

The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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# **Year Group News**

# **Foundation Stage**

Next week in Foundation Stage, we will celebrate the arrival of Spring! The children will be using watercolour paints to experiment with colour and shape, with the option of painting from a still-life scene of Spring flowers. They will be inviting people to eat and drink outside at the 'Mud Kitchen Café' as well as enjoying books, stories and mark making opportunities in our new Summer house. Learning within Maths will see the children solving problems using a range of strategies and explaining their thinking using mathematical language. Thank you for all of your support this term. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter break!

#### Year 1

Next week Year 1 will be labelling the 7 continents of the world in geography and experimenting following a beat in Music. The focus sound for phonics will be the alternative sounds for oi, and we will be retelling the Easter story. We will be seeing the remainder of the Y1 parents at consultations on the Monday afternoon. We wish all the parents and children in Year 1 a very Happy Easter.

#### Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we will be reading and reflecting on the moral messages within the Easter story. The children will be discussing the importance of telling the truth. In our maths sessions we will be learning to tell the time to the nearest quarter of an hour and using clockwise and anti-clockwise to describe turns. The children are very excited to be making their moon buggies and will need to bring in a box that is smaller than a cereal box for their vehicle on Monday.

#### Year 3

Year 3 will be consolidating their learning in Maths for the term as well as taking part in a times tables quiz. In Literacy, they will be looking at different types of poems. They will be discussing syllables and how to make their poems flow. The children will be continuing to learn alien themed songs in Music. A busy last week of term for all!

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

# **Forgiveness**

The act of forgiving someone or something.

## Year 4

In literacy, we have been studying biographies in readiness for writing our own autobiography next week. Please help your child to complete their timeline homework in preparation for this. In our maths sessions, we have continued to look at decimals and consolidate our understanding of tenths and hundredths. Next week we will be dividing by 10 and 100. For science, we have looked at the relationship between volume and vibration and found patterns in the pitch of a sound and the features its source.

### Year 5

Year 5 continue their search for decimal perfection! This week, they will be connecting their understanding of fractions and decimals and converting them into percentages. In Literacy, the children will continue their mini-project on a research paper which highlights the global issue of plastics in the World's oceans. This will be completed with specific case studies around regions of Plymouth and Mombasa. The completed papers will be shared with our link school in the Kenyan city of Mombasa. A reminder! It is the final week of Move and Learn so the children need to have completed their homework and remember to bring their kits ready for action!

#### Year 6

In Literacy next week, we will continue to develop our persuasive techniques. The children will be convincing others that they are the perfect candidate for their dream job! We will also be reading and analysing texts and continuing to revise key grammar terms. Next week, will also be a Year 6 assessment week. We will complete a series of SAT tests to measure progress and analyse areas we need to revisit before May. It is important that your child is in school for the duration of next week.

# Golden Book for week ending Friday 22nd March 2019

FHB Nate for always putting 100% into all of his learning and thriving on challenge.

**FWH Lily B** for amazing writing and remembering lots of letter sounds.

1B Beatrix for fantastic story writing in literacy using beautiful cursive handwriting.

**1NH Freya** for becoming braver with her learning and trying to complete tasks independently.

**1/2K Kimberley** for an exciting newspaper report about the moon landing.

**2BH Millie** for always trying hard with her learning and for being kind, polite and happy at school.

**2KW Krystal** for giving 100% in all her learning at all times.

**Politeness Award** 

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**2KW Linus** for having a lovely, calm manner and for always being polite, friendly and a lovely friend.

# **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









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A group of parents, led by Isabella's mum (2BH) and Herbie's mum (3Y) are raising sponsorship for their epic 100km Jurassic Coast Trek in aid of the charity Coppafeel. As part of their fundraising, they are raffling a Luke Young Surfboard. Please see poster for details.

# \*\* World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to Daisy, the School Parliament and our wonderful staff team for organising Down's syndrome awareness day at school last Thursday. I've just counted up the pennies and we raised a fantastic £107.06 for our local Down's syndrome support group. Old Goosewellians; Lucas, Lizzie, Jack, George and Megan are all members and many of our wonderful Satellite class children too. The money raised will go towards something special for them and their families. On behalf of the group can I say a massive thank you. The awareness is the most important aspect for us but the money does help too! We all feel really quite touched by the support that you've given us. It's great to celebrate diversity within our school setting. Thank you so much.

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\* Mrs Boalch and Mrs Smith (Daisy and Lexie's Mum)

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#### **House News!**

As reported earlier this term, we are re-launching Goosewell's 'House' system to reward good behaviour and to provide a platform for children of different ages from across the school to work together as part of a team, e.g. on days such as sports day. The children have been voting for their favourite category as a starting point to decide the names of the 4 different houses. I am delighted to tell you that **Birds** have won the House category vote with an overwhelming majority. There will now be a second round of voting for the children to vote for the names of houses within that category. We look forward to reporting the progress.

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# **Pupil Successes**

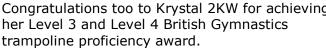
Well done to Alex in 2KW for receiving his Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the top award for Beaver Scouts. It shows that Alex is adventurous, has helped his community and has learnt about the world. It also means that he has gained skills, worked in a team, completed all his Challenge Awards and four Activity or Staged Activity Badges.

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Well done too to Joseph 5DH and Elise 2BH who both completed their very first Duathlon in Paignton on Sunday. Well done to you both for competing and achieving your finishers medals.

Congratulations to Isabelle 30 for grading her Yellow Belt at her Tae Kwon Do club, Discovery Martial Arts Academy. Well done Isabelle





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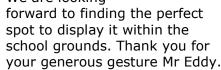
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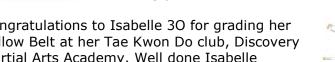


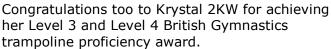
For the safety of all children and families at the start and end of the school day, please do not allow your children to play with balls, or scooter around the playgrounds. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

# Thank you

- Thank you to Charlotte's (3T) Grandad, Mr Eddy for taking the
- time to create a peace post
- for Goosewell.
- We are looking







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## **Guitar lessons**

Guitar lessons have now finished for this term and will resume again on Monday 29th April.

**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS** 



Dear Parents / Carers

I am pleased to let you know that we have now finalised the design of the new perimeter fence for the school - see attached picture. The works will start in approximately 3 weeks time and will take a further 5 weeks to complete. Phase two of the perimeter fencing will begin later in the summer when we will extend the fencing to surround the playing fields.

I am confident that the design and layout not only safeguards the children and the staff but is also functional and allows for maximum freedom of movement at dropping off and picking up times. The current entrance and exits to the school site will generally remain the same, however, the main change will be the access to the main reception during school hours. If you do need access to the school during school hours, such as family assemblies, then the entrance will be from the pavement directly outside of Jack and Jill's nursery. (marked in pink on the picture). This path will then take you to a gate with an intercom system close to the current entrance.

Another change will be an extension to the grounds of the Foundation stage classrooms. The new fence will secure the green space behind the classrooms, which will enable us to turn the space into a dedicated Forest Schools area.

Timings for when gates are locked and unlocked are currently being reviewed and we will let you know in the near future.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Best wishes James Gentile Headteacher

# **Dates for your diaries**

# **MARCH**

# Friday 29th

And Tuesday 2nd April Visual screening tests for

Foundation Stage

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

#### **APRIL**

#### Monday 1st

Year 6 assessment week

Years 1 and 2 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm Foundation Stage Parent and Child consultations in classrooms 1.45pm-4.30pm

## Tuesday 2nd

Years 4 and 6 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm

Visual screening tests for Foundation Stage

## Wednesday 3rd

Years 3 and 5 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm

# Thursday 4th

Rocksteady Concert for Parents/Carers in the Main Hall at 11.00am

Year 2 SATs talk in the Main Hall 3.30pm-4.30pm

## Friday 5th

Last day of Term 4, normal finish time.

#### **APRIL**

# Wednesday 24th

First day of Term 5 for children.

#### Friday 26th

4LG Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm

Future dates:

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

Monday 6th May

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

**Monday 3rd June** 

Easter break

Non Pupil Day

First day of Term 5 for children

May Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATs

Last Day of Term 5 for children

Non Pupil Day for staff training

Whitsun break

First day of Term 6

Please note: **Year 2** SATs talk on Thursday 4th April at 3.30pm-4.30pm in the Main Hall.