



## Introducing Gothic Mede's great staff!

Milo and Elliot from Hazel class spoke with Mrs Douglas.



Job Title – Teaching assistant and senior supervisor for lunch break. I have been at the school for 25 years.

What do you do at school? I help to support the teachers in the classroom and I oversee the staff at lunchtime.

What do you like to do out of school? I love to spend time with my granddaughter.

## Internet safety

We have the police coming into school on the 5<sup>th</sup> February for Safer Internet Day to present an e-safety briefing for Year 2s, Year 3s and year 4s. This will be followed by a talk for parents at 3.30.

It is vital that all parents are aware of the dangers that the World Wide Web can present to children, and this is a great opportunity for us to become more aware.

The pupil's talks will take place during the school day.

The parent talk is at 3.30 for parents of the years mentioned above. You are unable to bring children into the talk, so the teachers will keep the pupils in class with them until the talk finishes at 4.30pm – a great reason for you to attend.

Parents who have attended these sessions in the past have always commented as to how 'eye opening' they have been.

Please confirm attendance through the form sent out to you on ParentMail.

## Head lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice this week. Please make sure that you follow the advice given in the email that we sent out to avoid this spreading further.

Many thanks

## Clubs

We are extremely lucky here at Gothic to provide our pupils with a wide variety of clubs. From dance to Lego and choir to mindfulness. Pupils are offered different clubs in each year and we are very grateful to our wonderful staff who make this possible.

Here is a little taste of what we get up to:



Choir



Dance



Cheerleading



Disco Ducks

# Year 1 sports event

Some of our Year 1 children had a great time on Monday at a Redbourne sports event. They had the chance to try different sports activities working as a team.

Speaking to the children, they told me about their favourite activities.

Lucas liked the activity where he was pushing the ball through the hoop, whilst Harriet enjoyed the game that included picking up the cones.



Freya really liked the jumping side-to-side activity and Esme said, "I liked the activity where we had to put the ball through our legs"  
Great work Year 1.

## Daily mile

Some of you may be aware that there is a national initiative call The Daily Mile that seeks to get children out of their classrooms for 15 minutes each day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom.

On Monday, Gothic Mede Academy will be implementing this scheme. More information can be found at: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/> but we will be ensuring that this is an inclusive activity which is no extra work for teachers or parents and which is a benefit, not a barrier to achievement in pupils' learning. Please visit the website above if you have any questions about the initiative.

# Our week in pictures!



## **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	Florence	for her confidence in phonics and her reading
Oak	Huey	for his hard work and good knowledge with 3D shapes
Beech	Layla-Mai	for vastly improving her behaviour and showing great care and focus in her work
Elm	Esme	for living the value of caring every day in the way she treats adults and children
Maple	Lucien	for his class participation in a number of lessons this week, particularly gymnastics where he performed a sequence, and in speed stacks
Willow	Isla	for working hard during independent writing activities and improving her spellings
Chestnut	Emily	for her wonderful charcoal drawing of a winter tree in art this week
Sycamore	Elodie	for her enthusiasm and hard work on Roman Numerals in Maths
Hazel	Charlie	for his fantastic 'can do' attitude. Charlie always challenges himself and perseveres when tasks are tricky.
Birch	Jason	for choosing to challenge himself in mathematics



## **Celebrations Assembly**



This week Tidy Ted goes to MAPLE class



### **Swimming**

Ivy 5 metres

### **Gymnastics**

Poppy Hotshots player of the week

### **Beavers**

William Certificate of Investiture

## **Team points**

<b>Purwell</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>Hiz</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Pix</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>Ivel</b>	<b>248</b>