

NEWSLETTER NO 2

Friday 17th January 2020

Our value for this month is: Thoughtfulness



Miss Evanson



A big welcome to our new Willow class teacher, Miss Evanson. Bonnie and Charlotte from Hazel class asked Miss Evanson a few questions so we could get to know her.

How are you liking our school?

I love it. Everyone is nice and helpful.

What is your favourite subject?

I enjoy science

How are you finding the children?

They make me smile and they've been helpful.

What did you do before working at Gothic Mede?

I worked at a school in Stevenage in Year 2, and before that I worked in London.

What are your hobbies?

I love music, meeting my friends and going to new places.

Where would you go on holiday?

I would like to go to Cyprus, as I like hot places.

Good luck Mrs Davis!



Today was Mrs Davis's last day before the start of her maternity leave. She has done a fantastic job helping to run the school and teach Acorn Class and she has definitely earned her break from school! We wish her the very best and hopes that she enjoys this special time with her family. We look forward to meeting new baby Davis soon!

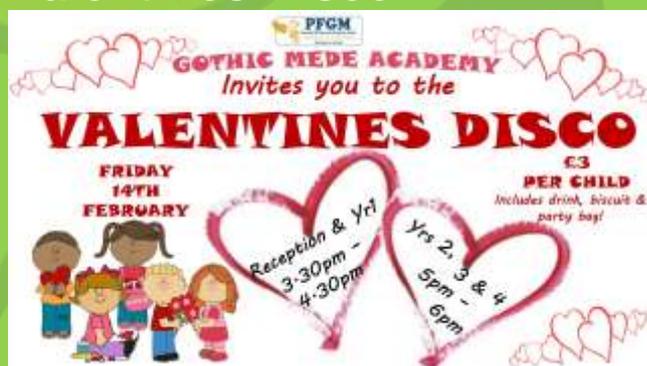
As mentioned in previous communications, Miss Morris will be taking over as Acting Vice Principal and Mrs Eatock-Musk has already started as Acorn Class teacher.

Careers education

On Tuesday, we were most fortunate to have a group of Year 8 pupils from Robert Bloomfield Academy come and visit Gothic Mede. They came to talk to our Year 4 pupils about their learning, their interests and their ambitions. The confident, caring, nurturing attitudes that all the Robert Bloomfield students displayed were remarkable and clearly inspired the Year 4s, who found the session really engaging. There was some fantastic discussion about the skills and values required to become successful, both in education and in future careers.



Valentines Disco



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	Noah	for really trying hard with his phonics lessons.
Oak	Roemina	for her increased participation in phonics lessons.
Elm	Elodie	for her fantastic engagement in lessons and effort in all subjects.
Beech	Ruby-Blue	for her enthusiasm towards her learning.
Willow	Ezra	for being an excellent role model for his peers and helping his new teacher lots!
Maple	Lyra	for fantastic progress in reading.
Sycamore	Charlie	for his helpful attitude towards adults and children in the class.
Chestnut	Lewis	for his enthusiasm in his learning this week. It has been fantastic!
Birch	Freddie	for his super engagement with and enthusiasm for French lessons.
Hazel	Jack	for his positive attitude and teamwork at the Sportshall Athletics festival.

Celebrations Assembly

Swimming

Olivia	Hazel	Level 6
Ella	Oak	Level 3
Tristan	Elm	Level 1
Annabelle	Maple	8 metres

Cheerleading

Emielia	Sycamore	1st place cheerleading competition
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Gymnastics

Precious	Hazel	Star performer
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Basketball - hotshots

Sophia	Chestnut	Player of the term
George	Maple	Player of the term

Other

Mia	Sycamore	Hair donation to the princess trust
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Tidy Ted

Well done to Birch class

The future of Gothic Mede Academy

The formal consultation for what will be happening to schools in the Shefford and Stotfold cluster is closing on Monday. The response form for this is available at <https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>. Respondents can give their views on both specific proposals for each school and on the whole cluster plan. Feedback from the formal Schools for the Future consultation will be considered by Central Bedfordshire Council's Executive and inform their decision making.

Please, please, please respond to the plans. We fully support the move which will see Gothic Mede Academy keep children until 11 years old but we vehemently oppose a staggered approach, as uncertain pupil numbers and funding will risk the viability of schools across the cluster if there is not a coordinated move.

Reading for Pleasure

In order to promote reading for pleasure in the classroom, we would like to invite children who have received the Golden Book award each week to bring their favourite book from home to share in class. This can be brought in on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday after they have received the award. The book or part of the book will be shared in class by the end of the same week. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to do this. Please ensure all books are named. Thank you for your support - Mrs Gallie

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