

## **This week's year group news...**

**Reception** All things beachy will continue to be the inspiration for our learning this week in Reception. The children will consider pollution and discuss ways in which we can all help to keep our beaches and the creatures who live there free from ill effects of pollution. They will create information posters to share this message. Another discussion point will be looking at day trips to the beach in the past and in the present and spotting similarities and differences. Having gathered plenty of information about rockpool creatures, they will create their own little rock pool habitats in junk modelling. Physical Friday will see us creating movements to represent a range of seaside creatures and playing 'movement bingo'. The children will also explore 'floating and sinking', making simple predictions about a range of items and explaining their thinking before testing and recording their results.

**Year 1** As we enter week 5 of the final term, children are beginning to become quite tired. Luckily, we have some exciting learning going on to motivate them and spur them on to keep working hard. The children made some fantastic fruit kebab wands this week. They tasted as delicious as they looked. Next week, we will still be thinking about instructions and will focus our thoughts onto the steps required to make a jam sandwich. We are excited to also take on the role of a witch or a wizard- I wonder what interesting ingredients might go into a special witches' brew? We hope they won't be turning their teachers into toads! In maths, we continue to learn all about time, learning to read half past times. We also think about units of time – seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months etc. Lots of language around ordering days of the week and months of the year and estimating and measuring time using stopwatches. We loved our science this week all about bubbles. If children would like to continue experimenting with different bubble wands, our special 'bubble recipe' was –  $\frac{3}{4}$  bucket of warm water, 1 cup of washing up liquid and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of sugar or glycerine. The sugar is to give the bubble strength. We wish you all a happy and fun weekend!

**Year 2** Year 2 are enjoying the sunshine and having a wonderful time making muck, mess and mixtures! Next week in maths, we will be subtracting and using our number bond knowledge to help us complete calculations. In English we are creating our own creepy recipes in preparation for a spooky party. The children will be using imperative verbs to write instructions on how to make their creepy creations. We are continuing to explore Islam in RE and will be naming body parts as part of our RSE lessons. Science next week will be all about bubbles! We will be experimenting with bubble sizes and shapes. Please can we remind parents that children need to have a drink, sunhat and sun cream applied each day.



## More year group news...

**Year 3 & Year 4** The Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed finding out about cowboys this week and continued to work hard with all their learning. Next week, we will continue exploring the story 'How to make a cherry pie and see the USA' by Marjorie Priceman. The story is unique in that it is both fiction and non-fiction. The story contains a traditional recipe for a cherry pie, so we will be sending the children home with the recipe this weekend. Please let us know if you get the chance to make it and pop some photos on MS Teams. In Writing we will continue exploring the 'cowboy' and 'Wild West' theme. The focus will be on the use of non-standard English 'Yeeha!' By the end of the week children will have planned their own cowboy adventure. Y3 Mathematicians will continue investigating 'Time' and work on the 24 hour clock. Year 4 Mathematicians will be revisiting multiplication and division. And finally, in our electricity Science lessons children will continue investigating conductors and insulators.

**Year 5** This week, Year 5 have continued their learning journey about the changes that happen to our bodies during puberty. Again, It would be great if you could check in with your child to see if they have any questions that they would like to discuss with you at home. We will still have our question box for the children to be able to ask questions if they would prefer to do so anonymously. In English, the children have begun a new unit of work - diaries. We have been using our model text - a diary of a Tudor fishwife - to pick out key features and have begun to research some of the worst Tudor jobs, ready for our own diary entries next week. Our spelling lesson this week focused on the next set of Y5/6 words, looking at i and l words. In Maths, we have been learning about geometry, where we have learnt about coordinates in the first quadrant. We have also begun to translate and reflect some shapes in the first quadrant, recording the coordinates of the shape's vertices. In our topic sessions, the children have been learning about Tudor clothing! We have learnt that it takes quite a lot of effort and money to dress as a wealthy Tudor. We have had great fun designing our own Tudor costumes with lots of embroidery and ruffs. Please continue to encourage your child to read and complete AR quizzes at home. My Maths homework has also been set to be completed each week.

**Year 6** Our Year 6 children have been busy filming our School of Rock production. Thank you for sending them in with outfits and supporting them in learning their lines. Please could all children 'rock up' (please see examples) a spare school shirt ready for next week and have it in school from Monday. In our Darwin topic, the children have plotted the route of HMS Beagle and started researching the Galapagos Islands. Our PSHE has been focused on learning about puberty and conception and we have been impressed with the children's maturity. Please reiterate our key message that any questions should be directed towards a trusted adult and not Google. Have a lovely weekend everyone.



## 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 throughout the current lockdown. 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. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#). The latest Activities and Events for SEND newsletter can be found [here](#).



**Holiday Club Summer 2021**

YMCA Plymouth's Holiday Club is a safe and fun club for ages 8-16, to get active and enjoy a range of activities across the summer holidays. Our activities include sports & games, creative activities and trips away. We're proud of our reputation for delivering fun and safe holiday activities in Plymouth for over 40 years.

**Session times and prices**

Multi-Activity Club		Trips	
Time	9:30am - 3:30pm	Time	8:00am - 5:00pm
Price	£15 per session	Price	£30 per trip (from Plymouth to Brixham and back, plus lunch and a drink)

**Add-on Sessions**

Early Bird		Stop-over	
Time	8am - 9:30am	Time	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Price	£3 per session	Price	£3 per session

Early bird or stop-over sessions can only be booked in conjunction with a Multi-activity session.

**Book online**  
[ymcplymouth.org.uk/holidayclub](http://ymcplymouth.org.uk/holidayclub)  
T 01752 201518  
Or complete form on arrival

Children can bring their own packed lunch or lunches can be purchased from the on-site canteen. These can be ordered over email when the child is being dropped off at the centre. We ensure all holiday club staff are enhanced DBS checked, have all first aid protection training and hold relevant essential qualifications. There is always a first aid officer on-site.

As spaces are limited, please return this form to YMCA Plymouth as soon as possible to confirm your booking and avoid disappointment. We're unable to guarantee entry for last minute or 'on the day' bookings.

We can offer free holiday club spaces for children that are on free school meals, or part of Plymouth City Council's 'Yes & Fair' programme. These spaces are first come, first served and subject to availability. Tell the box on the reverse if you are eligible, or visit our website to see available dates and book online.

**FROM £15 PER DAY**

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### Change to gate opening times - morning arrivals

Thank you for your support and cooperation with the change to the opening of the external gates. As a reminder, the external gates for the school will remain locked until **8.35am** to help ensure children do not arrive too early.

If children are allowed to walk to school unaccompanied, I am respectfully asking parents to keep their children at home until an appropriate time, to allow them to walk straight into their classes from **8.40am and until 8.55am**.

Should you need your child supervised before school hours, we do have excellent wrap around care through the Gosling Trust, details are available online.

**In the afternoons**, the external gates will be opened at **3pm** and we politely ask that you do not enter the main entrance gate (outside Jack 'n' Jills) before this time, unless you need to access the main office. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

### Non Pupil Day - Friday 9th July

A reminder that next Friday, 9th July is a non-pupil day for staff training. A reminder too that there is a non-pupil day on Friday 23rd July, therefore the last day of the summer term will be Thursday 22nd July.

### Vision Screening for Reception

A reminder to Reception families that the Orthoptic Team will be here on **Tuesday 6th July** for visual screening of your children. Should you have any questions regarding the visit, please contact the Royal Eye Infirmary's Vision Screening team directly, and not the school.

### School Uniform

With children returning to new year groups in September, it may be helpful to remind you of uniform expectations for the Key Stages when they return, particularly if your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3.

#### School Uniform Reception, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2



Reception & Key Stage 1      Key Stage 2



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### Plymouth Science Lego League Robotics Competition

8 children from Year 4 competed in this year's Plymouth Science First Lego League Robotics Competition. They spent many hours including breaktimes and lunchtimes building and programming a robot to complete tasks on a competition mat. They refined their design, techniques and codes and competed against other Plymouth Schools to complete as many tasks as possible in 2 minutes. The judges were not only impressed by their coding skills but also the presentation they put together to show their journey. We are pleased to announce that they came first with a massive 260 points! They will each receive a goody bag and the school will be awarded a prize at the Plymouth Science Conference on 9th July. Well done super scientists! You can view their winning attempt and presentation on our YouTube channel by typing in the links below:

Winning attempt:

<https://youtu.be/4sJMqoerj-g>

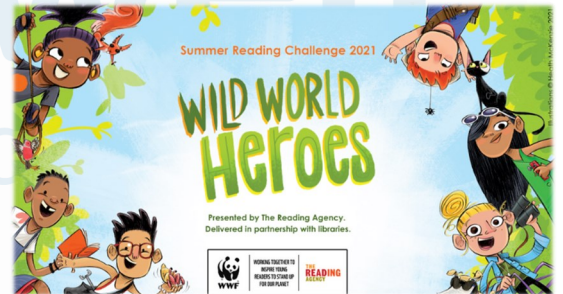
Accompanying presentation:

<https://youtu.be/WtZmpFOuTjU>



### Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge

Our librarians were sorry not to be able to visit schools in person this year to talk about the Challenge, but they've made [this extra special video](#) to explain everything about our fantastic summer event. For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.



The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1 July until 11 September. Children can also take part online through the official [digital Challenge platform](#). We look forward to seeing you this summer! **Plymouth Libraries**

### Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle Challenge for Mr Stephens

Many of you will remember Mr Stephens from Goosewell. He has asked us to share with you that he is currently nearing the end of an epic cycle ride of over 1000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds for three charities that are close to his heart - Plymouth Foodbank, FAST Project in Romania and the Southampton Children's Hospital Charity where his grandson spent the large part of the first year of his life and continues to receive support. If you would like to follow Mr Stephens's progress, or are able to sponsor him, here is a link:

[Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle Challenge](#)



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## This week's Celebration Assembly:

### House Winners

It's a new week, and a new Housepoint winner - a huge well done to **Pelicans** for taking the lead and receiving the House Winners cup this week with a huge 1248 points. You were closely followed by **Shearwaters** on 1209 points with **Puffins** and **Kingfishers** on 1163 and 1002 points. Who will take the cup next week?

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

We have really enjoyed our celebration assembly this week when children from across the entire school have been able to join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. Yet more pride from this week's winners of our Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each phase: Thank you to our House Captains, Head and Deputy Head boys and girls for presenting the prizes to the winners.

Well done to the following children for receiving their well deserved awards:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
<b>Maths Award</b>	William RBH	Austin 1WH	Mya 3N	David 6WT
<b>Writing Award</b>	Henry RBH	Summer 2NB	Lennon 4G	Riley 6R
<b>Reading Award</b>	Lucas REH	Gracie 2K	Alex 4G	Summer 6WT

This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** goes to:

#### *Skye Stear*

*Skye has raised over £250 for Children's Hospice South West by taking part in her own Rainbow Run after having the original run cancelled by Covid regulations. Skye decided to think of another plan to still complete the challenge and she cycled laps of Mountbatten pier and smashed her 5km target.*

*The Hospice has a special place in Skye's heart due to the support it is giving to her family and little sister Evie.*

*Well done Skye, we are very proud of you.*



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