

# NEWSLETTER NO 5

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*Our value for this month is: Friendship*



## Our Value this month is FRIENDSHIP

- A mutually supportive relationship with another person
- A bond of mutual affection

At school we will be thinking about the real meaning of friendship, why friends are so important to us and what qualities we look for in a true friend. We will emphasise the importance of loyalty, care, trust and support as the framework of friendship. We will be using storybooks with friendship as a theme in order to promote discussion about making and keeping friends and how we should treat our friends.

Thought for the month: 'If you go looking for a friend, you're going to find they're very scarce. If you go out to be a friend, you'll find them everywhere.'

At home you might like to focus on bedtime stories in which 'Friendship' is the theme. Some good examples include 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson, 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers, 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes, 'Frog and Toad are Friends' by Arnold Lobel and 'Armadillo and Hare' by Jeremy Strong. As a family you could write your 'Ten Top Tips' for being a good friend and then everyone uses this as a check list and try their best to live up to what you have agreed.

## Soil!

Year 3 were amazed today to find out just how interesting soil can be! They compared different soil samples then carried out an investigation to find out which soil sample soaked up the most water and which sample drained the best. They showed great scientific skills when working out how to make it a fair test and also showed their maths skills of reading scales accurately. Congratulations to this week's star scientist - Richmond!



## Number Day!

Today has been a day to celebrate maths and to raise money for a worthy cause!

Throughout the day the children have engaged in a whole range of indoor and outdoor maths activities and have had a huge amount of fun, whilst learning at the same time.

Staff and pupils have made a huge effort 'dressing for digits' and a whole range of outfits promoting number have been worn.

The money raised will be going to the NSPCC; details of how much we have raised will follow.

Thank you for all of your efforts dressing your children for digits and for your generous donations.



# Young Voices



Phoebe from Hazel class gave me a run down on Young Voices 2020!

The O2 arena is in London! All of us are really excited to go.

When we arrived everyone was going into the O2 arena. There are big blue chairs with thousands of children sitting in them. It looked really cool when the stadium was full!

We had lunch and dinner in a hall way by the stadium but we didn't have long to eat it! We had so much fun and all the children were dressed in white. The lights were super bright and they changed colour.

I felt so lucky to be part of something so amazing. The singers were great and we were lucky enough to perform with Tony Hadley and Urban Strides. I would love to perform in the future like them.

On our way home I was losing my voice from singing so much and am very tired, but it was so worth it!

Jay from Hazel Class told me.

It took 2 hours to get there. When we arrived everyone was very excited. In the O2 there were lots of seats for children from schools all over – over 7000!

Mr Warlow had binoculars so we could see our parents. The stadium is so big and were lots of speakers so was very loud!

At the concert there were lots of famous people and it was a great experience singing with them.

We got home very late!



## Fantastic Mr Fox!

Willow class have been learning the story of Fantastic Mr Fox. They have also produced some great fox masks.



## ECO

The Eco councillors were preparing for an Eco assembly. They will each be talking about the Eco initiatives that are running in the school. We are recycling batteries, collecting old pairs of glasses for Vision aid, collecting used postage stamps for RNIB and collecting old jeans which are made into items to get funds for a 3rd World village.

We are also recycling old felt pens and other items via Terracycle. These items can be placed in the recycling containers at the front of the school.



## Introducing Gothic Mede Staff

This week Poppy and Jerome from Hazel Class interviewed Mrs Roberts so we can find out a little more!

What is your favourite part of being a teacher?  
*Helping children to love learning and enjoy school.*

What is your favourite food?  
*Lemon meringue pie.*

What is your favourite hobby?  
*I love to swim.*

What is your favourite subject?  
*I really enjoy teaching PE.*



## School Uniform Price Increase

Total Clothing our uniform supplier have advised us of a price increase which is to come into effect on 7th April 2020. They have only made price increases where absolutely necessary and in most cases are less than expected.

Uniform	Prices from
Polo Shirt	£6.99 - no change
Sweatshirt	£10.99 - no change
Cardigan	£11.75 to £12.30
Polar Fleece	£13.99 to £14.60
Bookbag	£6.99 - no change
Cap	£4.60 to £5.70
PE T-shirt	£5.50 to £5.75
PE Shorts	£4.50 to £4.75
PE Bag	£5.75 - no change

## 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	Owen	for his excellent Chinese New Year ribbon dance.
Oak	Layla	for her fantastic Chinese New Year ribbon dance.
Elm	Ava	for her helpfulness around the classroom and living the value of responsibility when tidying up.
Beech	Salma	for her fantastic projection in the Year One assembly.
Willow	Aaliyah	for her brilliant effort with reading.
Maple	Niamh	for her fantastic attitude to learning, particularly in English, and for being supportive of her peers.
Chestnut	Keira	for excelling at spelling.
Sycamore	Milo	for his imaginative writing in English and a much improved attitude toward editing his work.
Birch	Abigail	for her efforts to improve the presentation in all her work.
Hazel	Elise	for taking on the new challenge of clarinet with confidence.

Swimming  
Mitchell  
Evie

Willow  
Elm  
Level 3  
Level 2

Dance  
Elodie

Elm  
Disco freestyle

Disco Duck  
Oliver  
Darcey

Willow  
Oak  
Superstar award  
Superstar award

Theatretrain  
Layla  
Charlotte

Maple  
Beech  
Performer of the week  
Performer of the week

Rugby  
Josh

Willow  
Winner of the week

Other  
Josh

Willow  
Beaver of the week

Tidy Ted  
Goes to ELM class for being super tidy!

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