

AUTUMN 2019

# NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Friday 11th October 2019

*Our value for this month is Ambition*



## Well Done Caitlin and Keira!



Caitlin and Keira recently took part in a special dance competition and Caitlin has written about her adventure in her own words.

'My name is Caitlin. Me and my sister Keira are part of a great dance group called Gifford Academy. We joined ten months ago and started going twice a week. In March we were selected to join their competition squad which means we now go three times a week. There are 20 dancers in the competition squad. On Sunday, we attended a dance competition in Stoke, which was the first competition that me and Keira had ever entered. We were super excited and got up at half past seven, as we needed plenty of time to get ready and have our hair put in Dutch plaits and lots of glitter! We went to the the art centre where the competition took place and were taken backstage. It felt like ages until it was our turn. I felt nervous because the other dance groups were really good. When we walked on stage, I looked at the judges before the music started and took a deep breath. We danced really well and when we had finished it was a huge relief. Then when they announced first place - it was us, we had won! I couldn't believe it and am now really excited because it means we have qualified and are going to the final in Blackpool in November!'

Thank you to Caitlin for her wonderful writing and good luck girls for the final.

## Collecting from School

Please can we remind you to inform the school office via phonecall or e-mail if somebody different will be collecting your child from school. If you have not given us prior permission for your child to go with that adult then we will not be able to let your child go with them unless you have informed the school. Can we also remind you that we are not able to send children home with anyone who is younger than 16 years of age.

## Well Done Elodie and Annabelle!



Elodie and Annabelle were amongst other Gothic Mede children to take part in The First Step colouring competition. Elodie took first place with Annabelle taking second place. Both girls came away with prizes for themselves and Elodie also won £100 for the school.

## Chicks!

On Monday, Year 2 had living eggs delivered to support their understanding of life cycles in Science this half term. This morning, we have six chicks, one of which hatched in front of Mrs Undrell's eyes! The children will soon help move the chicks out of the incubator and into a brooder and will learn how to care for them until they are big enough to move to a farm.



## School Payments

After half term we will no longer be able to accept cheques. This includes for dinner and snack payments. Payments can be made through Parentmail shop or in cash.

## 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	Sienna	for showing her love of learning. She is always happy to 'have a go'.
Oak	Darcey	for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' and standing up and sharing her book.
Beech	Willow	for trying extremely hard to follow routines and being a good example.
Elm	Levi	for his excellent engagement and effort across the curriculum
Maple	Lucy	for her engagement in Science and for generating interesting questions to ask our visitors.
Willow	Joshua	for imaginative ideas in the writing of his own fable.
Chestnut	William	for commitment in his learning.
Sycamore	George	for his enthusiasm when performing a poem as part of a group.
Hazel	James	for his excellent attitude and positive start to the year.
Birch	Max	for always showing pride in his work.



## Celebrations Assembly

### Tag Rugby certificates

Christopher	Hazel
Phoebe	Hazel
Luke	Hazel
Jerome	Hazel
Hayden	Birch
William	Birch
Max	Birch
Josiah	Birch
Darci	Birch
Benji	Birch
Corey	Birch
Amelia	Birch
Nicole	Chestnut
Jack	Sycamore
Mia	Sycamore
Lucy	Sycamore
Declan	Sycamore
Charlie	Sycamore

### Taekwondo

Adam	Chestnut	Bronze Sparring
		Gold Special Technique
Leo	Elm	Silver Patterns
		Medal for taking part

### Rugby

Max	Birch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Contact rugby tournament
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### Swimming

Amber	Oak	Level 2
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### Tidy Ted

Willow - For taking pride in their classroom.