



## Paternity leave

Some of you may already know that Mr Clarke's wife is expecting their first child this Sunday! During his two weeks paternity leave absence, Mrs Davis will be stepping into his role and will provide the continuity in school leadership that we know will benefit the school. She will be supported by other members of the senior leadership team and in Oak Class by our fantastic team of adults in Reception. As usual, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns.



Gothic Mede Academy are taking part in Big Pedal on Tuesday 1st May. We would like as many parents and children to ride to school on that day (and afterwards). This is part of our ongoing commitment to promote healthy lifestyles. The teachers will then record how many children came to school on their bikes/scooters and how many parents used bikes to/from school. Our results can then be compared to other local schools who are also taking part in this event.

The aim of the Big Pedal is to get a high proportion of pupils, staff and parents, cycling or scooting to school. Big Pedal helps children to be healthier and can visibly reduce traffic at our school gate! In 2017, over 1,300 schools made 1,063,536 journeys to school by bike and scooter. 75% of schools surveyed said pupils continued to cycle or scoot to school following the event.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back!! The fair is to help raise funds for our school to buy new books for our library. It will be taking place under the canopy outside Oak class 3.40 – 4.00pm from Thursday 3rd May to Tuesday 8th May. You can enter the Book Fair via Oak's gate once the class has been dismissed. Any child buying a book will be entered into a draw and 5 lucky winners will receive a £5 book voucher each.

## Class Photos

Our photographer will be visiting Gothic Mede to take the class photographs on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

## Team Points

Pix	149
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Hiz	144
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## School Council

On Monday the School Council went on a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The visit included a tour of: The House of Commons and House of Lords; the Central Lobby, at the very heart of the Parliamentary Estate; St. Stephen's Hall, the home of the original House of Commons; and Westminster Hall, the last remaining part of the original Palace.

After the tour the children attended a workshop called: People's Parliament. This involved viewing a 360 degree re-enactment putting them in the front row of a dramatic Parliamentary event of the past; Muriel Matters and her fellow suffragists of the Women's Freedom League in 1908, protesting from the Ladies' Gallery in the Commons for women's right to vote. The children then debated the issue.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the school council to learn about the UK parliament and democracy.



## 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	Noah Hall	for excellent maths with addition and subtraction problems.
Oak	Eliza-May Collins-Boyede	for fantastic progress in phonics.
Beech	Zain Niwaz	for always being ready to learn and putting great effort into his work
Elm	Keira Roberti	for always showing readiness to learn and for creating texture in her nature sculpture.
Maple	Anna Davis	for always living our Golden Rules by being respectful, responsible and ready to learn.
Willow	Peter Hodgson	for great improvement in his reading comprehension.
Chestnut	Finley Chastney	for his enthusiasm and commitment throughout the week.
Sycamore	Jake Cockrane	for improved concentration during independent learning activities.
Hazel & Birch	This week's award goes to all of the pupils who attended PGL. We were so impressed by their courage, determination, co-operation and increased independence.	

## Celebration Assembly

### Football

Amelia Farrow Girl of the Game Stotfold Juniors  
– scored her 16<sup>th</sup> goal. Amelia was also going to be a mascot for Arsenal Ladies V Liverpool on Tuesday evening.

### Karate

Amelia Page Blue belt

### Swimming

Emily Grounsell Stage 3  
Amelia Page Stage 2  
Rosalie Gillham-Yuill 15 Metres

### Gymnastics

Louisa Jarry Level 6  
Precious Maitai Premier Sports medal  
for great team work

### Pride Award

Olivia Walker Pride Award Medal

### Music

Spenser Denton Electric Guitar – Grade 2  
Distinction

### Ballet

Caydence Denton Imperial Classical Ballet  
– Primary Exam - Merit

## Book Club

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

25 <sup>th</sup> April	Chestnut
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Birch
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Hazel
16 May	Willow
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	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. If you are happy for your child to choose a book please send this money in a named envelope on the day.

## PFGM

We will be doing Bags 2 School again with a collection date of 21st May, so if you're looking to have a clear out before summer of clothes and shoes please look out for the flyer and bags that will be coming home in book bags in the next couple of weeks.

Also, please remember that uniform is not allowed for Bags 2 School however, if you do have any to donate to the PFGM, please drop it off at reception as we will be having a second hand uniform stall at our Summer Fair on July 7th. Many Thanks, PFGM