

Issue No 4 - 2nd October 2020

This week's year group news...

Reception Has it really only been 4 weeks? We already feel that we know your little ones so well and they are demonstrating the independence and the ownership of their learning experiences that we love to see. Hopefully they are chatting to you at home about 'Fred talk' and how to form letters and numbers. Next week continues with an exploration of this lovely season with the introduction of the book, 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson. We will talk about Harvest and the children will have the opportunity to explore Autumn fruit and vegetables like pumpkins, squash and pomegranate. They will use tweezers to pluck out and examine the seeds as well as observational skills to draw them. They will be invited to select and join a range of resources to create their own play dough scarecrow as well as developing their cutting skills to cut straight and curved lines. Phonics moves on to e, l, h, r and j and our number of the week is 4. In their orange books, the children will use the book, 'Oi frog' as a stimulus to find rhyming words to create funny sentences about animals. Did you know that 'lions sit on irons'? Thanks for your wonderful response to our Foundation five home activities and your continued support. Have a great weekend, albeit in the rain!

Year 1 Well what a busy week we have all had. Thank you all for supporting our Harvest celebrations with an overwhelming amount of donated goods. We hope your children are coming home talking about Chimp challenges - they certainly all love one! Next week, our London tour bus completes its final tour and all passengers are asked to disembark as we make way for a fire station! Some of the children have already told us that they know something about a 'Great Fire of London' so hopefully everyone will be interested to learn more about this event. Our literacy learning will link to this theme as we talk and write about fire safety and complete fact cards. In Maths, we are looking at ordinal numbers -1st, 2nd, 3rd etc and continue to build confidence in understanding order and place value on the number line. We hope everyone is enjoying year one. It is our utmost priority that children are happy as happy children make the best learners. No doubt some tiredness will start kicking in as we enter week 5. Enjoy your weekend everyone ☺

Year 2 We have had another busy week in Year 2, consolidating our place value learning in Maths using tens and ones to add and find maths 'families'. We have also been writing captions and labels for London landmarks as part of our non-fiction writing unit and creating beautifully painted London street scenes in order to make our own moving vehicle to 'slide' along the roads. Next week, our topic will be moving into the historical event of 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will be learning how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and how London was then rebuilt differently as a result. In English, the children will spend next week researching and find out facts about three of their chosen London Landmarks to help them write their own guides the following week. In maths, the children will be comparing numbers and learning to count confidently in 2s, 5s and 10s. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the families that have contributed to Plymouth Foodbank this week, your donations have been gratefully received and we thank everyone for their generosity in these difficult times.



More year group news...

Year 3 This week we had a fantastic online talk from Coral, one of the Rangers from Wembury Marine Centre. We loved learning all about the different parts of the ocean and the creatures that live there. We also created and asked her our own questions. We were very impressed as she was able to answer nearly all of them! We found out loads of new facts. Next week we are continuing our exploration into the negative effects of fishing and will be looking at the effect the crown of thorn starfish is having on the coral reefs when their natural predators have been removed through overfishing. In our Maths lessons we will be bringing our place value learning to a close by thinking about ordering numbers, counting in 50s and placing numbers on a number line. We will be continuing to read 'The Snorgh and The Sailor' in our reading lessons and we are looking forward to finding out what happens when the Snorgh uses his bath as a boat. We will also be using our inference skills to think about how the characters are feeling at different points in the story. Thank you for your support with spellings we are really pleased with how everyone has been learning their spellings each week. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that children should be reading daily - they are told by their teacher to take their reading book home each day. This should then return with them each morning.

Year 4 In English, Year 4 will develop their skills involved in creating play scripts. They will use their understanding of 'overfishing' which is destroying delicate food webs and write an interesting 'live discussion'. Year 4 will continue to use their place value skills, this time to mentally calculate 10, 100 and 1000 more or less. The expectation will be that the children become more efficient and confident with their mental agility in this area of number. We will then move onto comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers. In topic work, our intrepid ocean explorers will consider how we as humans are causing environments to change and so threaten living things that exist there. They will also become very artistic by becoming inspired by their sketches and drawings of ocean creatures and creating their very own clay sea anemone! So much to do in only one week! Remember - keep up the hard work on your Accelerated Reader quizzes. Your teacher will be checking your word count very soon and will be looking to reward those book worms out there! Keep on reading...

Year 5 In English this week, we have been reading lots of newspapers because the children are going to become journalists and write articles about the death of Tutankhamun. They enjoyed having some time to read 'First News', a children's newspaper we have in the library, and have started to compile a list of the features which they will need to include in their own writing. We have started our second reading text this week 'The Scarab's Secret', which has provided the children with opportunities to develop their vocabulary and to retrieve facts from non-fiction about the scarab beetle. Our place value learning in Maths has progressed to negative numbers and roman numerals. Your child may well have been asking you for some tin foil and kitchen roll so that they can make their own mummy as this is an activity they have enjoyed linked to our Pharaohs topic. Please remember that if you are unable to find the weekly spellings on Teams, they can also be found on the Year 5 page of the website. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 The Year 6 children have been busy learning about the features of autobiographies. Thank you for supporting them in preparing notes for homework; these have enabled the children to make a great start in writing about their early childhoods. In Maths, we have worked on short and long multiplication as well as mental methods. In our ID topic, we have been thinking about what it means to be part of a group and we've created abstract portraits of ourselves. In IT, we have created our own Avatars. Please make sure you have completed the Bikeability consent form online by Monday 5th October. If we have not received consent, unfortunately your child will not be able to take part. Appointments for Doctor Bike are now closed. Next week, we will continue our autobiographical writing and focus on key arithmetic skills. Please look out for a letter from us next week requesting a piece of old fabric or clothing for our DT learning in a few weeks.



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 year. We have a [Worry Box](#) link if your child has 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](#).



Plymouth Dads Project

Sat 3rd Oct , 1-3.30pm, Apple Pressing
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 17th Oct, 2-3.30pm, Autumn Leaves
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 20th Oct 7pm, Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 14th Nov, 1-3.30pm, Campfire Cooking
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 21st Nov, 2-3.30pm, Build a Story
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 24th Nov 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 12th Dec, 1-3.30pm, Christmas at the Cabin
For over 5s and their dads @ The Cabin, Bame Barton, PL5 1 EJ

Tue 15th Dec 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 19th Dec, 2-3.30pm- Christmas Creating
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

FREE Events for Dads-Autumn Series 2020

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafes- a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through info@dangerousdads.org.uk or call/text 07934739098.

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential...

Military Kids Club - do you have a story or quote to share?



The Royal British Legion is looking to develop Military Kids Club and are meeting with an Engagement and Development Officer next week. They will be looking at the work being done and what potentially could be done for service and veterans families. The past year has been a challenge for many people, particularly children of serving personnel and they are interested in getting stories or quotes from anyone who would like to share those experiences. They would like to know about how life has been during the break from school and MKC clubs, also how they have felt about parents being involved in Covid related activities and generally how the last 6 months have been for them. If you would like to share your experiences or stories or thoughts on how better MKC could support them please get in touch, they would be delighted to hear more. You can share your experience by contacting Jo Penk on jopenkpsa@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk.



Headteacher: James Gentile

This week's highlights & reminders:

School Crossing Patrol

Many apologies for the error in last week's newsletter, the School Crossing Patrol will now operate between 3.05pm and 3.35pm daily, and our **Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)** children will now finish at 3.25pm to allow for safe journeys home across Furzehatt Road.

Read Write Inc



The children are all working incredibly hard in their Read write Inc. groups. Thank you for helping them to remember their reading pack on the correct day. It is **crucial** that they do this so that they bring the correct books home to share with you and get them changed regularly too.



Oxford Owl is a fantastic website and has lots of useful information. It is worth having a look and clicking onto the reading tab when you get five minutes. Here you will find help with supporting your child with sound pronunciation, e-books that your child can read to you (always go for the RWI colour group that they are in) and general helpful hints about all things reading and phonics.


Thank you for all of your support.
Mrs K Hilton

Guidance on coughs



A reminder that since the middle of September the guidance on what constitutes a cough changed:

As a continuous cough (as set out in the image) is a symptom of Covid-19 it is vital that any household member who displays these symptoms self isolates and books a test.

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH MEANS:

- you are coughing a lot for more than 1 hour 

OR

- you have been coughing a lot 3 or more times in 24 hours 
- if you normally have a cough, it may be worse than usual. 



This week's highlights & reminders:

Prospective Reception 2021/22 School Visits

Is your pre-school child due to start school in September 2021? Would you like to find out more about our fantastic school community? Prospective families are invited to take a tour of the school with James Gentile, our Headteacher or our Senior Leadership Team. We will be holding small group tours (maximum 6) of the school each Friday at 4.00pm, and ask that only one parent/carer attends from each household. Please contact the school office on 482960 or email admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk to register your interest and book a place.

Devon Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21 - IMPORTANT

Your Reception to Year 6 child, they are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time. Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA): Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

School Age Immunisations Team

Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone: 0300 247 0082

Reminders

- ◆ Please ensure that ALL uniform and belongings are named - it is impossible to reunite items without them being named, and we are currently unable to facilitate parents/carers attending onsite to search for lost items. Lost items will be kept within the Key Stage bubbles.
- ◆ Please could your child wear their Games kit to school on the following days:
 - ⇒ Year 1 — MONDAY
 - ⇒ Year 2 — THURSDAY
 - ⇒ Year 3 — TUESDAY
 - ⇒ Year 4 — WEDNESDAY
 - ⇒ Year 5 — FRIDAY
 - ⇒ Year 6 — WEDNESDAY
- ◆ At this present time of being Covid 19 aware and to avoid cross contamination, we kindly remind you to avoid letting your children use the climbing frames and trim trails at the start and end of the school day.

Next week's virtue is:

Respect...an act of giving particular attention.



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Well done to...

Ellen (2K) who has been litter picking in her local area, after being disappointed by the amount of rubbish she sees on the way to school each day. Well done for being a great eco-warrior Ellen.



Well done too to Gracie (2K) for making fantastic progress with her swimming and gymnastics.

Your PTA needs you! Could you be the next Chair or Vice Chair?

WHY JOIN FRIENDS OF GOOSEWELL SCHOOL (FROGS)?

FROGS Needs → YOU

Who are FROGS?

We are a group of parents and teaching staff who enjoy being actively involved with fund-raising activities. You are welcome to become a part of this in whatever way you can. You don't have to be "voted in" or formally join to be a part of what we do.

What do we do?

Meet regularly, exchange views, brain storm, raise valuable money for the school, provide refreshments at school events. Organise events, such as the school disco, Summer fair, Christmas Fair, Gaming events, etc.

What are the benefits?

Building positive school relations, enriching our childrens school life, make life long friends and a great addition to your CV.

Do I need any special skills?

Nope not at all. You can share events on social media, share your ideas at meetings, help put event posters up, sell raffle tickets, design posters, make teas and coffees, help at events, the list is exhaustive.

"I Don't Have Time!"

We understand life is busy, work, kids, homework, chauffeuring to clubs, the list is endless...

The PTA appreciates any time; an hour a term, an hour a week, the choice is yours!

VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies that are required to move FROGS forward. If you think you have what it takes to be part of our team, please get in touch ASAP!

Chair person -
Vice Chairperson-

Get involved!

Many hands make light work! Come along to a meeting or email us...

frogs@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

