



Our Value the month is Peace

Peace is having positive thoughts about yourself and others.

At school we will be asking the children to think about what 'peace' means and how they might be able to live this value at home and at school. We will also be encouraging the children to take part in reflection time in which they can experience the value of peace and reflect on the rest of our school values.

Thought for the month: 'Peace begins with a smile' – Mother Teresa

At home you may like to discuss the following questions:
What does peace look like?
When are people peaceful?
How can we be peaceful?
Where is a peaceful place for you?

Teddy Bears Picnic

Year 1 had a great time this week at their Teddy Bears Picnic. They enjoyed fruit skewers and Teddy Bear biscuits in the beautiful sunshine.



Wellbeing Day

On Wednesday this week we had a fantastic day looking at wellbeing in various different ways. We were very lucky to have Yoga sessions for all of our children.



Chocolate

A big thank you to all who donated chocolate for the tombola for the school fair. A big well done to Ash class who have won a non-uniform day on Tuesday 9th July for bringing in the biggest weight in chocolate.

The top three were.

Ash	11.0 pounds
Willow	9.8 pounds
Elm	8.7 pounds

E-Safety regarding YouTube

We'd like to give a warning to parents about the dangers of giving your children unmonitored access to YouTube. At training for how to safeguard children last week we were informed that, although restricted mode on YouTube can filter a lot, benign videos can be embedded with adult content halfway through them. We have been told that some of these videos can bypass YouTube's filters and within an average of six videos on an autoplay cycle, a child will be presented with a video containing this kind of content. The best way to safeguard your child is to monitor their viewing and not allow viewing in private, as well as preferring the use of trusted channels and contributors on the site. More information about other risks on YouTube can be found at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-39381889>

Step up Day

What an exciting day we have had today at Gothic Mede. It has been great to see all the children in their new classes and meeting with their new teachers.



Building work over the summer

Some of you may have noticed the new sandpit(!) where our swimming pool used to be. This is the much anticipated start of some development work which will consist of two main parts. One is a pair of new modular buildings where our swimming pool used to be, to create a new library, which our PFGM have raised money for, and a new staff room to accommodate our increased staff numbers. The other part of the project is some remodelling of our entrance and office area to improve access and increase admin space. Included in this will be a new meeting room, a larger waiting lobby, an improved accessible toilet and a community room. Although we will be using this for some meetings with parents, we are keen for you and other members of our community to suggest how this space can be used. The purpose of this room is to bring the community into Gothic Mede and provide for our children through their parents/carers and by connecting the school with Arlesey and the local area. We're very grateful to the PFGM and our trust, BEST, for enabling this to happen.

Watch this space for more news!

Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to sports day next week.

Tuesday 9 th July	9.15am	Years 1 to 4
Wednesday 10 th July	9.10am	Acorn A and Oak class
Wednesday 10 th July	1.40pm	Acorn B and Ash class

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 a special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Lily	For her amazing symmetrical butterfly art work.
Oak	Max	For his lovely work in Maths with symmetry.
Elm		To all of Elm class for their amazing teamwork during their class trip to Celtic Harmony camp.
Beech		To everybody in Beech class for their exemplary behaviour and Team work skills at Celtic Harmony.
Maple	George	For his fantastic independent writing about 'Storm Whale'.
Willow	Isla	For applying the writer's toolkit accurately during an independent writing activity.
Chestnut	Lascelle	For building new friendships and his enthusiasm during our swimming lessons.
Sycamore	Cameron	For his improved attitude towards writing tasks.
Hazel	David	For his positive attitude and hard work in lessons.
Birch	Jake	For his enthusiastic approach to all aspects of school life.



Celebration Assembly

Netball

Darci	Sycamore	Medal from Netball Transition event
Amelia	Sycamore	As above
Kaysie Rose	Hazel	As above

Well done to Tristan, Huey, Caleb, Willow and Elodie from Reception who did a sponsored walk for Bliss.



Swimming

Lucy	Beech	Level 3 swimming
Abigail	Sycamore	20 metres
Harry	Willow	15 metres
Harry	Willow	Level 2
Charlotte	Maple	Bronze award

Twaekwondo

Rowan	Oak	3rd UTA
		2nd UTA

Gymnastics

Ivy	Willow	Player of the week.
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Football

Ellis	Birch	Shefford Football club Managers Merit Members award
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Beavers

Oakley	Beech	Beaver of the week
Joshua	Elm	Invested in beavers

Other

David	Hazel	Bravery Certificate
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Tidy Ted

Well done to Birch class for always being tidy.