

The Newsletter of Goosewell Primary Academy

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Year Group News

Foundation Stage Our return from the Christmas holidays began with an exciting trip to the theatre to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. We have returned to school and used this trip as inspiration for our learning through play, with activities such as exploration of various fastenings for shoes, looking at size, shape and design and writing messages for cheeky little elves, who may even send us a response!

Year 1 We have launched the New Year with our brand new topic – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We will begin with a focus on Castles. In English, the children will be exploring non-chronological reports and will begin to research exciting facts about parts of a castle. In Phonics, children will be introduced to the new reading books that came home at the end of last week. In Maths, we will be starting a new unit on place value to 20 and focusing on our teen numbers and how they are made of tens and ones.

Year 4 Having learnt about the importance of keeping teeth clean, next week we will be investigating the effects of different liquids on enamel. In English we will be beginning our Leaflets, persuading other children to keep their teeth healthy. In Maths, we will be using our knowledge of written methods for multiplication to understand division and correspondence problems. In PE, we will continue developing dynamic balance skills.

Year 2 Year 2 will be launching fully into their Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topic through a science investigation of building and measuring towers made out of sugar cubes! They will also be story mapping and making up their own fairytales based on the traditional tale of Rapunzel in English and making predictions and their own story ending for Anthony Browne's book, The Tunnel. In computing next week, Year 2 will be designing and drawing their own castles. We will be revising Year 2 and Year 1 Common Exception Word spellings and continuing our learning in multiplication in Maths, moving on from making equal groups, to use the symbol and using arrays to solve calculations.

Year 5 Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the New Year! On Monday, we had our first Move and Learn session with Plymouth Argyle, which the children really enjoyed. We have some classroom time, where the children learn about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating, followed by a practical session. This term, it is also Year 5's opportunity to participate in Outdoor Learning. The weather this week has not stopped 5C from enjoying their sessions outside! In Maths, the children have been learning how to use short multiplication, which has involved being able to recall multiplication facts quickly. Please support your child at home by asking quick fire questions or encouraging the use of Times Table Rockstars. In English, we have used Tom's Midnight Garden as our model text in order to plan and write our own fantasy stories.

Year 3 Happy New Year! We are pleased the children have returned from a well rested Christmas and have been ready to approach all of their learning with enthusiasm. We have begun to look at our new class text, The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman and have been rehearsing sections of the story to prepare us for writing our class versions next week. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division and over the next few weeks, we will be refining our skills to use the standard written methods for both operations. Our reading text for the next two weeks is 'The Pebble in my Pocket' which links to our topic this term -Tremors - within which we will be focusing on rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes.

Year 6 Next week, Year 6 will continue their English learning linked to the book 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis. After immersing themselves in the text this week, they will explore the grammatical features of this text, building up to writing their own narratives. In Maths, Year 6 have been learning about decimals. Next week, they will link their previous fraction learning and convert between decimals and fractions. Our topic 'Darwin Delights', will see the children use their geographical skills to follow the route of the HMS Beagle.

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

Compassion

Sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.



Service Families

As a school, we are very aware that there is a possibility of quick deployments for service personnel due to the current political climate. In order to monitor and support our pupils needs where required, could you please inform class teachers and the PSA if a parent has been deployed. A reminder that Jo Penk runs a 'Keeping in Touch Club' which takes place in the Jubilee Room each Wednesday at 1pm. This is a drop-in and is available for all year groups. If you feel your child needs more individual support please contact the PSA who will be able to talk options through.

Please update your GP details The Telephone 1 and 1 an

If you have been affected by the recent closure of Barton Surgery in Plymstock, could you please update the school office with details of any new GP and Surgeries to enable us to amend our records for your child.

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Sports Clubs News

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Bookings are now open for our brand new 'Sports Clubs' timetable which will be run by Premier Education. These clubs will be run alongside our existing rug Rugb, and Running and Premier Education are dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of children through physical Premier Education. These clubs will be run alongside our existing Tag Rugby and Running clubs. octivity. They employ skilled activity professionals that are fully trained and offer a wealth of experience and passion to inspire children in sport.

∱ This is an initial club timetable but we hope to expand the range of clubs available, it will adapt and change with the need/desire of Goosewell's children. We are so excited about this venture, we are positive that Goosewell will love the new opportunities.

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**

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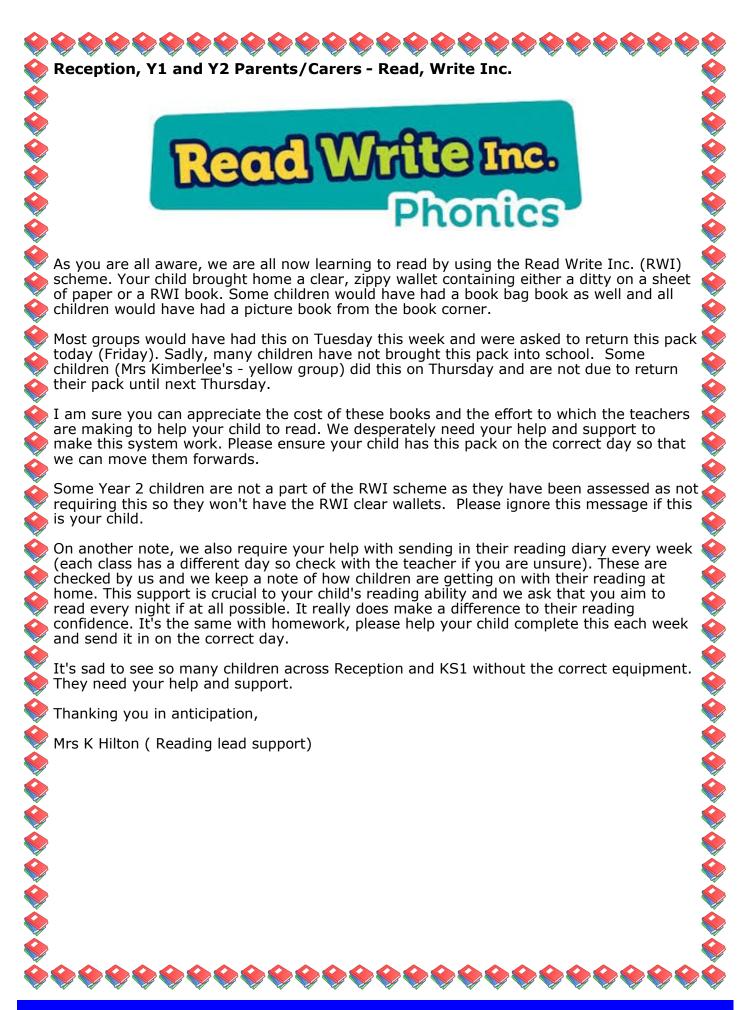
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Pupil Successes

A very big well done to Lydia 1B who has achieved her 200m Rainbow Swimming Distance award. A big well done too to Eli 1/2KH for achieving his 400m Rainbow Swimming Distance award.





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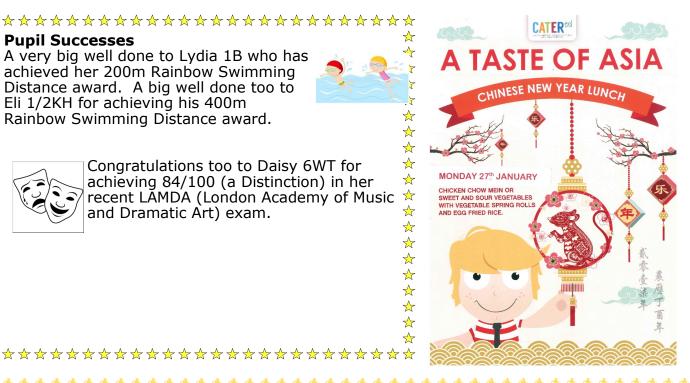
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Congratulations too to Daisy 6WT for achieving 84/100 (a Distinction) in her recent LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exam.





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Plymouth & District Junior Badminton 2020 Ellis Tournament

Under 11, Under 14, Under 16 and **Under 18 Events** Closing Date for Entries: Wednesday, 29th January 2020

For all enquiries please contact Jo Jackson 01752 245581 or Jo.jacko44@gmail.com

Entry forms are available from all schools, The Plymouth Life Centre, or online from the Plymouth and District Badminton Website.

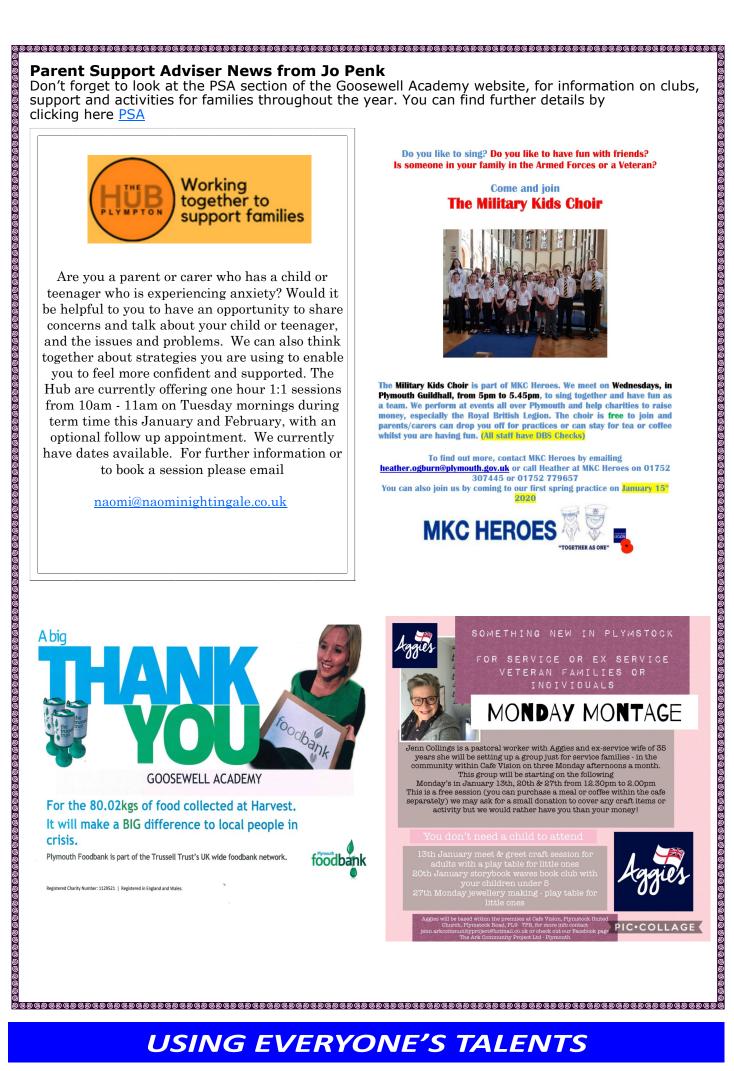
> Sunday, 9th February 2020 From 9.00am At the Plymouth Life Centre Central Park, Plymouth











Thank You!

A big thank you to our parents and the local community for collecting confectionery tubs over the festive season. We collected a grand total of 106 tubs! FROGS (Friends of Goosewell School - formerly Goosewell PTA) have delivered them all to DCW Polymers in South Brent. The tubs will be added to the many more that are being collected across Devon. 7,500 tubs = 1 Tonne of material!

For those who are curious how collecting tubs will help Dartmoor Zoo. The tubs will be shredded down to granules and sold into the industry for reusing. The money raised will be donated to Dartmoor Zoo to improve the Meerkat enclosure.



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

JANUARY

Thursday 16th

Relationships and Sex Education Consultation Drop-In for Parents/Carers at 9.00-9.30am **Monday 20th**

Premier Education 'Sports Clubs' start of four week block

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

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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Eddie Farwell MBE Co-Founder and Chief Executive Children's Hospice South West

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