



Issue No 12 - 15th December 2021

This week's year group news...

Reception The last week of term in Reception will find us feeling festive and full of fun. We will complete our Christmas cards for our families, showing off our best handwriting as well as adding one more to a printing pattern each time in order to create Christmas trees. We will explore using a flange to create an angel in junk modelling as well as selecting resources to design and decorate Christmas baubles and jumpers. There will be opportunities to consolidate our understanding of numbers to 5 as we create a festive themed number story book and we will continue to explore applying our phonics in writing letters and messages to Santa, his elves and the characters from 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. May we take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your support and involvement in your child's learning journey so far. Fingers crossed that 2022 will bring us joy and positivity.

[Find your Reception Year Group Page Here](#)

Year 1 I hope you are all excited for the Christmas show of the year! All of the year 1 and 2 children have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks and although we would have loved to put on a live show for you, we are very excited for you to see our video. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the church, and spent the afternoon, learning about the nativity story. This show has also taught us the story and meaning of the Christingle, and we really enjoyed making our own. With our D&T project day also, we have had a very creative week! On top of this we have also squeezed in some maths work on ordering numbers and fact families, and continued to work towards our Mary Anning report writing. It is indeed time for a well-earned restful weekend!

Next week will see some changes to our phonics groups. As always, please do not be concerned if your child does not change group. We need the children to be confident and fluent before moving on too quickly. This does become more difficult as the groups move on. Please be patient with us whilst we sort new books, all children will have new books for the holiday break. Please have a look at home for any books which have not been returned to school. In the new term, as well as the reading homework expectation, children will be encouraged to practice some spelling work at home. This will be set via the assignment function on Microsoft Teams. If you have still not been able to log in, please see your class teacher. Have a lovely weekend

[Find your Year 1 Group Page Here](#)

Year 2 What a wonderful busy term it's been in Year 2. We are now experts on castles, knights and Monarchs. Thank you for your support from home with homework, reading, spelling and maths. It is great to see how well the children are doing. Next term, we are embarking on the brand new topic of 'Movers and Shakers', not Strictly Come Dancing as we initially thought but learning about significant people and the impact that they have had or are having on society and the world. It will be super exciting!

Remember to watch our Christmas performance on the Goosewell School You Tube channel and the school daily Advent calendar is fun to watch too.

May we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Year 2 Team.

[Find your Year 2 Group Page Here](#)



More year group news...

Year 3 We have had another busy week writing 'winter' themed poems and have continued to work hard learning our times tables. We also recorded the 'Knock, knock' song from our Christmas Tree lighting event and it is now on our school website as part of the Advent Calendar – please take a peek. Next week we are looking forward to reading a selection of Christmas stories, making something chocolatey as part of our topic learning and in Maths we will continue to multiply and divide by 4 and 8.

[Find your Year 3 Group Page Here](#)

Year 4 Hold on to your (Christmas) hats Year 4, we are heading into the final week of term where we will aim to finish our learning and combine these sessions with some Christmas themed fun! In maths, we will start to look at multiplication where the children will aim to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 and relate that to their place value skills from the beginning of the year. The consolidation of this crucial skill will enhance their maths skills and boost their confidence at 'playing with number'. We will also continue our focus on times tables using our new booklets in school that we hope your child has told you all about! In English, we have planned some special Christmas themed tasks that we are sure the children will enjoy – but we cannot tell you anymore, it's a secret! The children will find out all about this on Monday! And we will end our topic work with some science investigations on magnets and soils.

All that's left to say is that we hope you all have a well-earned rest over the holidays and enjoy a fantastic Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

[Find your Year 4 Group Page Here](#)

Year 5 Year 5 have been incredibly busy again as the end of term approaches! In Maths, the children have been learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of shapes and towards the end of last week, we started a multiplication and division block. In English, the children have been writing a non-chronological report about an imaginary planet. They have used a range of sentence openers and ambitious vocabulary to write detailed paragraphs about their planet. Perhaps you could ask them to tell you all about it. In Reading, we have completed our final text of the term 'The Darkest Dark'. The children are so engaged in these sessions and participate willingly in discussions about what they have read. Our Stargazers topic drew to a close this week with the children being set their final mission to make their own spaceship, which were launched into the air! Please remember to upload your Term 2 topic homework to your assignment on Teams, collect a range of natural materials as explained in a separate email and we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

[Find your Year 5 Group Page Here](#)

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have brought their fractions learning to a close, finishing up by applying their fraction knowledge to find fractions of a whole and fractions of amounts. In writing sessions, the children have applied all of their learning over the past few weeks to write their White Fang stories. Year 6 teachers have loved reading the children's gripping versions of this 'rags to riches' story and they should feel extremely proud of themselves. In reading, Year 6 have been going through the recent practice SAT paper, revisiting how to answer particular comprehension questions. Geography has seen the children exploring the indigenous people of the Arctic: researching in pairs to then create a detailed fact file. Year 6 are continuing to rehearse their Christmas Carol Concert for friends and families and are very excited to perform this next Wednesday! On Friday, the wearing of festive jumpers started off the Christmas celebrations. The children are looking forward to their Christmas dinner and Year 6 Christmas party on Thursday 16th December – Year 6 teachers are looking forward to seeing their festive mufti that day!

[Find your Year 6 Group Page Here](#)



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

Christmas at Goosewell Primary Academy



Christmas Dinner - Thursday 16th December

If you have booked a Christmas lunch for your child, please ensure that you have added £2.20 credit to their SchoolMoney/Eduspot dinner money account by Wednesday 15th December. Don't forget, that it is Christmas party/dinner day on Thursday and children are invited to come to school in full Christmas mufti to enjoy the festivities.

Goosewell Primary Academy's Advent Calendar

Have you opened the doors of our online advent calendar yet? If not, head over to the school website to see some familiar Goosewell faces sharing their favourite Christmas songs, stories and jokes, each day throughout December.

[Goosewell Advent Calendar](#)

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day at this busy time of the year. You raised a wonderful £113 to help children across the UK, and the world to live a better life.

Christmas Cards 2021

If you would prefer to make a small donation in place of exchanging Christmas cards at school, we are raising funds for Children's Hospice South West's Little Harbour Hospice. As a school community, we have been personally touched by the kindness and care given by this wonderful charity and we would like to support them to be able to continue to provide this service to other South West families in their time of need. Donations can be made via our JustGiving page:

[Goosewell Primary Academy is fundraising for Children's Hospice South West \(justgiving.com\)](#)

Non-Pupil Day - Tuesday 4th January 2022

The Gosling Trust Holiday Club will be open for childcare on Tuesday 4th January. To book a place, please contact The Gosling Trust on 01752 484360 after 3.30pm, or email thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk.



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

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. Your children can also use the [Worry Box](#) link if they have 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 when we return in September. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

Plymouth Argyle Community Trust are running a Christmas holiday club at Hooe Primary School this December. Please click on this link to book: <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>

Be a Wild World Hero this Winter!

DRIFTS
Daringly Resilient In Fun Thriving Spaces

A Fun-Packed, Supportive After School Social Group & 'Resilience Rollercoaster Ride' for Young People 12 - 15 Years Over 10 Weeks!

- A Friendly, Cool, Fun & Safe Space!
- Help To Make New Friends
- Understand How To Ask For The Right Help For You
- A Place To Talk About The Good Stuff & The Not So Good Stuff That Affects Young People Today!
- KEEP TAPPING! You might think tapping is just a fad, but it's a powerful tool for managing stress and emotions.
- Places Available Until 13th Jan 2022!
- Yoga For Chickens, 'Tapping For Positive Mental Health', 'Shaking Your Socks', 'Passing The Pizza For Positive Self Image', 'Bouncing With Boris', Relaxing With Cats, Meditation, Visualisation... & Much More!
- 'Grow Your Own' Confidence!
- Learn How To Support Your Friends & Yourself!
- The DRIFTS Christmas Party at the End Of The Programme + Your 'DRIFTS' Goody Bag!
- Free Snacks & Drinks... Nom Nom!!
- Discover How To Problem Solve, Cope With Stress, Anxiety, Low Mood, Self Harm & Eating Difficulties.

Wednesdays 4.45 - 6.45 - £4.00 Per Session
at The Black Cat Surf Club, Plymstock Broadway Shopping Centre.
To Climb Aboard, Text or Call Penny on 07869173154 or email summerhouse.services@gmail.com or Ask Your School Contact Below.
DRIFTS is brought to you by Plymouth based non-profit organisation Summerhouse Services - www.summer-house.org
Your School Contact For DRIFTS is _____



The Wild World Heroes are back to help with the Winter Mini Challenge!

Join the Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures living there and the environmental issues facing this remote area.

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

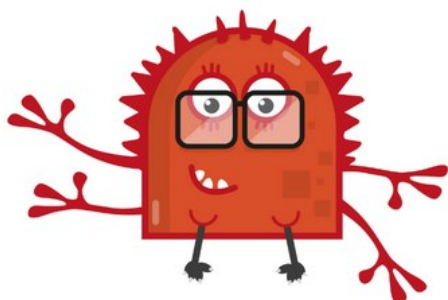
Children can read at least three books between 1 December and 16 January and add them to their online profile at www.wintermini.org.uk to unlock the special virtual badge and certificate.

Christmas and New Year



Estover Library will close for the festive break on Friday 17 December. All other Plymouth Libraries will close on Friday 24 December and reopen on Tuesday 4 January.

You can continue reading any time of day or night with our large collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eComics, eMagazines and eNewspapers. Visit our website to find out more about borrowing digital titles.



This month's Findalot is... CODEALOT

Bonus Challenge: Earn a bonus trading card by completing an hour of code or borrow four more books this month.

Findalots Library Challenge is aimed at 4 to 11 year olds, all children who sign up will receive a special Findalots library card and an activity journal. Collect stickers and trading cards along the way!



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

Celebration Assembly:

Goosewell Primary Academy's Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths & Reading Awards

Every Friday afternoon we look forward to our celebration assembly when children from across the entire school join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. This week's assembly saw winners collecting their Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each phase, with our Reading award winners able to choose a winning book from our new book vending machine. Well done to the following children for receiving their well deserved awards:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Maths Award	Keian REH <i>For recognising properties of some 2D shapes.</i>	Shannon-Jae <i>For fantastic maths learning this term. Shannon listens carefully & always gives 100%.</i>	Harry 4L <i>For his outstanding focus which has helped him produce some amazing results on perimeter this week—keep up the great work, Harry!</i>	Rose 6S <i>For developing her confidence with fractions this week and successfully finding the fractions of an unknown value independently. She persevered and believed in herself and has achieved great things as a result! Well done Rose!</i>
Writing Award	Zachary RWH <i>For 100% effort when forming letters and building words.</i>	Shayera 1BC <i>For superb factual sentence writing based on Mary Anning. Shayera's spelling and handwriting are both superb!</i>	Adam 4G <i>For working so hard to write in full, coherent sentences using a sound recorder to help him remember ideas and spaces between words.</i>	Amelie 6T <i>Amelie's writing has improved enormously in recent weeks. This week she has produced an engaging rags to riches story. She has shown she can use some advanced punctuation and has included fantastic similes and description.</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Cohen RWH <i>For amazing knowledge of all of his speed sounds including some 'special friends'.</i>	Amaiya A <i>For fantastic progress in phonics. Working extremely hard to practice her 'special friend' words and practicing hard at home.</i>	Holly 3OC <i>For making great progress and showing fantastic comprehension during our reading sessions. Well done!</i>	Max 6WS <i>Max has really been applying himself with his independent reading lately. He has already beaten his total word count for year 5 in the autumn term. For someone who previously didn't enjoy reading, we are very proud of you. Well done Max - keep it up!</i>



This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** goes to:
Evie 4L & Mason 5KR

Well done to Evie & big brother Mason for doing an outstanding job with helping at the Plymouth Veterans and Families Hub Christmas Carol Service recently. They helped their mum to prepare the Christingles and get the church ready for 120 guests and showed everybody to their seats. They joined in with the service and then helped serve the food and drink afterwards, followed by helping with the tidying up. We are so very proud of these wonderful Christmas helpers, thank you for being great ambassadors for Goosewell.



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

Oracy

We develop our children's oracy skills on a daily basis through our informal conversations, class discussions, the use of sentence stems, our discussions around vocabulary and more. On the newsletter each week, we will be providing a stimulus for you to be talking about at home as a family.

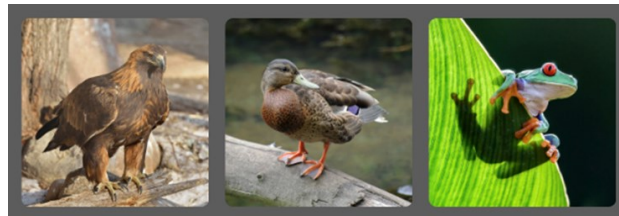
Oracy Activity

Here is a simple discussion activity that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

Odd One Out

Look at the three images below and come up with as many similarities and differences as you can. Think about: appearance, what they do, where they might be found. There are no right or wrong answers!

Funky Feet



Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

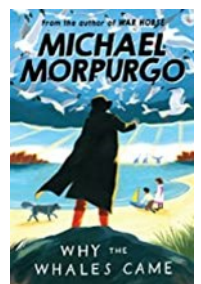
Book Reviews

We are going to be including book reviews on the newsletter each week, which we would love you to encourage your child to read. The book reviews will be written by children for children. Here are some reviews for this week written by children in 5KR.

Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo reviewed by Daisy

Why the Whales Came is a wonderful book about two young main characters called Gracie and Daniel. It is rich in mystery and suspense, an excellent book for excited minds. I would really recommend this book as I have read it multiple times and it still does not fail to capture my imagination. The tale is set on the island of Bryher, which is one of the Isles of Scilly. Gracie and Daniel are best friends who like to make wooden boats but, that is how they met The Birdman. The Birdman is the oldest man on Bryher, he is called evil, mad or a witch. Gracie and Daniel form a bond with The Birdman and he turns out to be the hero of the story.

Written by Michael Morpurgo and set in the first world war, this story has also been turned into a film and a play. I rate it 10 / 10



Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

Book Reviews

Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Joe Todd Stanton reviewed by Luis

It's an adventure book with a good moral in it. The main character is Marcy Brownstone, she is a young girl who comes from a family of explorers, her parents are famous adventurers. I like this book because not only does it teach you about some Egyptian Gods it also teaches you anyone can face their fears. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes short adventure stories, with some facts and a moral in it. I rate this book a 5 out of 5.



How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers reviewed by Oliver

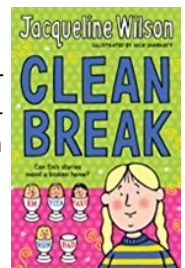
The book is about this boy who tries to catch a star. He tries everything just to catch a star but he realises that it is almost impossible but at the end, the boy looked at the water and found an actual starfish. I like this book because it is very funny and that he tries to catch a star multiple times. I rate this book a 5 out of 5.

Clean Break by Jacqueline Wilson reviewed by Mazie

Clean Break is my favourite book! It is about a girl called Emily she has 1 brother and 1 sister. Emily's dad gave her a very special emerald ring. Her younger sister is called Vita. Her brother is called Maxie he is always crying because he fears everything. Gran keeps on nagging Emily to stick to a diet. This book has lots of ups and downs with lots of hidden surprises that will tease you into the story.

I really enjoyed reading this book and would really recommend it.

I rate this book 5* a definite recommendation



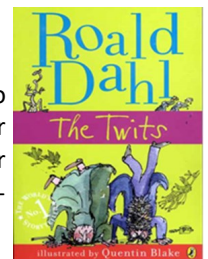
When I dream of Christmas by Oakley Graham reviewed by Millie

When I dream of Christmas is a book of Christmas definitions. It has facts about lots of Christmas things including The North Pole, Stockings and Baby Jesus. When I first read this book, I was very excited for Christmas to start in my house. The illustrations are bright and colourful which make this book more magical.

I recommend this book for 0-10 years. I give this book 5 stars.

The Twits by Roald Dahl reviewed by Lydia

I love this book because it's very funny and I would recommend this book to anyone because it is so easy to read. I've read it lots of times because I enjoy it so much! My favourite part is when Mrs Twit puts worms in Mr Twit's spaghetti! This book is about an elderly couple who love to play tricks on each other. Their names are Mr and Mrs Twit and they keep pet monkeys who have to be kept upside down in 1 compact cage. Will the monkeys get their revenge? That's up to you to find out!



What games could we play over the holidays to develop my child's vocabulary and spelling?



What books could I read with my child over the holidays?

Check out this link from the Book Trust -

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>



Sports News at Goosewell Primary Academy

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 play leaders for their sports leadership skills over the past two weeks at lunchtime.
Thank you to:



Year 6 Play Leaders Term 2 Weeks 5 and 6			
Playground	6T	6WS	6S
Reception	Lille Isla	Eddy Alessio	Eleanor Evie
Years 1 and 2	Jack	Sienna Phoebe	Anabelle Sophie S
Years 3 and 4	Kaya Carter	Marguerite Mailys	Ava Henry
Years 5 and 6	Ben Ted	Jake Henry	Sophie C Rose

Year 6 enjoyed their visit from Plymouth School Sports Partnership last week and spent the day competing at indoor rowing and impressing their teachers with their determination and sportsmanship.



Reception have been enjoying learning a new skill with Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership this week in their Bikeability Balanceability sessions.



#teamgoosewell



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

Wishing all our Goosewell families
and friends a happy, healthy and
restful Christmas.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again on
Wednesday 5th January 2022.



Thank you to Miss Keeping for her incredible photo of the Goosewell Christmas tree.



Headteacher: James Gentile
Goosewell Road, Plymouth PL9 9HD
Tel: 01752 482960
Email: admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk
Website: www.goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk