



Rise To Greatness

Dear Parents / Carers,

As Goosewell Primary Academy continues to develop and improve, we wanted to reflect this in a new school logo and motto.

We are delighted with the above logo, and we hope you are too. We wanted a motto that is simple and aspirational, as we believe that Goosewell children can and will, 'Rise to Greatness'.

After showing our new logo to the children this week, we are now thrilled to introduce the logo to the wider community.

New school uniforms will bear this logo. I appreciate there is a financial and environmental impact in this change. The new uniforms will be phased in over the next couple of years, as children grow out of their current uniform. Our suppliers have been informed and will be ready to provide updated uniforms by the end of March. We are researching the best re-cycling options for any outgrown uniform items bearing the old logo and will update you shortly.

With best wishes

James Gentile
Headteacher

Year Group News

Foundation Stage Well, Julia Donaldson has done it again! The children have been enthralled as we have introduced her latest book, 'The Smeds and the Smoos'. It has a very modern theme and explores aspects of 'British Values' with a focus on equality, embracing difference and rejecting discrimination. This is all done in a delightful story - think Romeo and Juliet for a 4 year old! The children will be encouraged to celebrate what makes them who they are and what makes their classmates individual. Creatively, they will be using previously taught skills to mix specific colours. There will be investigation of adult and baby animals as well as looking at the names and features of different planets. They will be designing far off planets, creating rockets to travel there and imagining what the aliens that live there might look like. We hope that you are enjoying listening to your children read independently with the new RWI scheme and have been blown away by their skills!

Year 1 We are loving learning all about Castles and next week we will be continuing writing non-chronological reports and we'll be thinking more about knights. In our DT Sessions, we will be finishing off our cereal box castle models by adding a moving drawbridge and portcullis, as well as painting and evaluating them. In Maths we will be adding. We will be exploring how you can adjust a sum such as $8+4$ and make it easier to find the total by changing it into $10+2$. In our RWI phonics and reading sessions we will be continuing with the sounds and ditties/books relevant to our group. Please ensure your child has their RWI reading pack on the correct day.

Year 2 The children in Year 2 will be learning the spelling rule for 'le' by rainbow writing, bubble writing and pyramid writing the words before putting them into silly sentences. In Maths, the children will be continuing their learning on multiplication by focusing on the 2x, 5x and 10x tables improving their rapid recall and finding answers at random. Next week, we will be completing our 3 week unit on 'Rapunzel' with the children planning and writing their own version of the familiar traditional tale. For our Tower topic, the children will be answering questions about parts of a castle and their uses, they will be looking at and ordering castles through the ages and finally they will be building their own towers to measure, using multi link. Please could you continue to read with your child daily, recording any reads into their diaries and bringing the diaries into school for us to celebrate.

Year 3 We have continued to look at the Firework Maker's Daughter and have enjoyed working together to create our own version of Lila meeting the fire spirit. Next week we will build on this to write individual versions of the story. We have begun to understand how and why volcanoes are formed and what causes them to erupt and for earthquakes to occur. Next week in Maths we will be focusing on dividing two digit numbers by one digit numbers using maths equipment to help us. In our games lessons we are using our map skills to take part in orienteering activities.

Year 4 After lots of practice with division this week, we will be using our knowledge to solve a range of problems involving these skills. Later in the week, we will be moving on to area. In English, we will continue to produce our own leaflets, explaining the importance of keeping our mouths healthy and advising others of how to look after their teeth and gums. For Science, we will be following our food's journey through the digestive system; learning how it is processed on the way, and in P.E. we will continue practising balancing on a line and using these skills to devise sequences with a partner or small group.

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have been writing fantasy stories using the features identified from our model text 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. In our reading sessions, we have finished 'Diary of a Time Traveller'. Whilst reading this book, the children have developed their ability to distinguish between fact and opinion and answered questions about what they have read. In Maths, we have continued to learn the formal methods for multiplication. Once again, some children's confidence when using these methods is hindered by their ability to recall multiplication facts quickly, so we would appreciate your continued support in improving this. 5C have been extremely lucky with the weather for Outdoor Learning this week. 5S will start their outdoor experience next week.

Year 6 Next week, Year 6 will begin to learn about percentages including finding percentages of amounts and identifying equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, the children will be writing their hidden secret stories which they have been working towards for the past few weeks. Reading lessons will be focused around the book 'Stone Girl Bone Girl' and the children will use their knowledge of the VIPER reading skills to develop their understanding of the text. In topic, we will continue our learning related to Darwin's Delights and next week the children will plan a science investigation linked to adaptation.

Next week's virtue is.....**Self-discipline**
Correction or regulation of oneself for the sake of improvement.

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Sports Clubs News

This week saw the launch of our brand new 'Sports Clubs' timetable, run by Premier Education. These clubs will be run alongside our existing Tag Rugby and Running clubs. Feedback from the first clubs has been positive. Places are still available for the Breakfast Multiskills Clubs, which are available on a first come, first served basis.

Breakfast Multiskills (8.00 - 8.45am)

KS1 - **Monday**

KS2 - **Tuesday and Friday**

Afterschool clubs: (3.20 - 4.20pm)

KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics Club - **Monday**

KS2 Football Club - **Tuesday**

KS1 and KS2 Dance Club - **Friday**

20 places per club - £3 a session when booked in blocks of 5 (4 sessions only this half term).

To book, please go to <https://www.premier-education.com/> and click on 'Book a Course', then pay via your child's Schoolmoney account to secure their place. Bookings are on a first paid, first served basis. If you have any difficulty paying on Schoolmoney, please contact the school office with your card details ready.



A TASTE OF ASIA

CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH

MONDAY 27th JANUARY

CHICKEN CHOW MEIN OR
SWEET AND SOUR VEGETABLES
WITH VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS
AND EGG FRIED RICE.



Change to menu celebrating Chinese New Year

A reminder that there is a change to the usual menu on Monday 27th January to celebrate Chinese New Year. Choose from the Taste of Asia menu for a delicious lunch on Monday!

Cross Country Race at Oreston

Good luck to our 40+ Key Stage 2 pupils who will be participating in the first Plymstock Area Cross Country Series race at Oreston Community Academy this afternoon. Have the best time representing Team Goosewell!

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Australian Bushfires

Watching the news recently I felt quite moved to action. I was born in Perth, Australia and I wanted to help with the bushfire fundraising. It was really upsetting to see the koalas being left with no homes and being injured in the raging bushfire. I researched how people were helping the koalas and found that it costs \$7000 (£3500) to get the correct medicine and rehabilitate one koala. I approached Mr Gentile with my idea to hold a mufti day to raise as much money as we could to send over to Currumbin Wildlife Centre to help them make koalas better. I am hoping everyone will give what they can to help save the koalas, every little helps. Thank you. **Tempy, Year 6**

Like Tempy, we have all been moved by the recent events in Australia. We would like to support the fundraising for Currumbin Wildlife Centre and the Koala Hospital, Port Macquarie in New South Wales which was visited by Mrs Stoffell during her travels in Australia, and to do this we will be holding a whole school **Mufti Day** on **Friday 7th February 2020**.

If you would like to find out more about the charities we will be supporting, please take a look at <https://www.koalahospital.org.au/> and <https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au/hospital>



Koala Hospital
Port Macquarie NSW - Australia

Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the [school website calendar](#)

JANUARY

Friday 24th

3M Family Assembly at 2.30pm in the Main Hall

Plymstock Area Cross Country Race 1 at Oreston Primary at 4.00-5.15pm.

Friday 31st

1B Family Assembly at 2.30pm in the Main Hall

FEBRUARY

Friday 7th

Australian bushfires fundraising Mufti Day - voluntary donations

Future dates:

Friday 14th February

Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February

Friday 27th March

Tuesday 14th April

Friday 8th May

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Last day of Term 3

Term break

First day of Term 4

Last day of Term 4

First day of Term 5

May Day Bank Holiday

Term break

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