



## Merry Christmas!

After a fantastic term of performances, awards and staff changes, I think we're all feeling buoyed and proud of our achievements at Gothic Mede but I think we're all looking forward to a bit of a break as well!

I hope that you all enjoy the Christmas period with your children – we happen to think that they're wonderful and they've certainly got us in the spirit of the season.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January when we will be focusing on the value of thoughtfulness.

## Gothic Mede Pride Awards

Today we held our first Gothic Mede Academy Pride Awards. This was to recognise and celebrate a child from each class that has shown pride in different ways during this term. All the children show pride so it has been very difficult for teachers to choose just one child. The chosen children were awarded with a medal in assembly. Well done to this term's winners! Please find their names below. A Pride Awards ceremony will be held at the end of each term.

Acorn - Archie Skelton	Acorn – Ivy Cooper
Ash - Alek Mirowski	Oak class - Jessie Loveridge
Elm - Mark Loveridge	Beech - George Sacks
Maple - Tom Moseley	Willow - Charlotte Stanton
Chestnut - Alim Aydin	Sycamore - Oliver Sacks
Hazel - Charlie Newman	Birch - Grace Denoronha

## Winter Wonderland Canvas Competition

Many of you may have noticed when you attended the Christmas performances, the wonderful display of canvases depicting a winter wonderland in the reception area. Thank you to all of the children that entered, the art work was of an exceptionally high standard and was extremely difficult to judge! We were lucky enough to have a local artist, Sian Spencer, who came in and judged the competition for us. Many congratulations to the winners:



## Team Points

Pix – Red	1218	Purwell – Yellow	1003
Hiz – Blue	1208	Ivel – Green	998

## Kitchen News - Autumn Term

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February - 28 days**

The first week back will be **Week 2 (Wednesday)** of the Autumn Term menu which will be on the website by the end of next week.

**The Parentmail option to pay will be open from 24<sup>th</sup> (noon) – 31<sup>st</sup> December 6.00pm**

£56 dinner money, £10 per week or £2 daily.

1 x snack = £7.00 term or £1.25 weekly

2 x snack = £14.00 term or £2.50 weekly

Please state what snack your child would like. If nothing is chosen they will receive toast.

Lunchtime drinks are £14.00 per half term or £2.50 weekly.

**You can pay via ParentMail otherwise, put all money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for. Please hand this to your child in the morning to place in their class kitchen pot. Thank you.**

## Eco-Council

We have a new Eco initiative starting in school. There is an Eco book swap cupboard located on our playground. The idea is that you bring a good quality book that your child has finished with and you swap it for a book in the Eco book cupboard. You can then keep the book you chose. One book in and one book out. (There are also adult readers so that adults can benefit from this idea as well.)

## School dinners

On Thursday the group of parents, staff and governors who had got together earlier in the term to discuss school dinners reconvened. We looked through what had been done since the previous meeting and some of the changes are reflected in the new menu. These include reducing the carbohydrate elements of meals that already contain carbohydrates, changing some of the combinations of elements in meals and indicating which meals were entirely homemade (H/M).

We also looked through the results of the recent dessert survey to see what the majority of parents preferred in this area. Out of the 34 respondents, 65% thought that desserts should be offered every day and 56% of respondents indicated that they would prefer the dessert options to stay as they are. 32% of respondents indicated that they would like fruit offered for desserts and we will be making a conscious effort to reinforce with the children healthy eating habits. Thank you ever so much to all of you who took part in the survey. The group will get together again at the end of the spring term.

## 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 Oak	Mia Wells Phoebe Cockrane	For great enthusiasm in the Christmas performance. For doing a great job in learning her lines for the Christmas performance and for performing with great enthusiasm.
Beech	Lucy Greaney	For always showing respect, being ready and a responsible attitude to school life.
Elm	Ruby Deakin	For putting herself into 'Challenge Zone' during her maths lessons.
Maple Willow	Olivia Cross Matilda Kapp	For her perseverance in her maths work. For trying her hardest all of the time and using lots of her values this week.
Chestnut Sycamore	All of the class All of the class	For a great Christmas performance. For a great Christmas performance.
Hazel Birch	Tyler Pye Eilidh Rowe	For always willing to give his best in lessons. For always taking pride in, and striving to improve the quality of her work.

## Celebration Assembly

### Tag Rugby

Oliver Sheehan  
Jack Anderson

Joint Year 4 Tag Rugby Players of the Week

### Swimming

Alisha Green  
Matilda Kapp

Aqua Ed – Stage 3  
5 Metres

### Karate

Niamh Taylor

Best Student

### Tae Kwon Do

Thomas Conway  
Aaron Newlands

Blue Tag  
Blue Tag

### Gymnastics

Alisha Green

Stage 7

### Premier Sports - Multisports

Eleanor Greaney  
Charlotte Stanton

Premier Sports Medal  
Premier Sports Medal

### Scouts

Caitlin Roberti

Certificate of Investiture

### Drama

Alice Pougher

Certificate of Achievemnet - The Perform Silver Challenge

## Coming up in January

02.01.18	Inset Day (Staff Training)
<b>03.01.18</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
23.01.18	Parents' Opportunity 8.50am – 9.20am Nursery
24.01.18	Parents' Opportunity 9.00am – 9.30am Reception – Year 4
26.01.18	Parents' Opportunity 8.50am – 9.20am Nursery
31.01.18	Young Voices – Year 4

## Consultation on the BEST Admissions policy Sept 19

There is a six week consultation on proposed changes to the admissions policy which started on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Further details can be accessed on our website [here](#)

## Starting School September 2018

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 should apply for a reception year place in the starting school 2018 round. The closing date for applications is Monday, 15 January 2018. Applications received from Tuesday, 16 January are deemed late.