



This Month's Value is Ambition

**A strong desire to do or achieve something.
Determination to achieve success.**

At school we will be thinking about our goals for the school year. Children will set personal targets and think about the steps they need to take to reach these. We will also discuss our ambitions for the future and think about all the exciting opportunities children at Gothic Mede have to help them fulfil their ambitions.

Thought of the month: "Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny." Mahatma Gandhi

Harvest Festival

This morning we had our Harvest Assembly. Each year group performed a song, poem or read a story to help us to think about what Harvest means to us. We reflected on the value of Appreciation when thinking about what we have, especially what we have to eat and considered the values of Thoughtfulness and Caring as we thought about those who don't have as much as us.

We will now be collecting food items to donate to the local charity, The Need Project. This charity delivers food boxes to local families and individuals in our community. Items can be brought into school week commencing 9th October.

Items to include: Beans, soup, tomatoes, potatoes, all vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, flour, sugar, custard powder, baking powder, cocoa powder, tomato puree, porridge, breakfast cereals, rice, pasta, tomato sauce, brown sauce, vinegar, brown bread, white bread, butter, margarine, jams, marmalade, lemon curd, cling film, foil wrap, tea, coffee, biscuits etc.

Lego Club

Lego Club has been very popular since its start last week. (Of course! Who doesn't like Lego?) We've started this term with a group of children who'll be part of Lego Club for four weeks and then we'll give another group of children the chance to take part. If children want to take part they'll need to commit to four weeks and attend each week. We'll be swapping over at half term and will speak to children then about how they can express an interest.

Kitchen News

Frozen Fruit Smoothies will no longer be available for the Autumn term. They will be back again in the Summer term.

Healthy Eating Standards

We appreciate the parent who contacted us by email to express her concerns about the government guidelines that we shared at the end of last week about healthy eating standards. Since then I have met with governors and we will be forming a working group to look at the guidelines and support that we share with parents, alongside looking at our school dinners menu. I'm keen to have all stakeholders contribute to these discussions so if you're interested in being part of this group and are available in the afternoon, probably on Monday 16th October, please can you email us to put your name forward? You may notice from this week that we will only be offering a cake or biscuit once a week in Grab a Bags and other changes will follow the meeting of the group. Unfortunately, due to the timeline for ordering supplies, the menu for the rest of the term will remain the same.

Attendance

Congratulations to Elm class for the best attendance in September. The top three classes for attendance in September, together with their percentages, were:

Elm - 98.67%
Oak & Maple - 97.87%

Team Points

Purwell – Yellow	170
Hiz – Blue	161
Pix – Red	155
Ivel – Green	140

Diary Dates – updated 2nd October

Please note that the PFGM Quiz Night 7.00pm – 11.00pm is **NOT** on the 7th October. This has been changed to the 18th November.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Unfortunately the start of peripatetic music lessons has been delayed this year due to Bedfordshire Inspiring Music suffering a shortage of teachers. They have informed us that they intend to recruit next week and they hope that lessons will start after half term once DBS checks etc. are carried out. We will keep you up to date as we know more.

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Head Teacher'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	Blake Pedley	for being a 'Go for it Gorrilla' with his phonics and reading.
Oak	Max Newman	for showing enthusiasm in his learning.
Beech	Declan Marshallsay	for displaying a fantastic attitude when coming into school.
Elm	Ryan Xu	for living the value of courage and settling well into class.
Maple	Oliver Moir	for taking such pride in his presentation of his Firefighters book.
Willow	Ryan Welch	for his determination and perseverance in all aspects of his learning.
Chestnut	Jamie Edwards	for joining in with all of our activities with enthusiasm, especially in science.
Sycamore	Archie Chandler	for his effort in learning his spellings. He has made a marked improvement.
Hazel	Madison Judge	for a fantastic, mature attitude towards learning.
Birch	Daphne Muriritirwa	for always following our rules of readiness, respect and responsibility.

Celebrations Assembly

Tag Rugby

Kwabena Kofuor Darteh Year 4 Player of the Week
Zane Endersby Year 3 Player of the Week

Swimming

Leo Bonfield 100 Metres
Leo Bonfield Grade 4 Water Skills

Tae Kwon-Do

Sophia Pang Green Stripe

Multisports Medal

Christopher Corne

Premier Sports Medal

Dean Chigodora
Ellis Houghton-Small

Standalone 2K Run

Evie Davis
Elodie Maria
Louis Maria
Olivia Walker
Amber Walker
Olivia Cross
Anna Davis

Book Club

Book Club will be in the Library on Wednesday lunchtimes as follows:

11th Oct Willow
18th Oct Maple

Brand new books are available to purchase at half price. Most are priced between £2 and £4. All proceeds go towards new books for the school, but please be aware that you are under no obligation to purchase.

If you are happy for your child to choose a book please send this money in a named envelope on the day.