



Staff Appointments

As well as the staff appointment announced in last week's newsletter, I'd like to introduce three new members of staff to Gothic Mede Academy:

Stephen Wilson	Site agent
Lyndsey Lowe	Learning support assistant
Edyta Mirowska	General Kitchen Assistant

All three did very well at interview and we have already seen the positive impact that these excellent additions to the school have had on the running of Gothic Mede and the impact on the children.

PFGM Movie Night

We had our first movie night this week which was a sell out and enjoyed by all the children. Don't forget we will be holding another one of Thursday 7th December. The movie will be Inside Out which can be booked through ParentMail and will be showing between 5pm - 7pm giving you a chance for some late night Xmas shopping.

PFGM Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone that came to our Big Quiz Night it was a great night and everyone had a brilliant time. We had a tie breaker question needed to split the top two teams. Congratulations to Beat the Teachers! The quiz made a profit of £455! Our next Big Quiz Night will be on Saturday 28th April, so put the date in your diaries.



Wooden spoon winners!!



Pupil Number Consultations

If you would like to comment regarding this consultation the cut off to do so is Thursday 7th December. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Team Points

Pix – Red	915
Hiz – Blue	881
Purwell – Yellow	741
Ivel – Green	722

Our non-uniform day last Friday raised £317.10. Thank you all for your kind donations.



PFGM Winter Wonderland

Come along to the PFGM Winter Wonderland - Friday 15th December, 3.45-6.45pm in the school hall. We will be holding a Christmas fair with a selection of vendors selling some lovely festive items and gifts! Plus, each class will have their own stall and all money taken will go towards something new for their classroom!

Most excitingly... SANTA will be visiting! Booking will open on ParentMail at 8pm on Monday 27/11. Spaces are limited so please book early to ensure you aren't disappointed. You will see the event is split into 15 minute slots, each with 6 spaces. Please select the slot you prefer- Children will then wait at that time and see Santa individually. Unfortunately due to time limits we can only accommodate pupils at Gothic Mede Academy, however siblings will be welcome to make their own reindeer food for 50p and can be in any photos with Santa their parents may wish to take. If you are booking for siblings at Gothic Mede you may wish to book them into the same slot (if there is availability) for your convenience. This will be £3.50 per child which includes a gift. We think it's going to be magical and hope to see you all there! (Santa's grotto kindly sponsored by Arlesey Social Club and Bite 2 Eat).



Walk for Charity

Well done to one of our year 4 students who took part in a charity walk last Saturday and helped raise over £700 for Bliss, a charity for sick and premature babies. She went on the walk called 'Light up the Light' with her family who all wore glow sticks and fairy lights and walked near the Thames and London Bridge. We love the flashing headband!

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	Rosalie Gillham-Yuill	for her continued enthusiasm towards her learning. She really enjoys learning!
Oak	Jessie Loveridge	for persevering with phonics and a very good attitude to learning.
Beech Elm	Nyla Jones Isla Brown	for her thoughtful ideas in RE. for living the 'Golden Rules' constantly.
Maple	Millie Page	for her hard work and improving her organisational skills.
Willow	Alice Pougher	for her positive attitude and doing fantastic work in English.
Chestnut Sycamore	Lola Jones Cameron Manggos	for her determination in maths. for his improved attitude to learning that we have seen in handwriting, maths and reading.
Hazel Birch	Alexandra Rowlands Amelie Staines	for her great enthusiasm for reading. for always showing pride in her work and commitment to her learning.

Celebration Assembly

Tag Rugby

Jake Cockrane Year 3 Trophy

Tai Kwon-Do Competition

Charlie Collison Silver & Bronze & Participation Medals

Swimming

Keira Roberti Distance Award 25 Metres

Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Whitbread

Well done to the following children who all played in the festival. Team 1 each won the value wristband for passion and everyone was awarded a participation certificate. They all behaved brilliantly.

Team 1

Aaron Newlands
Kobby Kofuor Darteh
Niamh Taylor
Faith Allen
Oliver Sheehan
Roman Bland
Thomas Conway
Jack Anderson
Olly Beedle
Keyan Miller

Team 2

Callum Wheeler
Dylan Christie
Germaine Lai
Nicole Henniker
Oakley Reed
Reuben Hanks
Rudi Mouratsing
Thomas Chantrell
Leo Bonfield
Molly White

Book Club

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

29th November Hazel
6th December Chestnut
13th December Sycamore

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.

If you are happy for your child to choose a book please send this money in a named envelope on the day. Please note that you are under no obligation to buy.

Dragging children

Please can we make you aware that dragging children across the floor, even at home, can result in injuries such as carpet burns. We obviously have concerns for the wellbeing of children who are injured in such a way and injuries such as these will trigger our safeguarding procedures, potentially resulting in a referral to Children's Services.

Poppy Appeal

Through the sale of wristbands, poppy pins and poppies we raised £214.16. Thank you very much all to everyone who made a purchase.

