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This week's year group news...

Reception There is more fun to be had with all things green and the wonder of plants as we move into the coming week in Reception. The children will be completing their version of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. They will be exploring the language of size as they order the growing stages of a beanstalk for the final page. They will also be given their own bean to plant and care for. The almighty number 10 is our focus in Maths as the children explore bonds to 10, use 10 frames, find 10 in real life contexts and learn a little about the 0 digit. Creative activities will see the children producing more items to sell at our garden centre and the children will put their knowledge of capacity into practice using a range of containers in water play. If weather permits, we will create some large-scale art in our green area with a range of unusual items using colour and texture to create representations of flowers and plants. Have a super weekend!

[Find your Reception Year Group Page Here](#)

Year 1 We have had a great first week back! We started our nonfiction writing unit for English with a ride on a tour bus around London! Spotting all the famous landmarks and learning some fascinating facts about them. In Maths we have been consolidating our number knowledge, comparing the value of numbers, ordering numbers and revising odd and even numbers. We have, of course, had a fabulous time celebrating World Book Day. We were so impressed with the huge effort that went into the children's costumes so thank you for your support at home. We really enjoyed our visit from Malou, her storytelling was fascinating and we were all very inspired. Have a lovely weekend!

[Find your Year 1 Group Page Here](#)

Year 2 We have enjoyed having everyone back after their well-deserved break! We have enjoyed a lovely week exploring Oliver Jeffers book 'How to Catch a Star' we have been using pictures to map out the story and learning parts of the story to enable us to internalise the key features. Over the next few weeks, we will plan and write our own versions of 'How to Catch a Star'. Everyone has been enthusiastically participating in our RWI sessions and is doing well to remember to read and return their phonics books each week. In our Maths lessons, we have been working hard to learn about 3D shapes and are now able to build and describe a range of 3D shapes. Next week we will begin to look at fractions and how we can represent fractions as part of a whole. We will also begin to explore Materials as part of our science learning.

[Find your Year 2 Group Page Here](#)



More year group news...

Year 3 We hope everyone had a good term break. We have been super impressed this week with the children's enthusiasm to be back at school. World Book Day was wonderful – the children really impressed us with their costumes (thank you parents). We all enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including an hour with an AMAZING storyteller – who brought four stories to life through drama, song and actions. Looking ahead to next week, in Maths we will be exploring how to calculate the perimeter of a shape. In Writing, we will be writing a class created chapter of the story we are reading called 'Pompeii'. In Reading, we will continue reading a wonderful story called 'The Street Beneath My Feet'. In PSHE, we have started our unit on 'Healthy Me', which entails the children thinking about keeping fit and eating a healthy diet. In Science, we will continue investigating what magnets are and how they work. In Art, we will be exploring the paintings created by Manchester artist L S Lowry. In Design Technology, we will be constructing a mechanism following a set of instructions. Finally, we will be setting the children a home-work task to create a model/poster of a volcano. Details to follow. Many thanks for your continued support

[Find your Year 3 Group Page Here](#)

Year 4 Year 4 continue to explore the mountainous regions of the Himalayas through their use of Michael Morpurgo's story, 'The King of the Cloud Forests'. The next element of their studies will focus on creating a class version following his model text we have studied. They will also be practicing using the technical skills required when writing an adventure story. In Maths, the pupils will be building the decimal confidence by manipulating tenths on a place value grid and a number line. This will then lead to the ability to divide decimal numbers with confidence and efficiency! IN our reading sessions, the children will continue their exploration of what's above them using the beautifully illustrated book: 'The Skies Above Our Eyes'. And in topic, we will aim for the children to understand how we as humans can have both positive and negative impacts on habitats by researching the reasons and results of a variety of environmental changes.

[Find your Year 4 Group Page Here](#)

Year 5 We cannot believe that we are in Term 4 already! We are starting the term with our final companion project called 'Human Reproduction and Ageing'. This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. They explore human growth and development to old age, including the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction. There are elements of this project that we will cover in the summer term as the Jigsaw puzzle piece for Term 6 is called 'Changing Me' which also covers puberty. Your child should have brought home a knowledge organiser for this project which will describe their learning in more detail. This week, we have started a fiction English block linked to the fantasy story 'Charlotte's Web'. The children will be learning about the tools they could use in order to create tension when writing their own Finding Tale. In our Reading lessons, we are using a recipe book called 'Cool Kids Cook'. Your child may well have a sudden interest in cooking at home so please embrace their enthusiasm. Our Maths learning continues to be about fractions; we will be learning how to subtract and multiply fractions. My Maths homework will be set this Friday and will be due in next Friday. We look forward to another fun-filled term with your children.

[Find your Year 5 Group Page Here](#)

Year 6 It has been great to welcome Year 6 back this week after the half term break. In English lessons, the children have used their history knowledge of evacuees in WWII to write an evacuation leaflet. In Maths, we have started our algebra unit of work where the children have used the concept of function machines to solve algebraic expressions. In reading lessons we have been using our CGP revision books to recap key skills in preparation for SATs. We have looked at a fiction text this week and answered questions linked to our VIPERS. World Book Day saw a fantastic array of costumes; thank you for supporting this.

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This week's highlights & reminders: 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](#).

Do you have teenagers? Join [Safer Devon](#) online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.



LET'S TALK TEENAGERS

Dates:

- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 22 March

Free support sessions for parents and carers

Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout March, covering topics such as:

- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- sexuality
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure

Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm

Visit devon.cc/teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place.

April - International Month of the Military Child

To celebrate April's International Month of the Military child, Jo Penk would like to put together a display of photographs of our service pupils with their special person as part of the celebration. If your child would like to participate, please bring your photographs in to school to be displayed on our Military Kids club display board. You can find out a little more about this special month at [Little Troopers](#).



Unicef Litter Pick with Clean our Patch

If you are looking for something to do this weekend as a family, why not join this local charity litter pick raising funds whilst improving the environment in our local community.



FUNDRAISER !

Saturday 5th March
1 - 4 pm

unicef
FOR EVERY CHILD IN DANGER

Litter Picking, Picnicing & Paddling for Peace & Positive Mental Health.

Cream Tea or Cheese Mini Ploughmans Included !

100% of proceeds will be given to UNICEF to help The Children & Young People of Ukraine

Equipment will be kindly provided by **Clean Our Patch**

Clean Our Patch
Community Litter Pickers

At Bovisand Beach !
All Welcome....Dogs too !

For a sponsor form, please contact Penny on 07869173154 or email summerhouse.services@gmail.com

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SCHOOL GAMES BRONZE 2018/19

International School Award



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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	Joshua RWH <i>For enjoying independently investigating numbers to 20.</i>	James 2MB <i>For great work talking about the features of 3-D shapes. Faces, vertices, edges and vertex!</i>	Olivia 3OC <i>For her completely new mind set in maths. She has started to embrace challenges and believe in herself. Well done Olivia.</i>	Ernest 5C <i>Ernest has developed a positive attitude to maths recently, which is evident through his participation in lessons as well as his recorded outcomes. Ernest has applied many of our learning dispositions in terms of taking on a challenge and being determined to succeed. Keep up your positive approach to this subject Ernest.</i>
Writing Award	Ariana REH <i>For confident, fluent handwriting.</i>	Niamh 1T <i>For writing a fantastic story based on the Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, remembering everything needed for a super sentence and using fantastic adjectives.</i>	Rhys 4L <i>For the outstanding effort Rhys has put into the presentation of his work. Not only are his ideas for writing brilliant—they now look amazing too. Huge congratulations for getting your pen licence Rhys.</i>	Annie 6T <i>Annie's writing has improved tremendously this year and she is churning out wonderful pieces left, right and centre! She is able to use advanced punctuation and manipulates sentence structure with ease. Her handwriting is beautiful and she responds efficiently and studiously to yellow tasks. I look forward to reading her writing every day!.</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Harrison REH <i>For reading a book aloud to his classmates using expression effectively.</i>	Mason 1BC <i>For amazing reading in the recent Phonics screen check practise. What an improvement!</i>	Gracie 3Y <i>For her great progress and finding a new love and enthusiasm for choosing some fantastic books!</i>	Catherine 5N <i>For providing fantastic reasons and justifications for her views on certain recipes from the book Cool Kids Cook. Catherine has given detailed reasons as to why she would prefer different dishes and has used the senses to make it more relatable to the reader. Well done, Catherine!</i>

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Xander 6S

Xander has hit his £100 fundraising target for MacMillan Cancer support for cycling 50 miles over 30 days because he 'wants to give back to the community'. He has 17 days left to go and is determined to complete his challenge, and hopefully beat his own goal, for the Brown family who he is incredibly close to, and feels proud to be supporting such a good cause, close to his heart. We are all incredibly proud of you too Xander, well done.!



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Goosewell Sporting Champions

Meet Goosewell's current 'Sporting Champions' based on PE in Term 3...		
Class	Sporting Champion	Reason
RWH	James	James responds creatively to a story stimulus in movement and dance.
REH	Hattie	Hattie's endless enthusiasm for dance and movement is an inspiration to her classmates.
1BC	Daisy	Daisy has explored different shapes that her body can make. She has then put those shapes into a repeatable sequence.
1T	Louie	Louie is always supportive of anyone in his team. He will encourage and help his team and always puts in 100% effort. Louie never gives up and works hard to improve his skills.
1F	George	George collaborates well with his peers and is always enthusiastic about trying new skills and games.
2MB	Max	Max just loves PE! He works well in a team with friends and he encourages others to join in and try their best. Max listens carefully to instructions and follows the rules well.
2K	Niamh	Niamh works collaboratively with her peers and is very supportive to others. She has amazing skills in all sports.
3OC	Harrison	Harrison constantly tries his best in PE! He shows such dedication when transferring our learnt skills into our activity that session.
3Y	Jax	Jax always works collaboratively with his peers and he has a great sporting attitude.
4G	Tino	Tino creatively adapts games to challenge himself and his peers and reflects on his performance to improve his personal best.
4W	Evan	Evan demonstrates passion during sport activities, encourages others and is a great team player.
4L	Mylo	Mylo is the perfect team player. He is attentive, supportive, and shares encouraging, positive advice too!
5KR	Luis	Luis has been an excellent Throlf captain, guiding groups through his activity with clear explanations and demonstrations, and by organising his equipment efficiently.
5C	Emily	Emily works well both independently and as part of a team. She puts in a wonderful effort in all sport-based activities.
5N	Isabelle	Isabelle's hard work has led her to be accepted into Plymouth Leander Swimming Club – one of the top clubs in the country!
6S	Xander	Xander always displays wonderful sportsmanship. He celebrates his peers' successes, encourages teamwork and all with a huge smile on his face.
6WS	Isabelle	Isabelle has grown in confidence hugely since September. She has developed her throwing and catching skills to play seated volleyball.
6T	James	James works collaboratively with his peers, encourages others and listens to coaching points to improve his performance.

Eat Them to Defeat Them

A reminder that each week, from Monday 7th March until Monday 28th March, school dinners will feature a meal using the vegetable of the week, as part of the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. Look out for the changes to the school dinner menus on selected days to try a new and tasty vegetable meal!



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Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

Oracy

We develop our children's oracy skills on a daily basis through our informal conversations, class discussions, the use of sentence stems, our discussions around vocabulary and more. On the newsletter each week, we will be providing a stimulus for you to be talking about at home as a family.

Oracy Activity

Here is a simple discussion activity that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

What would you do if...



you were having a party but could only invite six people? You don't want to upset anyone, so how do you choose?

World Book Day

Goosewell, you didn't disappoint with your 25th Anniversary World Book Day efforts - we just loved seeing you all dressed up as your favourite book characters! Year 5 did a wonderful job of reading stories to the Jack 'n' Jills nursery children. We were also delighted with the visit from Maura, who captivated the children in every year group with her Visual Storytelling. Here's just a selection of your wonderful creations



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We are so proud of our Goosewell Primary Academy pupils, staff, families & local community for the compassion and support they have shown today.

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