

This week's year group news...

Reception It has been a super first week back and the children have returned happy, settled and raring to go. We have been pleased to see that skills and learning acquired last term have really been embedded and the children are applying themselves admirably in all learning opportunities. This week your children have been working in their Read Write Inc groups and so they will now be bringing home their various reading materials according to which group they are in as well as their book corner choice. Please try to let them be as independent as they can with these reading materials as they will have explored them fully in their groups. We are hoping that you will be very impressed. Our focus text for next week will be the story of 'Here comes Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kahara. The story is about a little boy whose animal friends are all hibernating and who meets and makes friends with Jack Frost and learns how beautiful and enchanting Winter can be. The children will be generating a list of words to describe Winter and then using these to build simple similes such as, 'as dark as night' or 'as cosy as my slippers'. They will create snowflakes in a range of ways using cutting skills and exploring shape and symmetry. They will learn how to make a 'slot joint' in junk modelling and then use these to print on a wintery collage. In Maths, children will build on consolidating their understanding of numbers to 5, subitising and creating simple arrays to make different totals. Please keep checking TAPESTRY to get a sense of how your little ones learn and what their experiences are and for advice and tips on how you can support their learning at home. We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1 We have all enjoyed a fabulous start to our new topic 'Memory Box'. In particular, the children have loved looking at their baby photos, seeing if they can spot who it is and noticing differences and similarities. We too, have loved looking at the gorgeous baby photos as well! We would, if it is ok, like to keep the photos for a short while for a display, before returning back to you. Next week, we will continue to develop our writing through activities linked to the story The Three Little Pigs. Using a very familiar text really builds confidence and enables each child to be successful in their writing. In maths, we will be on our final week of the block on addition and subtraction. The week focuses on subtraction and how this links to addition E.g $13 + 7 = 20$, so $20 - 7 = 13$ and so on. We will also be using the comparison signs $<$, $>$ and $=$ in our learning too. For topic work, the children will be drawing their self portraits and thinking carefully about what babies, toddlers and adults can do. Thank you for all your support at home, remembering to send the reading packs in on the correct day and hearing your children read daily. This really does make a big difference. Look out for homework on Teams and maths set on My Maths and, most importantly, find time to rest and have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 It was lovely to welcome back the children after the half term break this week. They have been bouncing into class each morning with smiles on their faces. Thank you for the great response to our request for baby photos, this made sure that our new topic, Memory Box, got off to a flying start. We had great fun trying to guess the baby, some quite easy and some very tricky to do! For next week's learning, we will continue with our writing unit on Traditional tales. We will be imitating the story of the Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig, describing the characters, hot seating to ask questions and thinking how we could change the materials the houses were made out of. In Maths, we will be teaching the children to subtract with crossing tens, using ten frames and numberlines to support this. In topic, we will be discussing change and how we change and grow from babies, to toddlers to children. This will help with the topic homework to be set this week on creating your own timeline from birth to today.



More year group news...

Year 3 We hope that you all had a lovely half term week despite the wet weather. We have jumped straight into our exciting new topic 'Playlist' which will develop our knowledge and understanding in Science and Music along with other curriculum areas. In science, the children will be observing the physical characteristics of sound by watching rice on a drum, tissue paper over a speaker and the effect of putting a tuning fork into water. We are continuing this theme within our English learning, with the fable The Town Musicians of Bremen which we have learnt off by heart this week. We will be moving on to look at the features of fables and begin to plan our own version of the story next week. We will also be developing our use of fronted adverbials and inverted commas to punctuate speech. In our Maths lessons, we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction we will be developing our use of the standard written methods to help us solve problems with three-digit numbers.

Year 4 It was lovely to welcome your children back after a very wet half term week! This term, we have moved to an exciting new topic 'Playlist' which is driven by music and science. To match this, we are studying The Town Musicians of Bremen and your children should now know the text off by heart! Next week we will be looking at the features of fables and planning our own versions to include fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and correctly punctuated speech. In maths, we will continue to look at subtracting, using practical equipment to explain the written method (especially exchanging) and by the end of the week will be exploring more efficient ways of calculating. In science, the children will be observing the physical characteristics of sound by watching rice on a drum, tissue paper over a speaker and the effect of putting a tuning fork into water. They will also be honing their listening skills by distinguishing instruments in an orchestra and will finish with observational drawing.

Year 5 Term 2 has got off to an exciting start in Year 5 as we 'launched' into our new topic for this term – Stargazers. In our first topic session, we created mnemonics to help us remember the order of the planets. Can your child tell you theirs? In English, we have been reading an abridged version of our model text 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and we will be writing our own science fiction stories throughout the next three weeks. In our Reading sessions, we have been writing book reviews about our current text 'The Way Back Home'. You will be able to enjoy some of our outcomes, which we have recorded in the style of a podcast, on the Year 5 page of our website. We are very proud to announce that the first member of the Millionaire Club for this year is a Year 5 child. Congratulations and a huge well done to Zayne in 5C! We wonder who will be the second member of this elite club? In Maths, we have been interpreting data represented as bar charts, tables and pictograms. We were proud to see many Year 5 children participating in our whole school Parliament elections this week. Regardless of the results, every child who bravely put themselves forward for this unique opportunity should feel proud of themselves.

Year 6 Year 6 enjoyed learning about multiples and prime numbers and have now begun a block on fractions. Remember that children can consolidate their skills using the 'Practice' section of My Maths where they can watch lessons and complete tasks. The children have explored the features of non-fiction writing and picked out the grammatical and organisation features of a non-chronological report about polar bears; next week, the children will choose an animal found in either the Arctic or Antarctica and conduct research to enable them to write their own NCRs. If they want to begin their research at home, they would be ahead of the game next week! We introduced our Frozen Kingdom topic with Episode 1 of David Attenborough's Frozen Planet – the children were amazed by the breath-taking scenery of the poles. We have also located the poles on a world map and discussed the terms longitude and latitude. 6WT have enjoyed their foot-golf session; 6S and 6R will do this over the coming weeks. As part of UK Parliament Week, the children have voted for Goosewell Academy's Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister as well as electing House Captains. We enjoyed talking to you all over the phone this week and would like to thank you all for the support you show your children and the school.



Headteacher: James Gentile

This week's highlights & reminders:

A hello from Goosewell's Head Boy & Head Girl

Hello, I am Sam and I am very grateful to be chosen as Head Boy. I would like to tell you a bit about myself. First of all, the hobbies I enjoy are sports and everything outdoors - especially football and I also read a lot. I live at home with my Mum, Dad, brother and dog. I am looking forward to being the best Head Boy I can be, and I will collaborate with Ruby to be great role models.



Hello everyone! I am really pleased to have been chosen as the new Head Girl. Here is a little bit about me...

I love reading, writing, cycling and nature and would love to be a vet or an author when I am older. At school, I am currently an Active Leader, a Library Monitor and a Lunch Monitor. Within my new role, I really hope to play a part in helping to make everyone's time at Goosewell a positive, enjoyable experience by being focused, approachable and by being a good role model. I am very much looking forward to representing the school and carrying out my duties.



We will bring you a hello from Goosewell's Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl in next week's edition.

Goosewell's Scooter Park

The Key Stage 1 scooter track was launched this week and our first scooter enthusiasts have had great fun whizzing around.!

If your child is keen to improve their scooter skills, they must bring a helmet to wear along with their scooter from home. Scooters will be stored by the track and will only be used during break and lunchtimes under adult supervision.

As numbers are limited, children can access the track on a rota system on the following days:

Monday - 2K

Tuesday - 2NB

Thursday - 1T

Friday - 1WH

Super swimmers

Well done to the following children for all achieving a swimming stage during the half term break. Cody 3N, Lilli-Mai and Harry 3/4Y all swam their first 10m and Brooklyn 6S swam a fantastic 100m. What super swimming!



This week's highlights & reminders:

CaterEd Term 2 Lunch Menus

In the previous edition of the Newsletter, there was an error with the CaterEd menu published. CaterEd will be offering the hot 'takeaway' menu listed below with water or milk available with every meal. Next week we will be using the Week 2 menu.

HOT PACKED LUNCH MENU AUTUMN 2020	
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These meals will be served in compostable clam shell containers with the drink, dessert and cutlery in packed lunch carrier bags

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	All American burger with seasoned wedges (H) or veggie burger in a bun	Homemade pizza choices with diced potatoes (H)	Bolognese pasta bake & garlic bread (H) or quorn nuggets, wedges and garlic bread	Roast chicken cooked in gravy, roast potatoes, and stuffing (H) or vegetable plait roast potatoes etc	Breaded pollock with chips or pasta or courgettes sausages chips etc
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	Cucumber and carrot sticks	Small side salad	Cucumber & carrot sticks	Cooked carrot rounds	Small side salad
Dessert	Iced yoghurt (individual pots)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Savoury cornbread muffin (H)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (H)
WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	Southern style crispy chicken with wedges (H) or a crispy coated quorn fillet with wedges	Macaroni cheese & garlic bread (H)	All Day Breakfast (H) or a veggie breakfast	Roast beef cooked in gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes(H) or Moroccan balls cooked in tomato sauce with roast potatoes etc.	Fish fingers with chips or pasta or homemade veggie sausage rolls with chips or pasta
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	Cucumber and carrot sticks	Small side salad	Cucumber and carrot sticks	Cooked carrot rounds	Cucumber/carrot sticks
Dessert	Iced yoghurt (individual pots)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Sliced cheese & savoury biscuits (H)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Victoria sponge (H)
WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	Hotdog (chicken sausage can be used) with diced potatoes (H) or quorn sausage in a roll	Cheese wheels with wedges (H)	BBQ chicken french bread pizza with jacket wedges(H) Or BBQ vegetable pizza	Roast gammon (chicken can be used) cooked in gravy served with roast potatoes (H) or quorn fillet with roast potatoes etc.	Breaded fish fillet and chips or pasta or cheese ad tomato quiche with chips etc.
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	Cucumber and carrot sticks	Small side salad	Cucumber and carrot sticks	Cooked carrot rounds	Cucumber/carrot sticks
Dessert	Iced yoghurt(individual pots)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Orange sponge(H)	Piece of fruit & yoghurt	Oaty orange & sultana cookie(H)

H – Home-made / V – Vegetarian / Ve – Vegan / Selection of jacket potatoes with meat or vegetarian choices
 Please note that baked beans can be offered as a substitute to the salad being served as veg if required

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.



Headteacher: James Gentile

This week's highlights & reminders:

MS Teams

As you will be aware, we are continuing to set home learning tasks this year and have moved away from providing a Homework Book as we develop our use of online platforms. We have seen the positive impact of using online forums for our learning during our school closure and we are continuing to build on this by using Microsoft Teams to set our weekly homework tasks. If you need a reminder how to access MS Teams, Miss Merriman has produced a great 'How to' video on our YouTube channel. You can access it here:

[How to use MS Teams - Miss Merriman's How to guide](#)



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](#).

LIVE WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, & Q&As

Register

Royal Navy
Army
RAF
Families
Reserve Forces
Veterans

2020 LAST EVENT

NATIONAL VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

09:00hrs 24th November 2020
23:59hrs 26th November 2020
LOG IN <https://CatterickNovember2020.omnivil.com>

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Children Heard and Seen
Localised + Online Support.

What We Do.

Children Heard and Seen support children, young people and their families who are impacted by parental imprisonment. We strive to support their needs, listen to their concerns and ensure that their voices are heard.

We are currently able to take new referrals across England and Wales and offer online support for children and families with a parent in prison.

Our Support Offer.

- A online group specifically for children in your area impacted by parental imprisonment to explore feelings and meet other children with a parent in prison.
- Online IT support for children worried about their parent in prison.
- Online support groups for parents worried about their partner in prison.

If you know a family that would like support, please email us at info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk call us on 07557339258 or send us a direct message to our Facebook page.



Headteacher: James Gentile

This week's highlights & reminders:

Children In Need Day - Friday 13th November

The children in Reception and KS1 are to decorate a Pudsey biscuit, to help raise money for children's charities as part of Children In Need. The ingredients, decorating icing and bags have been kindly donated by CATEREd.

Please can each child bring in a donation of 20p for their biscuit which they will bring home to eat.



Year 6 House Captains

We are delighted to introduce this year's Year 6 House Captains who were elected today by their peers. Well done to all the children who put themselves forwards for these positions.

Puffin - Lauren & Lewis

Shearwater - Emily & Finley

Pelican - Tyler & Catherine

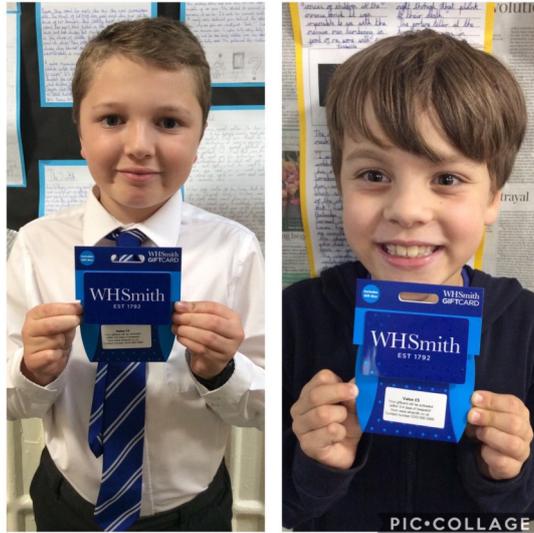
Kingfisher - Ollie & Charlotte



This week's highlights & reminders:

Reading Draw Year 5/6

These lucky winners went home with a £5 book taken to spend during half term as a result of winning the termly Reading prize draw for Year 5 and 6. Who will win this term?



Year 5 Pharaoh Learning

Year 5 are very proud of their corridor displays celebrating their Pharaohs learning.





Rise To Greatness

Next week's virtue is:

Honor...respect that is given to someone with particular focus on Remembrance Day.

