GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a cold and wet week to end our half term, reminding us that summer is well and truly over! Still, there are lots of things to look forward to after the break including a pantomime, visits to the church for a special Christmas celebration and, of course, a nativity! New dates have been added to the calendar so please do have a look and update yours.

After half term, please send your children with the essentials, including raincoats, even if it isn't wet. The weather can change quickly and we do like the children to get fresh air regardless of wet weather. If children do not have coats, they can go outside but will need to stand under the shelter so they don't become too soggy!

Have a lovely half term break

Mrs Smith

Mrs Power and Mrs Nieli, our catering team, would like to let you know that when we return after half term, we will be following Week 1 of the school dinner menu.
https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/schoolmeals
They are also planning a Children in Need bake sale! More information about this will be shared soon, so keep an eye out for further details.



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!

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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 and Year 4 have been up to.

During Black History Month, Year 3 have been learning about the life and works of Alma Woodsey Thomas. They used a range of media to create nature-inspired artwork.





Alma Woodsey Thomas (September 22, 1891 – February 24, 1978) was an American artist and art teacher who lived and worked in Washington DC, and is now recognised as a major American painter of the 20th century. She is the first African-American woman to be included in the White House's permanent art collection. Thomas is best known for the "exuberant", colorful, abstract paintings that she created.





Our Year 4 pupils have enjoyed finding out more about Black History Month. They found out more about its origins and how it is celebrated around the world. They listened to the stories of influential, but often forgotten, black historical figures and created their own posters.

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CONKER ROOM

Conker room have been celebrating Halloween by carving pumpkins and taking part in a science experiment. All the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the Pumpkin erupt and giving their predictions on what would happen when you mix white vinegar with bpowder.





MUSIC ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday we welcomed Mr Caldecote into school to talk to the children about the instruments he plays and teaches. He led a session with Reception and then did a whole school assembly. We all enjoyed hearing the different sounds made by the flute, clarinet and saxophone and the children loved hearing them used to play some familiar tunes. He also showed us a small cello and the children were able to see and hear the differences between woodwind and string instruments.

We really value visits from our super talented parents. Thank you Mr Caldecote.



We are looking for donations of Victorian-style artefacts and toys for our Year 1 and Year 2 children to explore as part of their learning.

We would be particularly grateful for items such as traditional wooden or metal toys, old-fashioned games and other objects that help bring the Victorian era to life.

If you have any suitable items at home that you would be happy to donate or lend to school, we would love to hear from you!

VALUES AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Our Values Ambassador Awards recognise pupils who have consistently demonstrated our school values of Compassion, Pride, Respect and Responsibility throughout the term.

These children have shown kindness and care towards others, made positive choices and been excellent role models for their classmates. Each class teacher has carefully nominated one pupil who has truly embodied our values. Congratulations to all of our Values Ambassadors!

ACORN A Luca	Luca has settled into Acorn class really well. He lives the value of responsibility and is always willing to help.
ACORN B Dara	Dara has settled into the Acorn class routine really well. He shows pride in his work and is always ready to learn.
ASH Maisie	Maisie is a wonderful role model who consistently demonstrates our school values. She shows compassion by being kind and caring towards her friends, responsibility by helping to tidy our classroom, and respect through the positive way she treats others. She always works hard and applies herself during both adult-led learning and child-initiated play, taking great pride in her achievements and the work she produces.
OAK Gracie	Gracie is always ready at carpet time, showing respect by sitting nicely and listening to the adults and children. She shows repsonsibility by helping to look after our classroom and keep it tidy and she shows pride in the work that she does.
ELM Bella	Bella has made a great start to Year One! She works hard in her learning and enjoys applying new skills. She is so kind to the adults and children in Elm and wants to help others. She is responsible and enjoys taking care of our learning environment. I am so proud of Bella and all she has achieved in this first term!
BEECH David	David consistently follows the school values. He shows respect to all the adults in school and is good role model to his peers. He has made a very positive start to Year 1.
WILLOW Toby	Toby has been awarded our Values Ambassador award for always working hard, trying his best and taking pride in his work. He shows kindness, care and compassion towards others, and it has been lovely to see his confidence grow and his wonderful personality shine through. Well done, Toby!

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MAPLE
Ellie

Ellie is such a positive member of the class. She joins in enthusiastically with all subjects and always displays compassion towards her peers.

CHESTNUT
Leo

Leo is kind and considerate towards everyone in our class and takes pride in his learning trying his best in everything he does.

SYCAMORE
Peyton

Peyton is always kind to other children. She is extremely helpful around the classroom and shows respect to others by listening carefully to what they are saying. She works hard in every subject and always perseveres and does her best.

ROWAN
Alice

Alice is a very kind and caring member of the class who has engaged well with our learning and has demonstrated a positive attitude to learning.

HAZEL
Malachai

Malachai has settled into Y4 with a positive attitude to his learning and is taking responsibility to improve his skills and knowledge.



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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.

ASH	Phoebe	for her enthusiastic approach to learning across all areas of the curriculum
OAK	Meadow	for always being ready to learn and for trying her hardest with all she does.
BEECH	David	for trying his best in all that he does and not giving up even if he finds something tricky.
ELM	Harrison	for his strong attitude to learning. Last week, Harrison applied his newly learnt maths skills independently during mission time.
MAPLE	Ryo	for his fantastic effort when creating his own poem this week.
WILLOW	Leon	for being an amazing role model in Willow class. He takes pride in all of his work and is always ready to learn.
SYCAMORE	Harrison	for showing great effort and focus when using secondary sources to find information about nutrient groups in Science.
CHESTNUT	Leon	for a focused and positive attitude to his maths learning.
ROWAN	Reggie	for a consistently conscientious approach to all areas of learning.
HAZEL	Mila	for positively coming into class each morning ready to learn.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

26.10.26 - 30.10.26 Half Term Break	
02.11.2026	Children return to school
06.11.2026	Year 3 Swimming commences (6 weeks - last session 11th Dec)
11.11.2026	Remembrance Day - Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies can attend school in their club uniform
13.11.2026	Children in Need - Non uniform day
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
10.12.2026	Christmas Dinner
18.12.26 End of Term	
04.01.2027	Staff training day
05.01.2027	Children return to school

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