

Issue No 2 - 24th September 2021

This week's year group news...

Reception As we approach the end of another thoroughly enjoyable week with your little ones, the signs of Autumn are becoming a little more evident. Next week will see the children listing and recording their understanding of the signs of Autumn. They will use pictures and emergent writing to do so. 'Fred' the frog will be busy encouraging children to start blending those sounds that they have learnt to build simple words and there will be plenty of opportunities to practise pencil grip and mark making. On Friday, part of our physical activity will include a trek to the school field to gather 'Autumn treasures' in buckets and to compete to make the biggest pile of leaves. We continue to explore matching and patterns in Maths and embracing maths skills through a range of wonderful texts. TAPESTRY will be up and running from this week so keep looking out for your children in action!

Year 1 We have had another fantastic week! We have continued our Gruffalo story writing, thinking carefully about using capital letters and full stops, going on a tricky word mouse hunt and ordering words in a sentence. We have been working hard with number work in maths, representing numbers in different ways, thinking about missing numbers in a number sequence and recalling numbers 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We have been working really hard on using some super maths talk to explain our answers. We have enjoyed our science walk, going on a tree hunt! Finding as many different leaves as we could and identifying the trees which they came from. Next week we are looking forward to our bird search! The children have really enjoyed telling us in our circle time this week about activities they like to do at home. We know last year they enjoyed using Tapestry to share their achievements outside of school. Please feel free to share photos with us and the rest of the class on Teams, anything the children are enjoying or working hard on at home. Please also remember to bring reading packets to school every day and check to see if jumpers are named. Many thanks, have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 We are really pleased with how well your children have continued to work this week! We enjoyed seeing so many families at our welcome meeting last week - if you were unable to attend the meeting, the PowerPoint presentation has been uploaded on to your child's MS Teams page. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions. This week, we have continued to look at Rapunzel in our English lessons and have begun to plan our own version of the story. Over the next week we will be writing our own version using lots of super description. In Maths, we will be comparing and ordering two-digit numbers using the greater than and less than symbols. Thank you for all your support with reading at home. The children have enjoyed using their Rainbow book marks - don't forget that completed bookmarks will be rewarded with a certificate and entry to the termly reading raffle. We will be doing our first spelling test next week. You should have received a paper copy of the spellings and they will be posted weekly as an assignment on our MS Teams page. Your child's score will also be recorded on Teams which you will be able to view in the assignments section of Teams.



More year group news...

Year 3 & Year 4 The Year 3 and 4 staff have been very impressed with the way children have worked hard with all of their learning this week. Next week, we have a very busy and fun filled week planned. In Maths, Year 4 will be partitioning numbers to 1000. Year 3 will be identifying multiples of 10 and 100, then exploring more than and less than a number. We will all be writing our own version of 'The Diary of a Killer Cat'. The children have spent two weeks planning this and are excited to finally get their own ideas on to paper. After this, we will be editing and improving our writing. In our Science learning, we will be researching animal diets. Finally, it is 3Y's turn to visit Coombe Dean for a science trip. The remaining classes will visit in the following weeks.

Year 5 Year 5 have been continuing to immerse themselves in the 'Pharaohs' topic this week. The children have been debating whether Howard Carter was an archaeologist or a tomb raider, in addition to creating a fact file about a famous Pharaoh. In English, the children have been learning how to use a thesaurus to improve their vocabulary choices and how to punctuate and use fronted adverbials to use a range of sentence openers and towards the end of the week, they used our class plan to write an historical story in the style of Secrets of a Sun King. In Maths, the children have continued their Place Value learning by ordering and comparing numbers to 1 million and counting in powers of 10. Well done and thank you to all children who completed their first My Maths homework last week. It will be set on a Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Friday. Please remember that earrings cannot be worn for PE and Games sessions, so if your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves they need to be taken out at home in the morning or your child can bring some micropore tape to cover the earrings.

Year 6 This week, the children have impressed us with their hardworking approach to assessment week. The children have completed assessments in grammar, maths and reading throughout the week. These assessments will help us, as a team, support your children throughout the year with the areas they need to focus on. Well done this week Year 6. Alongside this, the children have continued their English work linked to Antony Horowitz's 'The Switch' and have started to write their own wishing stories using this as a stimulus. They have learned how to round numbers to a given amount and have looked at how the negative number system works. In topic, the children have calculated the average heights for their class and looked at the relationship between their height and the distance they are able to throw. Next week, the children will continue to write their wishing stories and edit and improve them. In maths, they will learn about methods of calculation. Next week will also see the Head Boy and Head Girl interviews taking place so if there are any last minute applications please ensure they are passed to your class teacher.

Rise To Greatness



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This week's highlights & reminders:

Welcome to Year Group Meetings (Meet the Teacher)

If you were unable to attend this week's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, you can find the presentation on each of the Year Group pages of the school website, or by clicking on the links below. :

[Welcome to Reception](#)

[Welcome to Year 1](#)

[Welcome to Year 2](#)

[Welcome to Year 3](#)

[Welcome to Year 4](#)

[Welcome to Year 5](#)

[Welcome to Year 6](#)

PE and Games Timetables

A reminder that your children will need to wear their PE or games kits to school on the appropriate days as detailed below:

PE Timetable – Autumn Term 2021/22

Day	9–10	10–11	11.30–12.30	1.30–3.15
Monday	Year 6	Year 6		Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5	Year 5		Year 5
Wednesday	Year 4	Year 4		Year 4
Thursday		Year 2		Year 2
Friday	Reception	Reception & Year 3	Year 1	Year 1 & Year 3

Games Timetable – Autumn Term 2021/22

Day	9–10	10–11	11.30–12.30	1.30–3.15
Monday				Year 3
Tuesday				Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday				Year 6
Thursday				Year 4
Friday				Year 5



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School Crossing Patrol from Monday 27th September

Plymouth City Council have asked the school to share with all parents/carers that Miss Usher, our School Crossing Patroller will start patrolling from the *unfinished* Zebra crossing on Furzehatt Road with effect from **Monday 27th September**. Please encourage your children to cross safely with the School Crossing Patrol rather than the usual crossing site opposite Holland Road. It is anticipated that the Zebra crossing will be completed and fully functional from Wednesday 6th October, however this date may be subject to change.

Notification of Highway Maintenance Works on Furzehatt Road

We have been asked to share the following from Plymouth City Council:

Please be advised that circumstances and weather permitting, SWH will be undertaking essential highway maintenance on Furzehatt Road, on behalf of Plymouth City Council. The works will be undertaken on Monday 4th October 2021 for 1 night, between the hours of 19:00 to 06:00. Please be aware however that these dates may need to change with little or no notice.

In order to carry out these carriageway resurfacing works, a road closure will be in place between the junctions of Underlane and Dolphin Court Road. Additionally, there will be a partial closure of Goosewell Road at the junction with Furzehatt Road for junction resurfacing. This is part of the ongoing traffic safety scheme with the aim to implement strategic traffic management devices, due to safety concerns in the area.

MAPAC - Online Uniform Supplier

In response to concerns over the quality of our school uniform, as supplied by MAPAC, I can confirm that I met with the company this week to pass on these concerns and express my frustration that parents have had to face these problems. MAPAC have asked for parents to contact the company directly on 01923 255525 and have promised to rectify any faulty items of clothing. If you find the response from MAPAC unsatisfactory, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school, however, I am hopeful that MAPAC will be keen to put things right.

Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, please click on the link below for details of the Secondary School Application process with Plymouth City Council. The deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place is **31st October 2021**.

[Secondary School Applications](#)

FROGS (Friends of Goosewell School)

Have you joined the FROGS Facebook page? Sign up to keep up to date with planned events for the new school year, learn more about our PTA and perhaps make some new friends if you're new to the area.

If you're looking for a new challenge, we have committee vacancies for new school year and would love to welcome you to our group, raising funds to provide those little extras for all of our children's Goosewell journey.

[Friends of Goosewell \(FROGS\) Facebook Group](#)



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Parent Support Advisor - Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on ideas, support and activities for families. Your children can also use the [Worry Box](#) link if they have a worry that they would like some help with. By clicking on the link, Mrs Penk can talk to your child about their worry and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink when we return in September. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

Here are some other useful links for families from Jo, which can also be found on the PSA section of the website:

Young Arts at Plymouth College of Art: Saturday clubs

At Plymouth College of Art we offer specialised art clubs for children from age 9 as well as teenagers and adults.


If you are looking for some extracurricular creative activities for your 9 - 16 year olds, then there are still places available on Plymouth College of Art's Young Arts courses, which begin on Saturday 25th September. Half term (5 week) and full term (10 week) bookings are available as well as the free National Art & Design Saturday Club (info on the link below).

Ages 9 - 11: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-9-11-years>

Ages 11 - 13: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-11-13-years>

Ages 13 - 16: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-creators-arts-club-13-16-years>

[Young Arts Saturday Arts Club: Autumn Term... | Plymouth College of Art \(plymouthart.ac.uk\)](#)



Ballaré School of Performing Arts
Dance Studio's

Plymstock Dance Classes

Saturday's from September

- 10.00 am - Pre-School Dance
- 10.30 am - Ballet Age 5-6
- 11.00 am - Modern & Tap Dance
- 11.45 am - Ballet Age 7+

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Celebration Assembly:

Goosewell Primary Academy's Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths & Reading Awards

Every Friday afternoon we look forward to our celebration assembly when children from across the entire school join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. This week's assembly saw winners collecting their Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each phase, with our Reading award winners able to choose a winning book from our new book vending machine. Well done to the following children for receiving their well deserved awards:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Maths Award	Oliver D RWH <i>For great understanding of numbers 1-5.</i>	Genevieve 1T <i>For thinking carefully about her Maths learning and explaining her reasoning in detail.</i>	Cobi D 4L <i>For giving it a go every single day - and realising he's great at maths! Keep up the brilliant effort.</i>	Dexter B 5C <i>For concentrating fully in all Maths lessons, regularly completing all of the Chuuta challenges</i>
Writing Award	Rosy REH <i>For amazing letter formation.</i>	Poppy A 2MB <i>For using imaginative vocabulary in her setting and character descriptions.</i>	Rhae B 3OC <i>For writing a creative, humour-filled, diary style story. Fantastic!</i>	Isabelle McD 6WT <i>For incredible writing to build suspense.</i>
Reading Award	Zoe REH <i>For being able to recall and retell familiar stories.</i>	Imogen K 1T <i>Mrs Lethbridge has been impressed with her reading and excellent effort and enthusiasm during phonics.</i>	Spirit L 3Y <i>For a superb effort. Quizzes completed in school and at home mean her word count is amazing! Well done.</i>	Edward Williams <i>For giving a lovely and well thought out review for Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx and for writing a lovely piece on what would happen next once the story ended.</i>

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Cole B 1BC

Cole has been working so well as part of a team and engaging in all his learning with his class. He has independently written some super sentences about the Gruffalo.



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