

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

**Reception** Our learning about plants and Spring will take on a more scientific vibe in the coming week as we use the beautifully illustrated book, 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle to enhance our learning. The children will explore further the life cycle of a seed, looking at how plants reproduce and what happens season to season. They will label simple diagrams about the parts of a plant and demonstrate their knowledge of how plants grow. They will also examine and draw a range of different seeds, describing them and comparing similarities and differences. Their writing task this week will involve them writing as though they are the seed and documenting the seed's journey through the year. In Maths, the children will be exploring length using skills of comparison and estimation. They will also explore pattern with a focus on pattern in the natural world. We will be encouraging children to keep an eye on their beans, documenting their progress and caring for them effectively.

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

**Year 1** In Year 1 this week we were excited to have a visitor who came in to tell us all about Judaism and to explain some of the important events in the Jewish calendar. We have enjoyed learning about the Jewish religion in class, so we were keen to hear more interesting facts. In Maths we have been exploring the difference between odd numbers and even numbers to ten. We have been spotting odd and even numbers around the school, so perhaps the children can spot some at home. In English we are continuing our non-fiction unit, writing informative texts containing interesting facts about famous London landmarks. Ask us how many steps there are inside the Elizabeth Tower!

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

**Year 2** Year 2 have had a super week planning our own versions of 'How to catch a star' where we are setting off on exciting adventures to catch a variety of unique objects. Next week, we will begin to write our stories including lots of super description by using expanded noun phrases. In our Maths lessons, we will continue to explore fractions focussing on thirds. We will also move on to thinking about unit fractions which are one equal part of a whole and non-unit fractions which are more than one equal part of a whole. We will be continuing our Design Technology project 'Remarkable Recipes' and will be spending time making our own fruit kebabs and designing a healthy school lunch. We would like to say well done to all those children who are completing their MyMaths homework each week. Please refer to your class Teams page for more details or speak to your child's class teacher.

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



## More year group news...

**Year 3** We have all been working very hard on our Design Technology and Art projects this week. We have followed instructions to make a moving toy and have been researching the artist L S Lowry. We have had a go at sketching each other in the style of Lowry. Looking ahead to next week - in Maths we will be exploring fractions of shapes. In Writing, we will continue writing a class created chapter of the story we are reading called 'Pompeii'. In Reading, we will be working on our comprehension skills and complete a reading assessment. In PSHE, we will continue thinking about our health as part of our 'Healthy Me' unit. Finally in Science, we will continue investigating what magnets are and how they work. Many thanks for your continued support

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**Year 4** Another great week, and even the sun came out this week. A good sign, ready for more amazing learning to come! Next week, our budding authors in Year 4 are now ready to start writing their own adventure stories. Basing their ideas on a Michael Morpurgo book, by the end of the week, they will have their very own story ready to publish! In maths, we advance the number understanding by stepping further into the world of decimals by focusing on hundredths; recognising the place value digits within decimal numbers, placing decimals on a number line and solving further problems. The children have worked brilliantly on tenths and so this will be another successful week in their maths learning, we are sure! And our topic work lands in the next county down from us as we focus on a case study of a river settlement and habitat in Somerset.

Could we ask you to save any plastic bottles (2 litre fizzy drink bottles and 500ml smaller sized) and old newspapers and bring them into school for a design extravaganza we have planned for the end of term. Many thanks!

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

**Year 5** We were so impressed with the costumes worn by the children for World Book Day last week and wish to thank you for supporting your child to enjoy this event. We spent the afternoon being thoroughly entertained by a storyteller called Malou, and we can see how inspired the children were by their retelling of our model text Charlotte's Web. In Reading, we have been discussing our favourite recipes and creating adverts to persuade children to buy the book. We would like to make you aware that our Religious Education lessons for this term link to the overarching question 'How does faith help people when life gets hard?' As part of these lessons, we will be identifying beliefs about life after death in at least two religions and the children will have the opportunity to share their own opinions about what they believe happens when someone dies. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you feel these discussions could be emotional for your child so that we can support them. In Maths, we have been multiplying unit and non-unit fractions in addition to mixed number fractions.

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

**Year 6** Our wonderful Year 6 writers have impressed us this week with their emotive diary entries and letters linked to our current English text 'Stay Where You Are And Then Leave' by John Boyne. The children have embraced the challenge of algebra and have been able to solve problems by calculating the numerical values of letters and symbols using their number knowledge and inverse operations. We have continued to use the CGP books to revise key concepts in SPaG, reading and maths and many children have continued to benefit from attending our Early Bird Club. In PE, we have started a gymnastics block; our first session focused on balancing and partner work and the children approached this very sensibly. The drizzle didn't stop us enjoying our outdoor games slot on Wednesday; each class focused on a different invasion game. Thank you to those who attended parent consultations; it was a pleasure to report on the children's progress as well as their learning attitudes and how they are developing as individuals to become secondary-ready.

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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.



**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](http://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](#).



## Scholastic Book Fair Monday 14th March - Friday 18th March

We are pleased to announce that we are going to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair as part of our World Book Day celebrations. It has been a long time since this has been a possibility, so we are really excited to be able to welcome you into school to enjoy looking at the books with your children. The Book Fair will be open in the **Drama Hall from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March through to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 3.20pm and 3.45pm** and you will be able to visit the fair using the Drama Hall doors as both the entrance and exit. There is a significant change that we need to communicate with you in regard to payment. Around the Drama Hall, there will be a QR code which will take you to a page where you will need to type the school name. From there, you will be asked to enter details including your address and email address, followed by card details for payment, just as you would if ordering something online. To be clear, **there will not be an option to pay by cash, it will be card payments only.** Staff will be available to help you if needed and we will have an iPad accessible. You will simply show us the books you are purchasing and the confirmation on your device of how much you have paid. The children will be able to redeem their World Book Day voucher in order to save £1 per book. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Red Nose Mufti Day Friday 18th March

Children and staff are invited to wear something Red Nose themed to school on Friday 18th March. If you feel able to donate, we have a Comic Relief Red Nose Day JustGiving page available for your donations:

[Goosewell Primary Academy - Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2022](#)

## Pre-loved uniform forums for Year 6 transition to Year 7

If your Year 6 child has a place at Plymstock School or Coombe Dean School in September, there is a Facebook page called **Pre-loved Plymstock School uniform** for parents to join, and **Coombe Dean Parent Support Group** Facebook page where uniform and school information is shared. Both pages can be found using the search facility on Facebook.



## 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
<b>Maths Award</b>	<b>Oliver D RWH</b> <i>For a sharp mind when it comes to spotting pattern in number.</i>	<b>James S 2K</b> <i>For recognising and discussing halves and quarters in our fraction learning. James has confidently shared his ideas with the class.</i>	<b>Cobi D 4L</b> <i>YOU CAND DO IT! What a great week with all of your brilliant learning on decimals covered this week. You should take great confidence from this - well done!</i>	<b>Emil L 5N</b> <i>For thriving when working with fractions. He has worked independently and confidently throughout, particularly when multiplying unit and non-unit fractions. He has even been able to complete all chuuta challenges throughout some of the lessons. Well done Emil!</i>
<b>Writing Award</b>	<b>Arabella C RWH</b> <i>For trying really hard to improve her handwriting.</i>	<b>Amber B 1F</b> <i>For her excellent writing about famous London landmarks this week Amber persevered when she found it tricky and produced an excellent piece of independent writing.</i>	<b>Thomas S 4G</b> <i>For putting a much greater effort into all of his written learning, offering lots of imaginative ideas, trying to focus and record as much as he can each day, knowing and trying hard with his writing targets and doing it all with joined handwriting!</i>	<b>Grace B 6T</b> <i>For consistently producing writing which is at greater depth standard. She writes exciting texts with superb vocabulary and figurative language. She includes advanced punctuation and manipulates sentence structure for effect. Grace's writing is always a joy to read.</i>
<b>Reading Award</b> <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	<b>Ben G REH</b> <i>For working hard to inject expression into his reading.</i>	<b>Jacob C 1BC</b> <i>For his huge efforts with his reading. In particular, Jacob has shown a real interest in our Judaism learning. He read facts carefully and when our Jewish speaker visited on Thursday, he remembered lots of the key points.</i>	<b>Bella P 3Y</b> <i>For reads lots at home and is always doing AR quizzes. As a result, her reading is progressing brilliantly.</i>	<b>Dexter B 5C</b> <i>When Dexter was in Year 4, his AR word count was 157,255 words. Dexter is already a millionaire so has truly embraced the challenge and developed his enjoyment of reading for pleasure.</i>

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

### Aria 4W

Aria has sometimes found some of her learning in maths a little tricky but she has not given up. She has spoken to Miss Wentworth and has requested extra homework. That homework has been taken home and she has persevered to complete her learning. The result is she has improved in her maths, both in her skills and her confidence. That's why she receives this award - our Rise to Greatness winner!

