

**Issue No 29 - 26th May 2021**

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

**Reception** One more week on all things transport as Mrs Armitage inspires us to explore the best surface on a slope for a car to roll on and make simple predictions. We will also be having a little look at how transport has changed through history, comparing cars from past and present and designing our own modes of transport for the future. Your little ones have all made impressive progress in phonics and will be moving to the next stage of the ReadWrite inc system and in Maths we are carrying out practical explorations and 1:1 chats in order to gain an overview of progress made so far. Have a wonderful week everyone!

**Year 1** This term seems to have flown by and the children have all worked very hard. We were thrilled to see the progress made when we did a recent RWI check. Next term, our Topic is called 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. We have some exciting activities planned. The topic is art driven with some fabulous science thrown in too. We are all looking forward to the launch of the topic which will be a potion making fun session, hopefully on the field. Our first maths unit next term is Number – place value within 100. We will be revisiting our part whole models and embedding a secure knowledge of place value. Literacy will be focused on a book called The Colour Monster. Games in year 1 will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon. 1T have PE on a Monday and 1WH on a Thursday. Thank you for remembering to send children to school in games/PE kits on these days. We wish you all a wonderful weekend and a happy half term break.

**Year 2** We are so excited to be starting Muck, Mess and Mixtures next term. We will be making potions, wands and mud pies in Science. Our English is based around the amazing text - 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We will be writing letters pretending to be a classroom object that is fed up. We might be a grumpy rubber or a tired pencil! In Maths we are continuing to look at multiplication and division and are consolidating our 2, 5 and 10 times table knowledge. We have lots of exciting colour mixing activities in art and we are all looking forward to experimenting with different mixtures. Have a lovely half term. Our PE and games days will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday.

Rise To Greatness



## More year group news...

**Year 3 & Year 4** The start of Term 6 brings about an exciting trip to a sunnier place – the children in Year 3 and Year 4 are going on a road trip across the USA! The first sessions will look at landing safely at one of the huge airports in America and then planning a route across this most amazing country and landscape! Exciting times for our children. We will be learning about the geography and the history to this most colourful country...

In Reading, we will read and explore Native American mythology.

In Literacy, we will be starting with some non-fiction writing based on autobiographical diary entries. This will enable the children to learn about episodes within the history of the United States and be able to empathise with some very famous characters. They will spend some time thinking about the characters emotions and then work on the language required to express these feelings in the form of a diary entry.

In Maths, Year 4 mathematicians will be converting between hours, minutes and seconds whilst our Year 3 mathematicians will be comparing, ordering, adding and finally subtracting fractions. The Year 3 and 4 team hope that you and your families have a happy term break.

**Year 5** In the final week of term, Year 5 have been completing our discussion text writing by listening to extracts of *George's Marvellous Medicine*, and answering the question *Should George have given Grandma the marvellous medicine?* We have had lots of fun considering the consequences of George's actions and elaborating on the evidence we collected! What do you think he should have done? In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, looking at how to use place value knowledge to multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000 and beyond. In our final week of the Allotment topic work, we have completed some observational botanical drawings, looking closely at the scientific names of flower parts. This week's Jigsaw lesson looked at Internet safety when using a smart phone – a great life skill we can all make use of every day. In RE, we reflected on how non-religious people may celebrate a life and attitudes towards 'living life to its fullest'. We created personal bucket lists of things we aspire to see, do or achieve in our lifetime. Please continue to remind your child to complete their My Maths homework every week, to learn their spellings and quiz their books on Accelerated Reader once complete. We'd love to see a few more children join the Millionaires Club before the end of Year 5. Topic homework is due in via Assignments this Thursday.

**Year 6** In Year 6 this week, we have been discussing the importance of healthy lifestyles and keeping active. The year group continued swimming at the life centre and took part in athletics activities with sport's leader, Mrs Walpole. The Mayflower dancers have also been extremely creative and the dance is progressing well.

In addition, we have been very impressed by the children's enthusiasm during the auditions for our Year 6 production 'School of Rock'. The children will have the opportunity to learn their lines over the break before rehearsals commence next term.

In English sessions, we have continued using *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman to inspire the children's writing. Accept a transplant of a pig's heart, or die? That's what Cameron had to decide. We have been debating this key question and writing a balanced argument using formal language.

Our Maths learning this week has focused on reviewing previous SATs questions in preparation for our assessment week. MyMaths homework tasks have been set to reinforce classroom learning. Please ensure that these tasks are up to date in the Half Term break.

Finally, please look out for information regarding the Year 6 activity day in July.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely break and stay safe.



## 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](#).

### Covid-19 Reminders on Guidance & Reporting

As you know, children may be asymptomatic with Covid-19, but as advised by the Government, pre-school children and primary aged pupils are not being tested with Lateral Flow Tests. Staff will be testing to help reduce transmission of the virus and keep everyone safe. However, as there are still positive cases in the city, we ask that the whole school community stays vigilant, and **should your child develop any new symptoms of Covid-19, you must seek a PCR test. LFT testing is designed to identify asymptomatic cases only.**

We have included a link to the guidance for you to follow should you or a member of your family/support bubble experience Covid-19 symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19. Please take the time to read this guidance to ensure that we are all following the correct procedures, aimed at keeping our community safe and well. We would be grateful if you could continue to use the [covid@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) email address to inform us of anything Covid related.

### [Covid-19 - Absence Guidance](#)

### Start of the day

Just a little reminder that although the gates open at 8.30am the playgrounds are not supervised until 8.40am. Please ensure your child is not left unsupervised during this time.

### Contacting the School Office on Thursday 27th May 2021

This Thursday, 27th May, we will be having a new telephone system installed across the school. Please can we ask you to bear with us whilst the new system goes live (fingers crossed!) during the late morning. If you need to contact the school urgently during this time, and you are having difficulties connecting by phone, please email us via our school email address - [admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk)

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- Visit [www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents) or search online for "Mapac find your school".
- Use the "LOGIN/REGISTER" tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers).
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

**2. ORDERING GUIDE**

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take a little longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

**Delivery to your home / work year round!**

**IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION**

**To receive your order before the start of term please order by 2nd August.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

T: 01923 255525 | E: [parentcustomerservices@mapac.net](mailto:parentcustomerservices@mapac.net)

### Staff Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is for members of staff, school transport and parents/carers who have prior permission from the Headteacher to park. Please do not use it for parking or as a cut through, for the safety of all of our children.



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### Goodbye to Mrs Davis

Mrs Davis will say her goodbyes to Goosewell Primary Academy after almost 8 years in her role supporting children across the year groups and many more years as a parent.

Mrs Davis will be greatly missed by all throughout the school and the wider community. Wishing all the very best in your new ventures.

### PE Timetable for Summer Term

With the gradual lifting of some restrictions, we are now able to use the Main Hall again for our PE lessons which is great news. With this in mind, please see timetable below for your child's PE and Games days when they will be required to wear their kits to school. This new timetable will take effect on our return after half term.

#### PE Timetable

Day	9—10	10-11	11.30– 12.30	1.30—3.15
Monday	Year 6	1T		Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5	3N		Year 5
Wednesday	Year 4	Year 4		Mayflower Dance
Thursday		1WH		Year 2
Friday	Reception	Reception		3/4Y and 3MO

#### Games Timetable

Day	9—10	10—11	11.30—12.30	1.30—3.15
Monday				Year 3
Tuesday			Year 2	Year 1
Wednesday				Year 6
Thursday				Year 4
Friday				Year 5

### Read Write Inc

To all families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2,

I just wanted to share with you how pleased we are with the children's progress in their phonics again this term. We assessed the children last week and the vast majority have moved up a group. This is a wonderful achievement. A huge well done to all involved at home and at school.

To continue on this amazing journey, we need your full support in helping the children read and share their books at home daily as well as reminding them to bring their RWI packs on the correct days. They will not be given their next book until their previous one is returned. Each child does now have their own personal log in to the oxford owl website (I sent these home as small log in tickets attached to a letter) where they can find a full set of RWI books accurate to their level. I have just uploaded the correct set for each child so please use this amazing resource as and when you need it. This would be a great way to keep reading over the upcoming half term break. Please remember that we ask our children to read each book three times to encourage and build confidence and fluency.

If your child is at home isolating or you are just keen to help them improve their phonic knowledge, please remember our Goosewell YouTube channel has phonic lessons for all of the RWI group colours. If your child is in the A/B or Ditty group, they would need to look at Red groups films. Ruth Miskin's website is also helpful at explaining how we teach phonics and how we pronounce the sounds accurately.

Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any RWI queries or concerns, please email me on [khilton@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:khilton@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) and I will do my best to support you.



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### Sports News & Activities

Plymouth Schools Football Trials will be open to all pupils going into Years 5 and 6 in September 2021.

Trials will be held at the new grass pitch at Sherford Vale Primary School, during w/c 14th June (Monday to Wednesday) followed by 21st-23rd June (two evenings tbc) and a final trial during w/c 28th June. So please be make sure you are available on these dates and are able to provide your own transport.

The strict closing date for nominations will be **4th June**, so please ensure you email Goosewell's PE coordinator via - [ethomas@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:ethomas@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) with the following information.

- Child's Name;
- Player's Position(s);
- Player's Club or Academy;
- Player Left or Right Footed?



### Nut-free School

A reminder that due to children across the school having serious nut allergies, Goosewell Primary Academy is a **completely nut-free environment** and we ask that you do not send your child to school with products containing nuts. This includes Nutella spread. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated for the safety of all of our children.

### Message from Year 6 Parents for Year 6 Parents



DEADLINE 4th JUNE

They are here!! Please use the below link to place your order for your leavers hoody. There is a choice of colour, a choice of size and for a little bit extra the back can be personalised with your child's name. The website is really easy to use, but if you have any questions, please just contact one of the parents organising the leavers activities.

The payment goes directly to Kitworld who will hold your order and process them all at the same time. The hoodies will be delivered to Claire Wilson (Harry 6WT) and distributed at a later date, unless you specifically choose to have it delivered to your address. (You won't receive it any earlier though). When you get to the checkout, there will be postage added, if you are happy for it to be delivered to Claire then tick the 'collect from Plymouth store' option which will remove the postage charge.

<https://kitworld.uk/product/goosewell-leavers-hoody/>

Any questions, please contact Claire Wilson, Louise Bennett, Sharon Yeoman, Amy Pardew or Sam Wilson.



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