

The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Year Group News

Foundation Stage

After half term we will be consolidating all of the phonic sounds we have learnt so far before we learn some tricky new ones! We have an exciting 'cultures' day planned for Tuesday when we will be teaming up with our friends in Year 5 to learn all about Italy. We will also be starting a mini topic on transport looking at different vehicles for different jobs and lots of other exciting transport linked activities. Keep looking on Tapestry to see what we are up to. Have a lovely half term break.

Year 1

After half term, Year 1 will be starting their new topic of Space and Explorers and learning facts about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. In Literacy, Year 1 will be continuing to use their phonics to spell and combine words to write sentences. In Maths, Year 1 will be finding 1 more and 1 less within 50 and counting in 2s and 5s.

Year 2

In Year 2 we will be launching into our exciting explorers topic, discussing what an explorer is and qualities they need to have. In our maths sessions we are continuing with fractions of shapes and amounts. Our Literacy will be based on Mrs Armitage's wheels, the children will be exploring the structure of this text. In science this term we are investigating how diferent materials can be changed by bending, stretching, twisting and folding.

Year 3

We hope you all have a good break next week. The Year 3 children are looking forward to creating a word processed poster in Computing. In Maths they will be learning how to measure objects accurately and how to convert mm, cm and m. In Literacy, they will be reading 'The Jamie Drake equation' and writing about 'Space and Aliens'. In Science, we will be learning about plants and how they grow. We hope the children remember to plant the seed they were given at the end of Term 3. Thank you for your continued support.

Next week's virtue is......

Fairness

Treating people in a way that does not favour some over others.

Year 4

After half term, we will begin our Science learning on Electricity and Sound and this will also be the inspiration for our Literacy topic where we will be writing biographies. Our fractions learning will continue after the break and we will be adding and subtracting fractions. Also, we will welcome Miss Warren to teach in 4M for the remainder of the year and I am sure that all of Year 4 will make her very welcome. Over half term, please continue to encourage your child to read daily and complete their reading diary. Next terms spellings can be downloaded from the Year 4 page on the school website so children can begin to learn them and even have a go at using them in sentences.

Year 5

Year 5's maths focus for the first week back will be subtracting fractions. To do this confidently, the children will need to remember their knowledge on equivalent fractions and exchanging between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In literacy, the children will be enjoying some classic literature by studying Treasure Island. They will immerse themselves in the story through text and screen versions, looking to predict plot lines and outcomes.

Year 6

We would like to thank Year 6 for their hard work and for the resilience shown during our assessment week. In addition, we would like to thank-you for the support given in completing the SAT 10 minute buster homework tasks. Your child will have a task from each book over the half term break. After the break, we will be writing non-chronological reports in Literacy and focusing on drawing and interpreting line graphs and pie charts in Maths.

Cultures Day

We are looking forward to our whole school Cultures Day on Tuesday 26th February. The children will be completing a range of different fun and educational activities to learn about a different culture, including singing, food tasting and making a non-fiction fact poster based on that country. Foundation Stage — Year 5 will be taking part in activities all day with Year 6 joining in for the afternoon.



Parent Support Adviser News from Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on clubs, support and activities for families throughout the year. You can find further details by clicking here PSA



Have you become a Polar Bear Explorer yet?

Polar Bears need our help and they've brought an important message to Plymouth this winter. 20 Polar Bear cubs have been let loose across Plymouth's Waterfront and they're hiding in Sutton Harbour, The Barbican, Hoe, Millbay and Royal William Yard until March 3rd.

Each cub has a Bear Fact with them, telling us about the Arctic and the oceans, how plastic is affecting their home and how we can all help. Your task is to become a Polar Bear Explorer and find each of the Polar Bear cubs with their Bear Facts

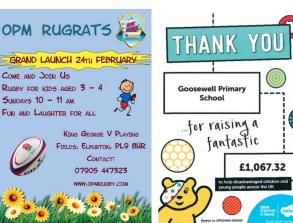
<u>Download the Polar Bear Explorer brochure here</u> and write down the key word from each of the cubs' Bear Facts. WWF, Greenpeace and the National Marine Aquarium have each helped to inform the Bear Facts. You can also <u>download the map here</u>..

Once you've found all 20, complete the Explorer form with your details and make your pledge to help Polar Bears by reducing single-use plastics at home, at school and in the workplace.

Deliver your Explorer form to one of the Arctic Post Boxes at either the National Marine Aquarium, the Barbican Tourist Information Centre or Bistrot Pierre.

You can also post it to: Polar Bear Explorer, Plymouth Waterfront Partnership, Ballard House, West Hoe, Plymouth PL1 3BJ or enter online here.

Free family fun and prizes to be won! Go to **visitplymouth.co.uk** for full details and a list of prizes.



USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS

We have some wonderful pieces of writing on our Wall of Fame in the Main Hall from the following talented writers:

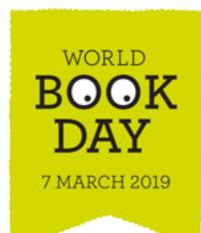
FHB	Eleanor S	30	Chace B
FWH	Amelia G	3T	Charlie H
1B	Lilly B	3Y	Poppy L
1NH	Chloe G	4JG	Riley D
1/2K	Annabella H	4LG	Layla G
2BH	Amelia G	4M	Ava B
2KW	Ethan V	5DH	Ebony L
		5L	Ruby T
		5MT	Alice V
		6C	Gracie L
		6R	Esme H

Key Stage 2 Reading Record Winners for Term 3

Well done to Belle 3Y, Georgia 4LG, Ashdon 5MT and Sophie 6R who were our Key Stage 2 winners for term 3. All Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to be entered into the reading draw to win a gift card, by reading at home and completing their reading diaries each week.

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🐿 We will be celebrating World Book Day 2019 at Goosewell on Thurs day 7th March. Children (and grown ups!) are invited to dress up as 🚳 a favourite or well known book character on that day. You may like to come to school in full book character dress up or equally wear an accessory that a book character is known for. Half term would be a great time to come up with a costume that is imaginative, but doesn't have to cost a lot of money or take a lot of time - charity shops are perfect for costume finds! We look forward to see your creations



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Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Festival at Plymouth Life Centre

Well done to our Y4 athletes who took part in this week's Primary Indoor Athletics Festival at Plymouth Life Centre and came 6th place overall. Well done to Max P, Joseph S, William S, Fraser B, Sam Y, Finley B, Rebecca R, Maisie C, Lilah B, Phoebe W, Willow F, Silver E.



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SchoolMoney/Eduspot

We have been informed by SchoolMoney that it is now possible for you to customise your own SchoolMoney password once you are logged into your account.

For further details on how to change your passwords, please click on the following link SchoolMoney passwords.

Goosewell Sports Clothing

We are currently missing a number of Goosewell sports vests, teeshirts and jackets. If your child has participated recently in any sports event where they have borrowed some clothing, could you please check at home and return anything you might have. Thank you.

Safety First

Please ensure that you park safely when dropping and collecting your child/children to school in the mornings and afternoons. If you are dropping your child off in order for them to enter school independently, please do not let them out directly onto the main roads. Thank you.



Dates for your diaries

FEBRUARY

Friday 15th

1NH Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PAAC Cross Country Race 3 at Dunstone School 4.00pm-5.15pm

PTA Disco: Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 4.30pm-5.30pm

Key Stage 2 5.45pm-7.00pm

Swimming Gala Trials (Key Stage 2) at Fort Stamford 6.50pm

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February FEBRUARY TERM BREAK

Monday 25th

Start of Term 4

MARCH

Friday 1st

6C Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PAAC Cross Country Race 4 at Goosewell Academy 4.00pm-5.15pm

Monday 4th

Clubs end this week (unless otherwise notified)

Swimming Gal

Wednesday 6th

Year 4 Family School Lunch 12.30pm

NEW DATE Year 6 SATS Parents/Carers meeting in the Main Hall 5.00pm-5.30pm *NEW DATE*

Thursday 7th

World Book Day

Friday 8th

5DH Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.30pm-4.00pm

Monday 11th

Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.30pm-4.00pm

Tuesday 12th

Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.30pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 13th

Last day for Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.30pm-4.00pm

Friday 15th

30 Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

Future dates:

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Friday 22nd March Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March and

Monday-Wednesday 1st-3rd April

Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

February Term Break

Annual Pupil Progress Reports National Child Measurement

Programme for Foundation Stage and Year 6

Parent and Child Consultations

Last day of term, normal finish time

Easter break Non Pupil Day

First day of Term 5 for children