

AUTUMN 2019

NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Friday 13th September 2019
Our value for this month is Pride



Some reminders

As we start another academic year, please can we remind you of the following:

Request for absence during term time

Any application for absence must be made 6 weeks in advance and only by the parent with whom the child normally resides. Please ensure you complete a request for absence during term time form return to the school office.

Medical appointments

Whenever possible, please bring in the confirmation appointment letter. Dentist appointments should be made outside of school hours and where possible doctors' appointments should be too.

Medication

If you would like Gothic Mede to administer prescribed medication to your child, please come into the school office and complete a medication form as without this we will be unable to do so.

Clothing and other items

Last term we had lots and lots of lost property which we were not able to return due to items not being named. Please ensure all uniform, coats, water bottles, lunch bags/boxes and any items coming into school are clearly named.

Nut free school

We are a nut free school and do have children with severe nut allergies so please can you check snacks and sandwich fillers for traces of nuts. If we do see any snacks etc. containing nuts these will have to be removed and returned at home time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Spellings

Here are a few photos of Group 7 practising their spellings this week. The children were building jenga towers, balancing wooden bottle tops and sorting words into treasure chests to help familiarise themselves with their spellings.



Year 4 Learning

Birch have been discovering how the digestive system works by modelling the processes that take place in the human stomach and intestines. It's a messy business!



We continued our journey through the digestive system, in Birch Class. We have made our own life-size versions. Sadly, the prognosis for this particular patient is not so good.



Attendance

Last year at Gothic Mede, over 2,770 pupil 'learning days' were lost to absence (that's an average of 8 and a half days per pupil). As the data we shared with you last year shows, there is a very strong correlation between absence and poor attainment.

Not only does absence negatively impact the learning of the child who has, for whatever reason, missed schooling, it can also affect the progress of the whole class, if teacher time is subsequently lost to trying to revisit the learning that has been missed.

From next week, teachers will be providing you with the activities that your child has missed through absence, as we feel that the time you spend completing these tasks with them will be of huge benefit to your child.

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	George	Great perseverance with his Elmer work.
Oak	Amber	For always being ready to learn.
Beech	Laurie	For being a fantastic helping hand and showing the golden rule.
Elm	Beth	For always being ready, trying her best with every task and having a positive attitude to learning.
Maple	Eva	For always being ready for working extremely hard and demonstrating a real enthusiasm for learning.
Willow	Leo	For showing a 'can do' attitude and showing a readiness for learning.
Chestnut	George	For his commitment in giving everything a go.
Sycamore	Declan	For his creative flair when mixing media in his artwork.
Hazel	Luke	For always being ready and following the class rules.
Birch	Corey	For living the value of caring and being an excellent friend when supporting his classmates as they made their council speeches.



Celebrations Assembly

Aquathon

Olivia Hazel

Dance

Amber Maple Tap – Distinction

Reading Challenge

Mitchell	Willow	Phoebe	Hazel
Amber	Oak	Rosalie	Willow
Elodie	Elm	James	Oak
William	Birch	Emily	Hazel

Music

William Willow Piano Exam

Swimming

Esme Sycamore Level 5
William Birch 200 Metres

Other

Elodie Elm Bollo's Trail
Rosalie Willow Bollo's Trail

Tidy Ted

Sycamore class for being tidy and seeing everything in its place.



Premier sports

Lucy	Maple	Cheerleading
Abigail	Birch	Multi- Sport

Book bags

In June and July we asked parents to only provide book bags for children to bring their school books and other items into Gothic Mede. This was so that we could fit all of the children's belongings into quite small cloakrooms. There are some children still bringing in larger bags to school and this is causing problems for storage and tidiness, and also for children who have been told that they are not allowed to bring in their own bags. If your child is bringing in their books in anything other than a book bag, please can you purchase a book bag from the following site:

<https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/gmp/general-uniform>

If you have any difficulties with this, please feel free to contact the school through the normal channels.