prize.

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
<b>TUE 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	Reception Vision Screening
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	GMA Mini Marathon
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	Reception Assembly – parents welcome 2:30pm
<b>TUE 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Year 1 school visit to Woburn Safari Park
<b>TUE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Year 4 Bikeability
<b>TUE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	SEND Coffee Morning
<b>WED 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Class photos
<b>THU 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Year 2 school visit to British Schools Museum
<b>WED 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Year 1 assembly for parents
<b>FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	Weekly Year 3 swimming starts
<b>MON 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	Arts Around the World Week
<b>MON 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE</b>	World Wellbeing Week
<b>MON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	Acorn A Sports Day 2:30pm
<b>TUE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	Year 3 Roman Workshop
<b>THU 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY</b>	Acorn B Sports Day 2:30pm
<b>FRI 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY</b>	Transition/Step Up Day (New classes)
<b>TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	Year 3 Faith Tour
<b>THU 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	Years 1 to 4 Sports Day 1:30pm
<b>WED 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	Acorn Summer Party

### **FROM THE KITCHEN**

**Next week is week 3 of the menu.**

We kindly remind parents and carers that meal choices must be made at least one week in advance. Thank you for your support.

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