

The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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# **Year Group News**

### **Foundation Stage**

Next week in Foundation we will be focusing on the amazing role of our Mums. We will use Anthony Browne's book 'My Mum' as inspiration and the children will be thinking of special words to describe them, creating pictures using pastels and we will talk about and write some simple similes together. Outside, the big water play is coming out so lots of fun will be had exploring the movement of water and setting up channels and water runs! In maths the children will explore 10 frames and investigate ways of making 10 using counters and beads. Another fun filled, action packed week of learning. Why not log onto TAPESTRY and have a look at what your children have been up to.

Next week, Year 1 will be assessing the children in reading, maths and SPaG. Children will continue to learn about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and will then be comparing the two explorers. In Phonics we will be continuing our revision of the alternative sounds for ie/igh/ i\_e. In Science, the children will be carrying out a waterproofing experiment to find the most suitable material for an alien spaceship. There will also be the first parents meeting on Wednesday, 27th March, from 3.30pm in teacher's classrooms.

### Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are continuing our exciting space learning. In our Literacy sessions we are writing poems about aliens, have a think over the weekend about what your alien might look like. In Maths we are revising the written methods we use to add, subtract, multiply and divide. We will be solving word problems using science by squashing, bending, folding and twisting. Please continue to read regularly with your children and ask them why and how questions about the books you are sharing. We have been working on inference and fact retrieval in our reading skills sessions.

### Year 3

Next week, Year 3 will be continuing their work on fractions with a focus on tenths. They will be looking at newspaper reports in their reading and writing lessons with a space theme. The children will be learning skills in either Football, Netball or Hockey for outdoor games. Let's hope this sunshine continues so we can make the most of the outdoor space we have!

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

The quality or state of being responsible.

#### Year 4

This week we have learnt how to represent tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals, and have examined what happens to a number when we divide it by ten. Our understanding of viewpoint has enabled us to write stories with chapters from different perspectives and next week we will be looking at Anthony Browne's life and planning his biography. In science, we have finished our learning about electricity and are moving to exploring sounds in our local environment and how vibrations make noise.

### Year 5

In preparation for completing their very own research project, Year 5 will be exploring global issues in literacy next week. In maths, we will continue to unpick decimals and their relationship with fractions by looking into thousandths. We will also begin to round, order and compare different decimals. The year group has also been given the these methods. We will be changing materials in exciting opportunity to visit Coombe Dean School, on Wednesday, to take part in their 'Positive Relationship Day'. Please make sure your child arrives promptly to school that day, as we need to be at Coombe Dean by 9 o'clock!

#### Year 6

In Literacy next week, we will be focusing on the art of persuasion. The children will be convincing others that they are the perfect candidate for their dream job! In Maths, we will continue to apply our knowledge of maths to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will also be reading and analysing texts in preparation for SATs and continuing to revise key grammar terms. The week beginning 1st April will be a Year 6 assessment week.



Mr Daniels would like to express his thanks for the considerate parking around the school recently. It really does ensure that all

of our children and families are safe on their journeys to and from school.

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We have several areas around the school which are cordoned off for safety reasons. It is vitally important that children are kept away from these areas, and we would appreciate your cooperation in supervising your children at the beginning and end of the school day.

### Golden Book for week ending 15th March 2019

**FHB Connor** for sitting smartly and showing us that he is ready to learn.

**FWH Luke T** for amazing writing and remembering all his letter sounds.

**1B Willow** for having more confidence in her learning and showing great perseverance.

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**1NH Nezzy** for improved confidence and focus in both her literacy and maths learning.

1/2K Megan R for an improvement in openers when writing her story.

**2BH Isabella M** for fabulous maths measuring skills and facts, stretching her learning.

**2KW Ella** for a great improvement to her super handwriting.

**Politeness Award** 

FHB Millie for being a consistently kind, well mannered and helpful little girl.

### **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





### **Baby News!**

Please join us in sending many congratulations to Miss Merriman on the recent safe arrival of baby Lucas. Both mum and baby are doing well, and even managed to wear 'LotsOfSocks' in support of World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday. Welcome to the world little Lucas!



### **Pupils Successes**

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$  Well done to Abigail 30 for gaining her level 7 British Gymnastics proficiency award.



## **USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**

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**Celebrating our classes average attendance** from September 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Well done to 30 who have achieved once again the highest overall – 97.5%. 4JG and 2KW are closing the gap. Keep up the good attendance.

Look out for next week's attendance update. Will your class take the top stop.

FHB	93.1%	4JG	97.4%
FWH	94.0%	4LG	94.6%
1/2K	96.3%	4M	96.3%
1B	95.1%	5DH	96.1%
1NH	96.6%	5L	96.7%
2BH	96.4%	5MT	95.6%
2KW	97.0%	6C	96.0%
30	97.5%	6R	95.7%
3T	95.6%	6S	96.5%
3Y	96.6%		

### Arriving at school on time.

It is vital your child arrives at school on time. This does affect your child's overall attendance and has a direct impact on their learning. Last week 4.4% of children arrived late. I do hope we can see this improve each week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss your child's attendance or if you require any specific information. *Mrs Arnold* 

### **Midday Assistant Vacancy**

Part Time Temporary - Summer term only.

Salary: £9.00 hourly rate. Term Time only – 38 weeks per year. Hours: 12:15 to 13:30 x 1 post or 12:20 to 13:30 x 2 posts.

Start date: 24th April 2019.

Closing date for applications: Friday 29th March 2019 at noon. Interviews will take place: Tuesday 2nd April 2019.

We are seeking to appoint new members of staff to join our Midday Assistant Team, to work across all year groups. As a school, we endeavour to make lunchtimes a happy and safe environment.

We are committed to safeguarding children in our care therefore, any successful appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If you are interested in joining our hardworking and professional team we would like to hear from you. To apply and for further information, please visit the school's website <a href="https://www.qoosewell.plymouth.sch.uk">www.qoosewell.plymouth.sch.uk</a>

### **PAFC Community Trust**

Year 5 have been working with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust on the Move and Learn project which teaches children about the importance of good food and exercise. This week, as part of the EFL Day of Action, Year 5 were lucky enough to get a visit and some special tips from Plymouth Argyle professional players, Yann Songo'o and Ruben Lameiras!

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### **Fundraising Fun!**

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We have had a fantastic week of awareness raising and fundraising this week. Goosewell was a sea of Red on Comic Relief's Red Nose Day, with children and staff 'wearing red for Red NoseDay'. Yesterday we all had fun wearing our colourful, odd, stripy and long/short socks to celebrate our differences for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Thank you to everyone for getting fully involved and for donating so generously. Final figures to follow!!

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### **Dates for your diaries**

### **MARCH**

### Friday 22nd

3Y Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm

Annual Pupil Progress Reports sent home

### **Tuesday 26th**

National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation Stage and Year 6

### Wednesday 27th and Monday-Wednesday 1st-3rd April

Parent and Child consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm or 1.45pm-4.30pm, details to follow

### Thursday 28th

Junior Ten Tors training Coombe Dean School 4.00pm-5.30pm

### 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.

### Friday 5th

Last day of Term 4, normal finish time.

### **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