The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Year Group News

Foundation Stage

We are continuing to learn all about animals with a special focus on farm animals. We are consolidating our learning of phonics by writing sentences incorporating those tricky words that cannot be sounded out. We will be learning all about the busy work a farmer has to do, having a go at building a scarecrow and will be set a special challenge of building a pond that has a water feature for the ducks on the farm. Lucky ducks! We will be giving our maths brains a work out by writing addition and subtraction sentences based on animals across the farm.

Year 1

Next week, in Year 1, the children will be completing their literacy learning on traditional tales by comparing Jack and the Beanstalk with Jim and the Beanstalk. They will be learning about fractions in maths and finding both halves and quarters of shapes and objects. The children will be completing their geography learning by completing map work and creating their own simple map with symbols. To finish off their science learning on plants, the Year 1 children will be exploring trees, identifying different types and discussing which are deciduous and evergreen.

Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are continuing our Literacy learning based on the text -"the day the crayons quit" by Drew Dewalt. The children are writing a diary entry pretending they are a crayon and a blurb to advertise the book. In maths the children will be using their maths skills to solve problems and reasoning tasks. We are continuing to monitor and write about the growth of our beans and will be using rulers to measure the length of roots and shoots. In our art sessions we are exploring the work of Vincent Van Gogh and are replicating the Sunflower painting.

Year 3

Year 3 are extremely excited about our trip to 'Clip and Climb' on Thursday 23rd. They will experience climbing challenges that will get their hearts racing! They will need to remember to wear their PE to school that day with a pair of trainers. Alongside this, the children will be creating a persuasive leaflet about Clip and Climb in Literacy. In Maths they will continue learning about time and will be using analogue clocks to learn to tell the time to one minute intervals. In Science, they will investigate that soil is made from rocks and organic materials and will create a 'Soil Profile'.

Next week's virtue is...... Flexibility Willing to change or to try different things

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will be looking at London landmarks and locating them on a map. We will also be exploring how to plot points using six figure grid references. In art, we will be planning our pebble art based on London buildings. In maths, we will be developing our understanding of money, beginning by looking at pounds and pence using decimal notation. We will also be concluding our Jacqueline Wilson unit on Cliffhanger.

Year 5

Next week in literacy, we are bringing our Cracking Contraptions to life. We will be writing our very own explanation texts which detail what lies beneath these mysterious machines. Later in the week, the children will be doing an assessed piece of writing, based on the story How to Catch a Star, by Oliver Jeffers. In maths, we will begin to look at some geometry skills. We will begin by using a protractor to measure angles accurately. We will also be using them to draw angles of a specific size. Children will also be learning the names of angles depending on their size.

Year 6

A big **well done** to all in Year 6 for their hard work and resilience this week. We have been very impressed by their fantastic attitude towards the SATs. Next week, we are launching our end of year production. We will be carrying out our own 'Goosewell Has Talent' auditions and searching for the next stars of the show. We have roles for everyone including singing, dancing, technical support and prop design. We will also continue to develop our writing skills with a focus on explanation texts.

A reminder that swimming starts after half term on Monday 3rd June. Please ensure that your child has handed in their permission slip and comes to school on the first day back with kit, towel, hat and googles! We leave just after 9am.



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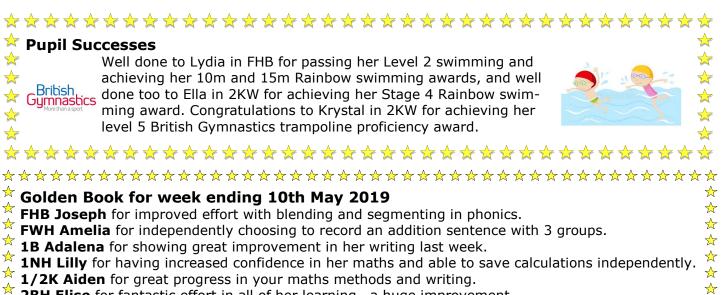
#WalktoSchoolWeek

Next week is Walk to School Week when families across the country will be getting active and taking part in @LivingStreet's campaign to promote exercise, improve road safety and reduce air pollution. If you are able to, why not help us to discover the benefits of walking by swapping the school run in a car for a walk to school instead. The benefits to us all are endless:

- ☆ Happier children
- ☆ Less congestion
- ☆ Cleaner air
- ☆ Reduces stress
- ☆ Improves sleep
- ☆ Increases focus

If you need to bring the car to zip off to work, maybe consider parking a little further away next week to walk the rest of the way with your child to school. We look forward to seeing as many families as can make it on our Walk to School Week Big Launch with Radio Plymouth on Monday morning. 

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- \bigstar **2BH Elise** for fantastic effort in all of her learning—a huge improvement.
- \bigstar **2KW Evie-Grace** for super effort with her maths learning. $\frac{1}{2}$

Politeness Award \bigstar

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2BH Laycee for always having lovely manners, a beautiful smile and a kind attitude towards everyone.

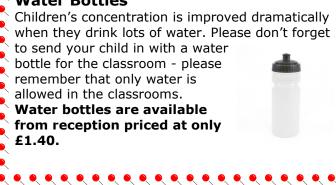
Parent Support Adviser News from Jo Penk

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**





Water Bottles



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Year 4 London Residential Final Meeting

The Year 4 London residential is fast approaching and the Year 4 team very much look forward to seeing you at the final pre-visit London meeting on **Monday 3rd June 2019, at 5pm in the Main Hall**. Please note that this date differs from the whole school diary date.

Here is the presentation from our first London residential meeting, should you require any reminders for the trip: London Visit

Litter Pick

Join the Radford and Hooe Lake Park group this Saturday as they undertake a litter pick between 10am and 12.30pm. Meet at the Beckley Centre - all welcome - please wear appropriate footwear and gloves.



Dates for your diaries Friday 17th 5MT Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm Sunday 19th Plymouth Schools' Half Marathon Challenge **Tuesday 21st** Plymouth Schools' Tag Rugby Festival Junior Ten Tors team training walk Thursday 23rd Year 3 visit to Clip 'n' Climb End of Term 5 Friday 24th Non Pupil Day for staff training JUNE Monday 3rd First day of Term 6 Year 6 swimming week 1/2 Year 4 London Residential Final pre-visit meeting at 5.00pm in the Main Hall **Tuesday 4th** Year 6 swimming week 1/2 Wednesday 5th Year 6 swimming week 1/2 **Thursday 6th** Year 6 swimming week 1/2 Friday 7th Year 6 swimming week 1/2 Junior Ten Tors event PTA Mufti Day - wear mufti in return for tombola donations, more details to follow Happy's Circus 4-8pm Saturday 8th Junior Ten Tors event Future dates:

Thursday 23rd May Friday 24th May Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Monday 3rd June Wednesday 24th July

Last Day of Term 5 for children Non Pupil Day for staff training Whitsun break First day of Term 6 Last Day of Term 6 for children

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