# GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

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# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of our current families at our Open Evening on Wednesday. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see our school in action and what our pupils have been learning. Our Year 4 guides were incredible. They were so knowledgable about the school, what learning takes place across the years and how our values underpin everything we do. It is always a pleasure to see their confidence shine through and how polite and friendly they are to newcomers to the school. Well done Year 4 - we are so proud of you!

We are looking to replace the fences on our school field which have unfortunately been taken down or are in need of replacing. The field by forest school (known to locals as the Rec) is actually our school field and not public land. It is separeated from the school by a public footpath and a park which doesn't make it clear that it is part of our school for the pupils, and as such, we do have to regularly check whether we can use it as the public walk dogs and hold clubs here.
If we have parents who are able to support us in signposting our school field and who may have time to help us replace the fencing - it would be truly appreciated. Please get in touch with the school office.

We have two potential new dates for painting and building parties! Monday 19th October from 4pm until 8pm and Sunday 25th October from 8am until 12pm. If you are able and willing to help, please let the office know. Thank you everyone for your onging support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Smith



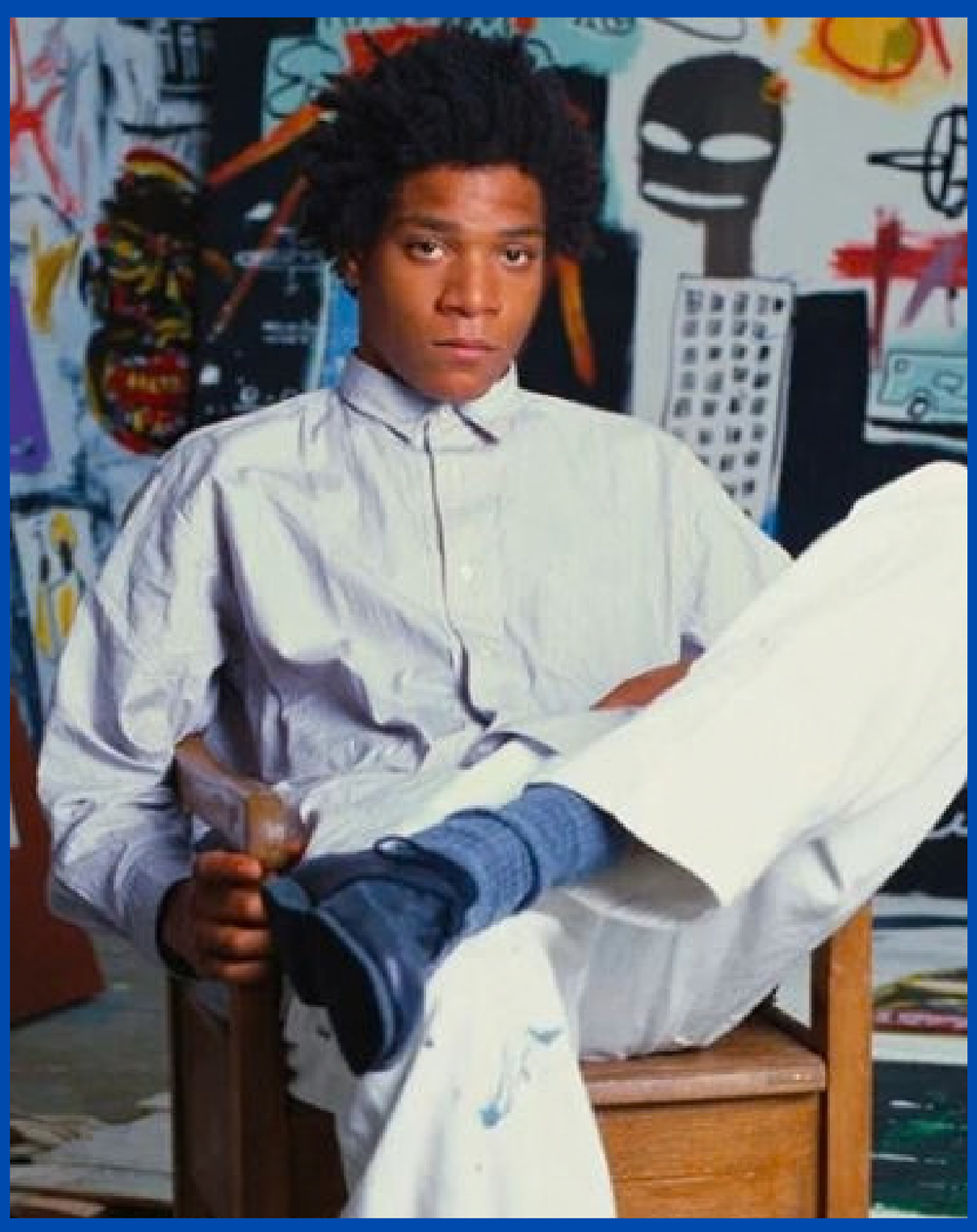
Our School Council would like to organise a second-hand Christmas jumper sale to raise funds for our school while encouraging us to reuse and recycle clothing.
We would be very grateful for donations of any pre-loved children's Christmas jumpers or festive tops that are still in good condition.
Thank you for supporting our School Council and helping us give Christmas jumpers a new lease of life!

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month at Gothic Mede Academy. During the month, our children will be taking part in a range of engaging, class-based activities that celebrate the contributions of people with African and Caribbean heritage to society. Here's a taster of what Year 1 have been up to.

As part of our Black History Month learning, Year 1 have been exploring the work of the talented artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Inspired by his bold and expressive style, the children created colourful self-portraits. They experimented with bright backgrounds before using charcoal to draw their own portraits. The children enjoyed expressing their individuality through colour, shape and line, creating some fantastic and vibrant artwork!





Jean-Michel Basquiat was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1960. He became well known for bridging the gap between underground street graffiti and high-end contemporary art, creating a bold and powerful visual style that explored themes of race, identity and social inequality.
His artwork often featured bright colours, scribbled words and symbols, including his famous three-point crown.

# RECEPTION - FOREST SCHOOL

Our Reception children have had a fantastic time at Forest School this week! Following on from last week, when we learnt all about our Forest School rules and how to keep ourselves safe, the children put their new knowledge into practice while creating their very own Forest School self-portraits. There was lots of creativity, plenty of exploring and some wonderfully unique portraits! Who knew a few sticks, leaves and a little imagination could create such masterpieces?





# HARVEST DONATIONS

A huge thank you to Ellie from The NEED Project, who visited Gothic Mede this week to collect all our Harvest Festival donations.

Some of our Year 4 pupils were delighted to lend a hand loading the van, and they were then presented with a certificate.

Thank you for your generous donations. Your kindness will help support families in our local community.





# PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Children are nominated by their teachers for a Principal's Award in recognition of an exceptional achievement or for demonstrating one of our school values.
Award recipients are presented with a certificate during our weekly Celebration Assembly which takes place every Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the hard work, positive attitudes and achievements of our pupils.

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| **ASH** | Nikola | for taking such pride in the activity she completed about her family, paying attention to detail in her drawings and identifying initial sounds in words. |
| **OAK** | Elodie | for showing respect and responsibility by taking great care of our Reception classroom and helping to keep it tidy. |
| **BEECH** | Ayla | for continually trying her best in all subjects resulting in some beautiful written work. |
| **ELM** | Sam | for showing pride in his work. Sam has worked hard to write longer sentences, making sure his letters are sitting on the line. |
| **MAPLE** | Theo | for his concentration and effort when making his own fantastic moving monster in DT. |
| **WILLOW** | Paige | for taking pride in her writing and putting lots of effort into all of your learning. |
| **SYCAMORE** | Orla | for designing and creating a great piece of abstract sculpture in Art. Orla used materials well and thought of clever ways to join the components of her sculpture. |
| **CHESTNUT** | Atlas | for taking pride in all of his learning and transferring this into his excellent 3D playground sculpture in art. |
| **ROWAN** | Vincent | for the pride and effort that he demonstrated when completing his independent writing. |
| **HAZEL** | Malachai | for taking responsibility for his learning and working hard at home on TTrockstars. |

# Autumn Term Diary Dates

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| 16.10.2026 | PFGM Halloween Movie Night |
| 19.10.2026 | PFGM Book Sale afterschool on the playground |
| 19.10.2026 | Acorn A Let's Read Together Parents session |
| 22.10.2026 | Acorn B Let's Read Together Parents session |
| 23.10.2026 | Parent coffee morning - all welcome |
| 23.10.2026 | PFGM Make the Rules Day |
| **26.10.26 - 30.10.26 Half Term Break** | |
| 06.11.2026 | Year 3 Swimming commences (6 weeks - last session 11th Dec) |
| 17.11.2026 | Parent Consultations 4:30 - 7:00pm |
| 18.11.2026 | Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 4) |
| 19.11.2026 | Parent Consultations 4:00 - 6:30pm |
| 20.11.2026 | Mastering Numbers Workshop for Reception parents 9:00 - 10:00am |
| 25.11.2026 | Acorn Parent Consultations 11:30 - 12:30pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm |
| 25.11.2026 | Supporting your child with reading (EYFS/KS1) parent session |
| 03.12.2026 | Flu Catch Up session |
| 10.12.2026 | Rock Steady Christmas Concert |
| **18.12.26 End of Term** | |

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Parents & Friends of
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Present

# HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

# MONSTERS VS ALIENS

## Friday 16th October

Commences straight after school.
Approximate pick up time 5.30pm.

Cost £4.50, payable via MCAS.
Bring your own snacks, cushions and cuddly toy!

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BEDFORDSHIRE BALLERZ FOOTBALL ACADEMY

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# CREATIVE SPORTS COACHING

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

## VENUES, DATES, TIMES & PRICES

### CAMP TIMES

9.00 am – 3.00 pm
(Unless stated otherwise)

### PRICING (PER CHILD) – SIBLING & TEAM MATE DISCOUNT APPLIED

| 1 DAY | 2 DAYS | 3 DAYS | 4 DAYS | 5 DAYS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| £20.00 | £40.00 | £55.00 | £70.00 | £85.00 |

Sibling discount applied per day £10.00 | Team mate discount available per day £10.00

## FLITWICK – FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL

### FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

- Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
- Reception to Year 6
- Early arrival and late collection available
  8.00 am – 4.00 pm (Course 9.00 am – 3.00 pm)
- Flitwick Lower School

## BEDFORD – HAZELDENE SCHOOL

### FOOTBALL CAMP

- Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th October
- Reception to Year 6
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Hazeldene School, Bedford

## AMPTHILL – ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

**ADVANCED FOOTBALL CAMP**
Years 5 to 8

**GIRLS ONLY SOCCER CAMP**
Years 3 to 8

- Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Alameda Middle School, Ampthill

## SHILLINGTON – SHILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL

### FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

- Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October
- Reception to Year 4
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Shillington Lower School

## DUNSTABLE – LANCOT SCHOOL

### FOOTBALL CAMP

- Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October
- Reception to Year 6
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Lancot School, Dunstable

## ARLESEY – ARLESEY TOWN FC

### FOOTBALL CAMP

- Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October
- Reception to Year 6
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Arlesey Town FC

**ALL SIBLINGS £10.00 PER DAY**

**TEAM MATE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE PER DAY £10.00**

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