



## Year Group News

**Reception** Despite the nasty weather, it really has been a super week in Reception. We have planted our own beans and know how to look after them. We have explored the shape, colour and size of various seeds in creative activities and have used them to make lovely collages. Next week will be the grand opening of our Garden Centre as we have spent lots of time making beautiful plants and seed packets to sell. Keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine! Alongside this, we will be completing our fantastic books with a retelling of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' with our names taking the place of Jasper. They even have a pull out page showing the stages of the plant growing!

**Year 1** Next week in Year 1, in our English lessons, we will be reading and writing instructions about how to make a paper plate crab with moving pincers. We will look at sets of instructions and get to grips with what makes a good set of instructions and then we will have a go at writing our own. In Maths, we will be counting in 2s and 5s, forwards and backwards within 50. We will be looking for and noticing patterns that help us find answers. We will also be following instructions to make our very own (well behaved!) seagull for display and having a go at some floating and sinking experiments. As always, please keep going with the reading and spelling practise and remember those RWI phonic packs on the right days. It would be most appreciated if your child's reading diary could be with them every day. Many thanks for all of your support.

**Year 2** We will be having a science investigation next week in Year 2. We will be making predictions then testing to see which materials float or sink in salt water. We will also be identifying and sorting materials, deciding which are natural or man-made. In English, we will be starting our next writing block and using Julia Donaldson's book 'The Snail and the Whale' for our stimulus. In Maths, we will be continuing our learning of 2D and 3D shape and finding lines of symmetry. Our PSHE lesson will be focusing on plastic pollution and biodegradable materials, linking well with our Beachcombers topic and science learning too.

**Year 3** Year 3 have had a fantastic week baking bread which we hope you enjoyed having a taste of. Next week we will continue our exploration into different foods by making our own sweet design out of clay. We will also continue our Statistics Maths unit where we are constructing and interpreting bar graphs. We have enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and next week will continue to write our adapted versions of part of the story. Our reading text links to friendship and being kind to others. As part of this we are going to have a "mix it up" lunch time where we will encourage children to sit next to a new friend to eat and to play games with them.

**Year 4** In Year 4 next week, we are going to start writing our fantasy stories. We hope to write exciting tales which take our readers on a journey through enchanted lands. In Maths, we are beginning to look at decimals and how they relate to fractions. In our topic lessons, we are going to learn more about different mountains around the world. We are going to look at contour lines to create mountains and have a go at our own version of geo-caching! We hope the projects are going well and we look forward to seeing them in a few weeks time.

**Year 5** This week, the children have been expanding their writer's toolkit by developing their knowledge of techniques, which can be used when describing a setting. These techniques have been applied when writing a story using the generic text structure of our model text 'The Secret Garden'. In Maths, we have continued with our fraction learning, within which we have been adding and subtracting fractions less than and greater than one. As part of our Allotment learning, we have been finding out which items can be put in a compost bin and the finer details about what compost is made of. It was great to see the children dressed up to celebrate World Book Day and we enjoyed identifying who we were all dressed up as. Year 5 also helped Jack & Jills with their World Book Day celebrations as two children have visited them every morning to read their younger children a story.

**Year 6** Next week, Year 6 will continue their learning linked to converting measurements in Maths. They will also learn about how to find the area and perimeter of shapes. In English, the children will start a new unit of work learning all about balanced arguments. This unit will be closely linked to the work we have been doing so far with 'Pig Heart Boy'. We will study the lungs and how they work in our topic lessons. 6R look forward to welcoming you to their Family Assembly on Thursday.

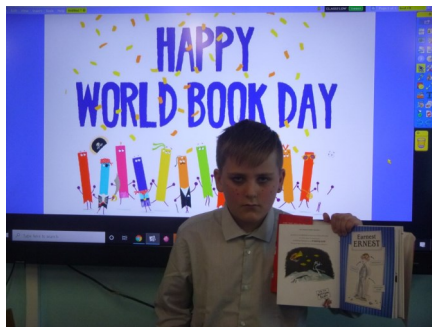
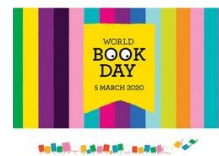
Next week's virtue is.....

**Beauty**

The qualities in a person or a thing that give pleasure to the senses or the mind.

## World Book Day at Goosewell

We had a wonderful day yesterday, sharing our favourite characters from our favourite books. Well done to all the children (and staff!) for sharing their love of reading and participating in World Book Day 2020.



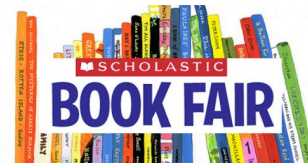
## Accelerated Reader Millionaire

Well done to Annabel 6S and Timo 5C who are our second and third Accelerated Reader millionaires of the year, reading an amazing **1 million words each** so far! Will you be next?



## Scholastic Book Fair - Friday 6th - Wednesday 11th March 2020

Don't forget to visit the Scholastic Book Fair which is being held in the Drama Hall each day from 3.25pm - 3.45pm today until Wednesday 11th March 2020. On World Book Day, your child should have received a book voucher to spend at the Book Fair, and each class will have an allocated time during the week to look at the books on sale.





## British Council International School Award

On Wednesday, Miss Naismith and Mrs Honywill were delighted to accompany Isabel and Sammy to Nancy Astor House on Plymouth Hoe to receive the International Schools Award on behalf of Goosewell Primary Academy. Well done to Isabel and Sammy for giving a presentation on our connections with a partner school in Nepal and for being great ambassadors for Goosewell. They particularly enjoyed meeting the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Plymouth, and also having a tour of the impressive Nancy Astor House. The International Schools Award plaque will now take pride of place in the main entrance of the school.



## A thank you from Mr Daniels

Mr Daniels would like to thank all parents and carers for their safe and considerate parking during the recent adverse weather conditions over the past few weeks. Your consideration has helped to keep all of our children and families safe on their journeys to and from school.

“Thank you”



## School Uniform Update 2

Thank you for taking the time to complete the online survey regarding school uniform. This week, I would like to share with you visual templates from Mapac of PE T-shirts.







Feedback can be shared via email: [uniform@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) by phone 01752 482960 or in person.





**Devonport Royal Primary Schools Swimming Gala**



On Monday two teams of amazing Goosewell swimmers participated in the Devonport Royal Primary Schools Swimming Gala at Plymouth Life Centre, racing against a whole host of Plymouth primary schools. Both teams represented Goosewell fantastically well, with the girls' team winning 6th place out of all the schools in Plymouth. Thank you to all the children who put themselves forward at the trials just before the half term break, and well done to each and every one of the team members for being such great ambassadors for their school. Well done to: Finley, Fraser, Jackson, Lyle, Isabel, Annabel, Poppy and Ruby.





**Plymstock Area Cross Country Series Updates**

Over the past few weeks, our Goosewell runners have been taking part in the Plymstock Area Cross Country Series of races at Plymstock primary schools. A big well done to every single runner for their spirit and determination during their races. Well done to Rory and Finley for coming first in each of their races so far and a good luck to everyone for this afternoon's race at Wembury Primary School and the final race next week, here at Goosewell. Keep it up Team Goosewell!





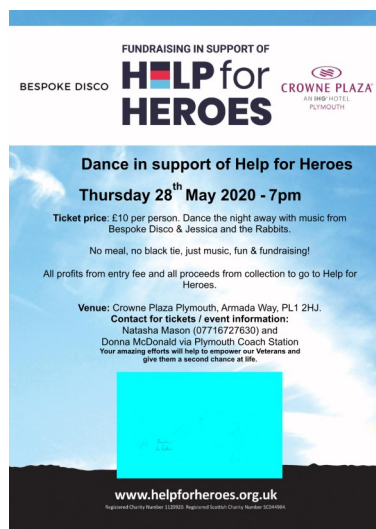
Rise to Greatness

## 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](#)

Here's the latest news for activities and events for children at [Plymouth Libraries](#).

If you are planning to travel with National Express, did you know that discount is available for service personnel? Details here [National Express discount](#).



## Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the [school website calendar](#)

### MARCH

#### Friday 6th

4L Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm  
Plymstock Area Cross Country Series Race 4 at Wembury Primary School 4.00-5.15pm  
Scholastic Book Fair at 3.25-3.45pm in the Drama Hall

#### Monday 9th

Scholastic Book Fair at 3.25-3.45pm in the Drama Hall

#### Tuesday 10th

Scholastic Book Fair at 3.25-3.45pm in the Drama Hall

#### Wednesday 11th

Last day for Scholastic Book Fair at 3.25-4.25pm in the Drama Hall

#### Thursday 12th

6R Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm

#### Friday 13th

2N Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm  
Annual Pupil Progress Reports sent home today

### Future dates:

**Friday 27th March**

**Tuesday 14th April**

**Friday 8th May**

**Friday 22nd May**

**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May**

**Monday 1st June**

**Friday 3rd July**

Last day of Term 4  
First day of Term 5  
May Day Bank Holiday  
Last day of Term 5  
Term break  
First Day of Term 6  
Non-Pupil Day