

NEWSLETTER NO 3

Friday 25th February 2020

Our value for this month is: equality



Social Distancing

We have been contacted by a member of the public who is concerned about parents not socially distancing on the way to and from school. They have suggested that parents walk on one side of the High Street towards the school and one side of the High Street away from the school. Although we're not able to put systems of social distancing in place outside of school, it's not a bad time to remember the rules on social distancing and consider what you might have to do to follow these: "Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)."

GMA Side Road

The private road down the north side of our school site (going up to the allotments) belongs to Gothic Mede Academy. This is for staff and deliveries to use and for access to the allotments, bungalow and BEST Nurseries. As there are a lot of children and parents walking this route to enter school in the mornings and leave in the afternoons, it is not safe for vehicles connected to the school to use this private road without the express permission of the Principal. This includes parents who are dropping off or picking up children for Acorn, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4.

Music Mark



We have done it again! We have been nominated by Inspiring Music and received Music Mark 2020 – 2021.

Here's the reason for our nomination:

The value that you place on music and your commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum has been recognised, and as a result, we would like to celebrate it.

Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education; we champion and support access to music for all children and young people.

Wellbeing through Art

Birch Class had a relaxing wellbeing session listening to Johannes Brahms' Hungarian Dance No5 and creating art using oil pastels.



Sycamore class

Sycamore class have been developing a dance based on a journey down the Nile in Ancient Egypt. This week they were working on developing a dance motif whilst mirroring a partner. They listened really carefully to the music and reflected the tempo of the music in their movements.



Theatretrain

Our children are enjoying Theatretrain being back at Gothic Mede. Theatretrain is a dancing, acting and singing club that is run after school. If you would like to find out any more information then please contact Mrs Glindon in the school office.

This week the children were in a supermarket and this included happy children, grumpy adults and toddlers having tantrums!



Bike to School Week 2020

We are taking part in bike to school week next week. Please see further information below.

Bike to School Week 2020
4 October

Walk, cycle or scoot to school and discover a new way to travel

- ✓ Challenge your friends and family to join you.
- ✓ Enjoy exploring new routes to and from school
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Improve air quality and reduce congestion.

Win an Apollo kid's bike from **halfords**

1. During Bike to School Week, take a short video or post a photo and message telling us why you love to or would like to cycle to school!
2. Follow and tag @Sustrans on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
3. Post your entry with #SustransWin by Monday 5 October to be in with a chance of winning a brand new Apollo kid's bike

www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek

#BikeToSchoolWeek

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	Bonnie	has settled in happily at school and is now showing more confidence when playing with her friends.
Oak	Leah	has settled in happily and always has a smile on her face. She made a beautiful family portrait this week.
Beech	George	has shown the value of teamwork by being an excellent motivator and supporter of members in his team and class, especially in PE and Maths.
Elm	Ryder	has been a wonderful role model in Elm this week. He has focussed on his learning and is kind and helpful. Well done Ryder.
Willow	Lacey	has demonstrated a resilient attitude towards her maths learning since coming back to school. She tackles every problem independently and is taking pride in sharing her work with the class.
Maple	Jessica	has impressed me immensely with her maths work this week. She is explaining her answers and showing fantastic representations, both with concrete apparatus and pictorially.
Chestnut	Alek	has shown great creativity and focus when writing our independent story endings in English. He has also shown great enthusiasm towards the use of PowerMaths. Well done Alek.
Sycamore	Jagoda	is showing a positive attitude towards her PowerMaths. She is becoming more independent and shows great representation using concrete resources and drawings.
Birch	Jack	has shown amazing focus and great enthusiasm for his mathematics learning this week.
Hazel	Sophia	for her enthusiastic attitude to learning both in and out of school.



Celebrations Assembly

Tidy Ted – Well done to SYCAMORE class for the whole Class being good at tidying up, for their neat and tidy display boards and for the whole classroom being kept tidy.

William from Chestnut class has earned his Chief Scout Bronze Award with Beavers. It is the highest award that can be gained by Beaver Scouts. In order to attain it, Beaver Scouts must have completed six Challenge Awards. Well done William!

Midday supervisor vacancy

We have a midday supervisor vacancy!

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please use the following link:

<http://www.mynewterm.com/school/Gothic-Mede-Academy/140281/EDV-2020-GMA-21467/Midday-Supervisor>

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