



## Year Group News

### Foundation Stage

Over the next couple of weeks we will be reading and focusing on activities linked with the book Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. This involves thinking about and writing rhyming words, learning about the moon and space and making star shapes using triangles. This is just a quick preview of the fun activities we have planned! In phonics we will be learning the sounds 'oo' (book and look) 'oo' (moon and room) 'oa' (goat and boat) and 'or' (born and fork). Maths sessions will continue to focus on ordering and writing numbers to 20 and in particular working out 1 more or less of a given number. Keep looking at Tapestry for up to date information and pictures of what the children have been learning.

### Year 1

In Year 1, next week the children will be showing off their skills by completing assessments in phonics, reading and maths. In class they will be subtracting numbers from 20 and continuing their learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be starting to make our 3D Tudor houses and would be grateful if your child could bring in their cereal box, if they haven't done so already.

### Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are interpreting and drawing graphs, pictograms and tally charts in our maths sessions. Our Literacy learning is based around poetry and we will be producing poems based on fire and flames. In our science sessions we will be comparing houses today with houses in 1666.

### Year 3

Next week Year 3 are looking forward to reading and then writing our own Viking saga. We will be learning about and then taking part in a 'Puja Ceremony' as we compare Hinduism with Christianity. We are also excited for our Maths learning as we collect data and present it on pictograms and bar charts. Year 3 teachers and children would like to thank parents and carers for making or purchasing costumes for our exciting Viking day. The children took part in several activities involving Science, Art, DT and Writing.

### Year 4

We are all getting very excited about rainforest day next Thursday (7th February) where the children will take part in a range of STEM activities and weather permitting, have fun den building on the school field. If possible, we would like all children to come to school in rainforest themed fancy dress this could be an animal, an explorer or scientist. As well as this in Maths we will be beginning our fractions learning thinking about equivalent fractions of shapes and quantities. Our Ukulele lessons will continue next week and we will be using the chords we have learnt so far to play short songs- hopefully we will get to play them for you soon!

### Year 5

After excavating Tutankhamun's tomb this week, we will now be looking into how the Boy King may have died. In addition to dramatising their findings, the children will be writing up their own theories about how the king met his fate. We will also be looking at the gory process of mummification! In maths, we will continue our work on fractions focusing on number sequences and comparing and ordering.

### Year 6

Well done to our rowing team who were a credit to Goosewell and rose to the challenge at the Plymstock championships this week. Next week in Maths, we are focusing on calculating the area of rectilinear shapes, triangles and parallelograms. We will also be identifying the parts of a circle and calculating volume. In Literacy, we will be writing our own life stories through our autobiography unit. In addition, we will be exploring the structure of volcanoes and considering their impact on people and the environment.

Next week's virtue is.....

**Respect**

An act of giving particular attention.

## Tell us your views

As Mr Gentile is new to Goosewell Academy, he is very keen to hear your views about the school and would appreciate hearing about your experiences via Ofsted's Parent View facility. This quick, simple online questionnaire can be completed at any time; it is not necessary to wait until the school is being inspected.

The survey can be accessed via this link [Parent View](#), or via the 'About Us' section of the Goosewell Academy website under Ofsted Reports and Parent View.

Your thoughts and views count. Please visit the survey. Thank you.



## Golden Book for week ending Friday 25th January 2019

**FHB Shaya-Louise** for excellent effort and improved phonics.

**FWH Harper** for excellent work using numicon to find number stories to 10.

**1B George S** for writing some 'super sentences'

**1NH Pixie** for excellent effort in maths and for getting all her learning done in time.

**1/2K Oliver** for writing excellent instructions to make his Tudor house.

**2BH Emily** for fantastic effort in her maths work and for using all of her skills to answer very tricky problems.

**2KW Henry C** for super division work in maths and a great attitude to learning.

### Politeness Award

**1B Emily** for always being helpful and polite to everyone she sees in school.

## 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](#)

## Message from Mrs Morton, School Cook

Next Tuesday 5th February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special menu of:

Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Vegetable Stir Fry  
With Veg Spring Rolls and Egg Fried Rice

CaterEd will also be trialling a new menu during week commencing 11/2/19, for one week only. Choices will be available to the children during that particular week

## Eyes down for our PTA Family Bingo Night...

**TONIGHT - 1st February**

**Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start**

£2 for adults on the door  
Children FREE!

Refreshments available

All welcome....get those bingo dabbers ready!

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## Writing in the Community

At Goosewell, our children are fantastic authors, who are producing great outcomes in writing. We would love the opportunity to display some of these outcomes within the local community. Do you work in a doctors surgery, library, gym, office etc? Would your work place be happy to display some of our children's writing?

If so, please could you email [admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) with your contact details and where you work so that a member of staff can get in touch to make further arrangements.

## Meeting with MPs at Plymouth's Council Chambers

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January Daisy, Alfie and myself went to the Council Chambers to question the local MPs. Daisy and I went because we are both Prime Ministers of our school parliament. Alfie went because his dad is serving in the armed forces and Alfie represents the service children in our school parliament.

We sat in special seats with microphones to ask our questions, I thought it was really cool. The day before, we prepared our questions with Mrs Penk and we were allowed to ask one of them. My question was about improving housing for service families and I was happy with the answer Jonny Mercer gave us.

The question time lasted for an hour which allowed all the schools to ask one question. We were able to leave all of our questions behind for the MPs to answer in their own time. I was proud to be chosen to go to this very special event and felt confident all afternoon. I hope that the MPs make changes for service families in the future.

By Owen G 5L

## Our Meeting with the MPs

On Friday 11th January three school representatives from Goosewell's School Parliament attended a meeting with three local MPs. This took place in The Council Chambers and was part of the Military Kids Club group. We along with lots of other local primary and secondary school had the opportunity to ask questions about support for service families as well as the environment and other current concerns for young people. We were able to leave any unanswered questions with the MPs who will be sending us the answers to when they have looked at them. Everyone felt it had gone very well and was successful in getting the voices of young people heard.

By Daisy S 6R and Alfie S 5DH



### **Parking around the school**

Again, we ask that you are considerate when driving to school to drop off and collect your children, and do not compromise the safety of any of our children by stopping on the zig zag lines, across our neighbours driveways or by mounting the pavements. The safety of all of our children is paramount and we would urge you to be mindful of children and families making their way to school on foot. Incidents of bad parking may be reported to the local authority and police by any member of the public and we would urge you to park and drive safely around the school perimeter. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping our children safe.



### **Dates for your diaries**

#### **FEBRUARY**

##### **Monday 4th**

Year 6 Assessment Week

##### **Tuesday 5th**

Safer Internet Day

##### **Thursday 7th**

Year 4 Rainforest Day

##### **Friday 8th**

Non Pupil Day

##### **Wednesday 13th**

Y3/4 Indoor Athletics Competition at the Life Centre

##### **Friday 15th**

1NH Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PAAC Cross Country Race 3 at Dunstone School 4.00pm-5.15pm

PTA Disco: Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 4.30pm-5.30pm

Key Stage 2 5.45pm-7.00pm

Please note: Key Stage 1's  
Peep into Pepys Day on  
Wednesday 6th February  
has been cancelled.

### **Future dates:**

#### **Friday 8th February**

#### **Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February**

#### **Friday 22nd March**

#### **Tuesday 26th March**

#### **Wednesday 27th March and**

#### **Monday-Wednesday 1st-3rd April**

#### **Friday 5th April**

#### **Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April**

#### **Tuesday 23rd April**

#### **Wednesday 24th April**

Non Pupil Day

February Term Break

Annual Pupil Progress Reports

National Child Measurement

Programme for Foundation Stage and Year 6

Parent and Child Consultations

Last day of term, normal finish time

Easter break

Non Pupil Day

First day of Term 5 for children

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