# GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

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# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents/ Carers,

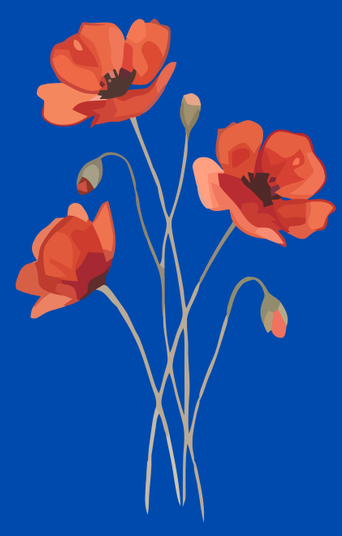
It has been another busy and exciting week at GMA!
Our Year 2 pupils have been writing poems about what they would change if they were in charge of the world, based on their current text 'If I were in Charge of the World and other worries' by Judith Viorst.
There were some interesting ideas such as getting rid of pens that don't work and seaguls who steal chips! The creativity in their writing is something to be admired and it has provided plenty of smiles and entertainment this week.

There is a new date for your diary, as we are going on a whole school trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre at the end of the term to see a Panto (oh no we're not! - oh yes we are!). This will take place on the 1st December and information has been sent via the MCAS app (My Child At School).

Our pupils have been creating wreaths this week to go on display in the school windows as part of the Town Council's poppy display. These will be appearing over the next week in preparation for Remembrance Day. Each class has made their own unique wreath and talked about the importance and significance of remembering those who gave their lives in service.
On November 11th, we are inviting pupils who are part of community organisations such as cubs, rainbows and scouts to attend in uniform.

Have a lovely 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 3 have been up to.

Year 3 have been watching short films about Black people who have made a significant contribution to history. They have been fascinated by what they have learnt about the lives of Black women such as Wangari Maathai, Rosa Parks and Katherine Johnson and have shown great maturity and insight during class discussions about discrimination and racism.



Wangarĩ Maathai was a Kenyan environmental and political activist who founded the Green Belt Movement, an organisation that encouraged communities to plant trees, protect the environment and support women's rights. In 2004, Wangarĩ made history by becoming the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace.



Rosa Parks was an American civil rights activist who helped bring about change in the fight against racial segregation. In 1955, Rosa made history when she refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. At the time, racial segregation laws discriminated against Black people. Her brave act helped spark the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a significant event in the American civil rights movement.

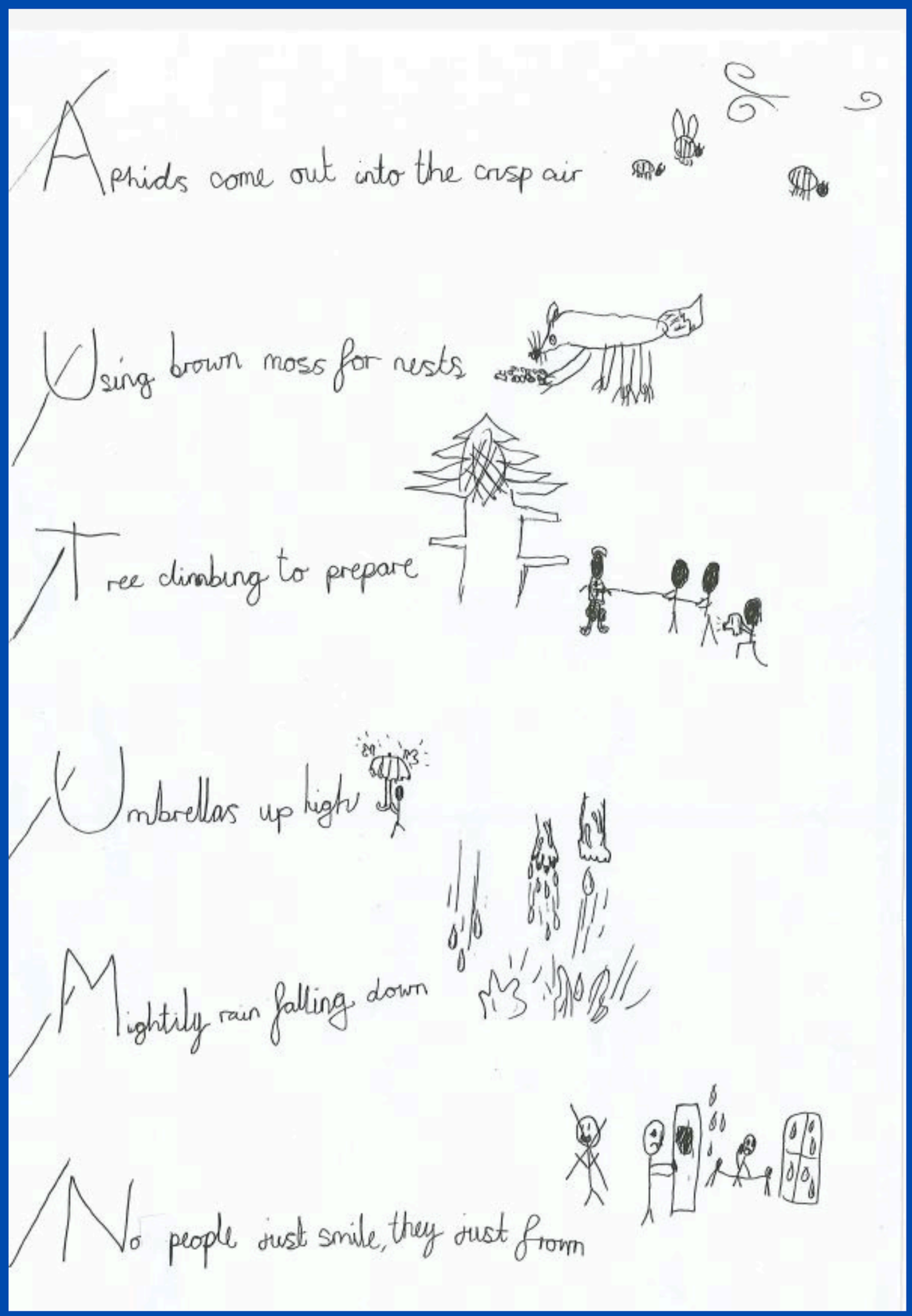


Katherine Johnson was a pioneering African American mathematician who played a vital role in the history of space exploration.
Katherine joined NASA's predecessor, NACA, in 1953, where she used her exceptional mathematical skills to calculate flight paths and trajectories for space missions. Her precise calculations helped make early American human spaceflights possible and contributed to the success of the Apollo missions to the Moon.

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# YEAR 3

Lily in Sycamore class has been inspired by our poetry unit about the seasons, to write a fantastic acrostic poem. Super imagination Lily - your words and images create vivid pictures in the reader's mind. Well done!




# ROCK STEADY ASSEMBLY




On Thursday, Tommy from Rock Steady visited Gothic Mede Academy to deliver an exciting whole-school assembly all about the Rock Steady music club.
The children got a fantastic insight into the instruments they could learn to play and the songs they could perform as part of their very own school band.
But the fun didn't stop there! Tommy took to the stage for a brilliant one-man concert, getting everyone clapping, singing and joining in.
He even got some of our teachers up to form a band of their own! Miss Drew clearly missed her calling as a rock band drummer!

# 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** | Summer | for her enthusiasm and wonderful engagement across all areas of learning, consistently taking responsibility for her learning by continuing to explore and develop her ideas independently during Discovery Time. |
| **OAK** | Ivan | for excellent concentration in phonics sessions, being a Go For it Gorilla when practising letter formation and for great sounding out and blending when reading his new book with words. |
| **BEECH** | Ehron | for trying so hard in English with his writing and showing perseverance when reading with an adult. |
| **ELM** | Maeve | for showing respect and kindness every day. Maeve is always so helpful to others and is a fantastic friend. |
| **MAPLE** | Carter | for taking such pride in his handwriting and for being a responsible member of the class. |
| **WILLOW** | Romearo | for his amazing effort in English, writing an amazing verse for his poem. |
| **SYCAMORE** | Yigithan | for showing pride and effort when writing his story about the wolves in the walls. |
| **CHESTNUT** | Ted | for his effort and creative sentences in his independent story writing. |
| **ROWAN** | Ada | for consistently demonstrating pride and effort in all she does. |
| **HAZEL** | Jack | for his amazing vocabulary and descriptive sentences used in his independent story. |

# Autumn Term Diary Dates

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| 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 |
| 01.12.2026 | Whole School Pantomime Trip |
| 03.12.2026 | Flu Catch Up session |
| 10.12.2026 | Rock Steady Christmas Concert |
| **18.12.26 End of Term** | |

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Gothic Mede Academy

# Smoke

The Friday 23rd October

## School Rules

- Wear your own clothes
- Bring a treat for break time
- Have a crazy hairstyle
- Wear a hat/hairband
- Wear something spooky
- Temporary tattoos allowed
- Have squash in your bottle
- Bring in a cuddly toy
- Wear nail varnish
- Wear trainers

£2 to make as many rules as you like!

Payments to be made via MCAS

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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