



This month's value is Understanding

Definition:

- the ability to understand something; comprehension.
- sympathetic awareness or tolerance; being aware of how others might feel.
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Our key questions and points for reflection for 'Understanding' are:

What is understanding?

- Understanding is considering how others feel as we go about our lives.
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How can you be understanding?

- Put yourself in someone else's shoes
- Be patient when someone might not respond how you expect them to and think, "How might they be feeling?"
- Show friendship and tolerance to others; you never know how it might feel to be them.
- Think about how your actions might affect someone else.
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What does being understanding look like?

- Being calm when you're not happy with someone else.
- Offering help or a listening ear to others.
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'Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain but it takes character and self control to be understanding and forgiving.' *Dale Carnegie*

Fathers Day Breakfast

This year we are going to go back to the paper version for ordering the Fathers' Day breakfast. **The letter will be sent home in book bags next Wednesday, 8th May** and the breakfasts will be held on Tuesday 11th June and Thursday 13th June over 2 sittings of 8.00-8.30am or 8.30 -9.00am.

Please be advised that places are limited so look out for the letter in book bags next Wednesday.

Sun Hats & Sun Cream

As the weather is showing signs of summer, can you make sure your child has a sun hat in school and sun cream is applied before they arrive to school, please.

Ash and Oak class



The children were very excited to unveil their new dinosaur garden in Reception this week. This is to help them with their 'small parts' play.



A new topic this term is plants and growing. Each child has planted their own plant and bean, and they have drawn and labelled plants to aid their learning.



A post box has arrived too. This is to encourage the children to write unaided notes for the teacher and increase their independent writing.

Good luck Mrs Howard

Today is Mrs Howard's last day before going on maternity leave. We wish her lots of luck and happiness with her new arrival. We will all miss you especially Sycamore class.



Guitar Lessons

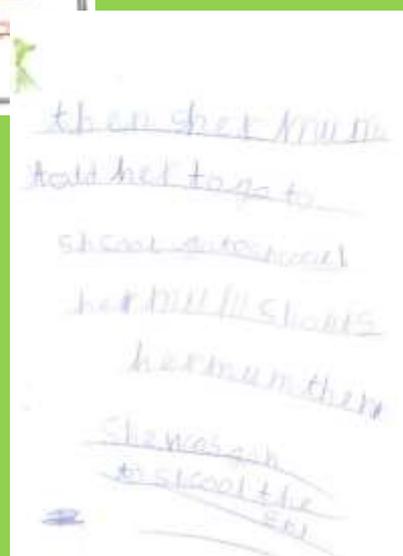
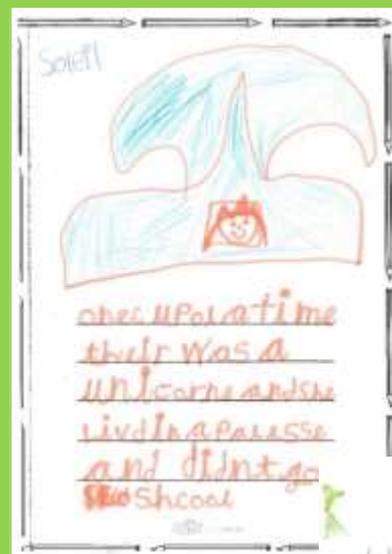
We are very lucky to have Mr Barnes now teaching guitar lessons at Gothic Mede. Mr Barnes came to assembly on Tuesday to talk to us about guitar, as well as show us his incredible talent.



As well as guitar lessons, we have teachers coming in to school to provide lessons for singing, piano and violin. If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Glindon at the school reception.

Well done Soleil

We just wanted to share this wonderful piece of independent writing that has been done by Soleil from Ash class. Soleil did this on her own and her writing is beautiful.



Introducing our Great Staff

This week Sarah-Rose and Jerome from Chestnut class met with Mrs Nieli from the kitchen,



What is your job?

Kitchen Manager, so I do some of the cooking, but I also manage the money.

What is your favourite thing about your job?

Serving the children at lunchtime – it is lovely chatting to them.

If you didn't have this job, what would you like to do?

I would either be a midwife or a police officer.

What is your favourite pudding?

That is a hard question! I love puddings, probably treacle sponge.

What do you like doing in the holidays?

Going to Turkey, I love sunshine.

Do you like cooking at home?

I love cooking at home, which is just as well, as my husband is useless! I particularly love baking.

PGL 2019

Mr Clarke

Last week, 50 tired children and seven exhausted adults returned from Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire where they had spent three days running, jumping, climbing and being very active in general! The children climbed walls, ate foods that they hadn't before and slept away from home for two nights. This was all very demanding and all of the children did really well to achieve so much during their time away. They epitomised the values of our school - courage, perseverance, cooperation and responsibility - to name but a few.

I am also very grateful to the staff who accompanied the children on the visit. They volunteered to sacrifice their own family and home time (and sleep!) to ensure that the children had this opportunity.

Although the visit is not cheap, we see the children who attend PGL develop in so many ways and I believe that the visit is one of the most valuable learning opportunities that the children have during their time at Gothic Mede.

A Parent's View

The PGL trip is such an amazing opportunity for the children. Don't be put off by the thought of two nights without your beloved child (or perhaps that's the reason you want them to go. No judgement). Something magical happens over these three days and your child will come back subtly changed in the best ways – somehow older, taller and brimming with self-confidence. They will try things they never thought they could do. This year alone the activities included quad biking, rifle shooting, a camp fire, a disco, fencing, a vertical challenge, a climbing wall, buggy building, the infamous Big Swing and archery. And if they're anything like my daughter, they will come home, talk non-stop for three hours, hit a wall and sleep for 12 hours straight. The equipment you'll need is minimal – a sleeping bag and some waterproofs and they're good to go. Send them. They will love it. And they might even astonish you and voluntarily brush their teeth.

Daisy from Hazel class

As I arrived, immediately a smile was put on my face. It was the best experience and I would definitely go again. I really pushed myself to do different challenges and did every single one. It was 1000 times better than I imagined.

My favourite activity was the rock climbing but I also loved the vertical challenge. I would give 10 out of 10 for the stars and I would definitely recommend going.

Mrs Hopkin

This was my 1st time at PGL and it was an absolute joy to see so much independence from the children of Year 4.

Each and every one of them challenged themselves, and pushed to succeed in all activities.

Caydence from Hazel class

It was really fun the food was lovely and I had the best time. The activities were EPIC. We did all sorts, the climbing was amazing and the quad biking was zooming.

We had really comfy beds and a lot of friends around with an en-suite bathroom.

Oliver from Birch class

My favourite activity was the high swing It was so much fun. The food was great, pasta was my favourite.

Marco from Birch class

I had a great time going to PGL and attending the activities, especially the giant swing. My favourite meal was lunch.

I loved staying in a dorm with my friends. It was the best holiday ever!





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	Dottie	for beautifully drawing and labelling her plant.
Oak	Micaiah	for increased independence.
Beech	Harris	for excellent mathematical reasoning and showing perseverance at all times.
Elm	Eben	for settling in well in Elm class, by making a new friends and following class rules.
Maple	Oliver	for his fantastic effort with his handwriting.
Willow	Willow	for an improvement in reading comprehensions.
Chestnut	Sarah-Rose	for her increased resilience and effort. Well done.
Sycamore	Lailah	for super effort in maths – always putting her hand up and sharing her ideas.
Hazel	Zane	for his mature attitude and helpfulness in Reception Class, last week.
Birch	Ellis	for showing a caring and nurturing attitude to the others when encouraging them to play football at lunchtimes.



Celebrations Assembly

Tidy Ted

Gymnastics

Amy	Elm	Level 5
Florence	Ash	Level 8
Elizabeth	Sycamore	Bronze

Swimming

Elliot	Hazel	2000 metres
Anna	Sycamore	Level 6

Other

Bonnie	Chestnut	Little Princess Trust hair donation
Elizabeth	Sycamore	Premier Sports Trophy

Tidy Ted

Beech class - For seeing an improvement in tidiness.

Well done to Beech class for improved tidiness in their classroom.

