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This week's year group news...

Reception We introduced a new focus text this week in the form of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. It tells the simple story of a baby bear who wants to visit the moon. He is resourceful enough to use an old box, a pair of wellies and a colander to create a rocket, a space helmet and space boots and his dream appears to come true as he whooshes through the night sky accompanied by a friendly owl. The children have explored their own ways to get creative with boxes as well as learning a bit more about owls in terms of breeds, behaviour and habitat. They have created a simple fact file about owls and have used technology and non-fiction books to research. We have also talked a little about the famous people who have visited the moon in real life with the intention that children will be able to name at least one moon visitor by the end of the week. This final week of Term 4 will see the children talking about Easter as an important time in the Christian calendar but also looking at Ramadan and exploring how it is observed within the Muslim faith. The children will be crafting items linked to this including making paper lanterns and moon and star decorations. They will think about how they can perform acts of kindness for others throughout the week. The children will complete their wonderful owl fact files as well as having fun with the Numberblocks which have arrived as a welcome addition to our Maths area. A massive thank you to Mrs Hosking and her fantastic Dad for creating these for us. Look out for plenty of pictures of us using them to widen our mathematical skills and understanding on TAPESTRY. Have a super weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you next week to share information about your child's progress.

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Year 1 Last weekend, Miss Senior went to London on the bus. She happened to find a bag which had been left behind. Inside was a map of London, a bus timetable, a union jack flag, a letter addressed to 'Aunt Lucy' and some marmalade sandwiches! Can you guess who the bag belonged to? We read the letter and it was from Paddington Bear, telling Aunt Lucy all about his day in London. We are now learning all about recount writing so we can write a letter back to Paddington about a day in Plymouth. Last week we also really enjoyed our Topic day. Using a range of skills, we have learnt throughout our sessions this term, we were challenged to plan a trip for Marley the meerkat. We looked at the seasons to pack his suitcase, planned his route around London and gave him lots of information about London landmarks. In maths we continued to think about our addition, using our part-part-whole models to help us find the missing number in a number sentence. We have also been using this to help us write some addition fact families. This week in Year 1 we have been continuing with our exciting Bright Lights Big City topic. In English we have been exploring the features of recount writing and creating super sentences about Paddington Bear's adventures in London. The children have been coming up with some amazing adjectives to develop their writing. In Maths we have been practising our addition and subtraction skills, and using our maths knowledge to create our own maths stories for our friends to solve. We had great fun with some Computing topic work this week, coding Beebots to visit different landmarks and using directional language. The children worked well in teams and had to do a lot of communicating and problem solving! As always, please keep recording your child's reading on their reading bookmark, bring their reading packet to school every day and check that all items of clothing are named. Please also remember that no toys should be brought into school; we cannot be responsible for any toys being lost or broken so please keep them at home. Many thanks, have a lovely restful weekend!

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More year group news...

Year 2 Year 2 have had an exciting few weeks working on our 'Remarkable Recipes' D and T project. We have been thinking about lots of different ingredients and last week we made and tasted Eton Mess. Everyone helped to follow the recipe and everyone had a little taste. We were proud of those children who went out of their comfort zone to taste something new. The recipe has been sent home so please share any of your creations on our teams page. In our English lessons last week we focussed on our new text about Frida Kahlo from the book 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World'. We have all enjoyed learning about Frida's interesting life and will be using our knowledge of this text to begin planning our own biography about Mary Anning. It has been a week full of fantastic fractions in Maths and we are now confident with finding one half and one quarter of a set of objects. We are also getting more confident with finding 3 quarters. Any practice of this at home with small groups of objects being split in to four equal groups to find $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ will be most valuable. Over the next week you will receive information about our cooking activities with the request for a small donation of 75p towards ingredients and a letter regarding our end of year activity at Churchwood Forest School - please return your consents as soon as possible. Year 2 have been working hard on their writing this week and have had the opportunity to write a story independently. We have been really impressed with their application of our SPaG objectives and their use of interesting vocabulary. We are continuing to work on handwriting and will be sending home some handwriting booklets to assist with this. We will also be sending home some other pieces of homework over the Easter holidays to help prepare for our SATs that will be coming up in May. In our maths lessons, we have begun looking at statistics and will continue this next week when we will be completing our own investigations and we will present our data as tally and bar graphs. We will enjoy an art day next week where we will be developing our understanding of still life paintings and creating some of our own. We will also spend time looking at and learning about the Easter story and how Christians celebrate Easter.

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

Year 3 We have loved seeing your finished volcano projects – thank you. Looking ahead to next week, in Maths we will continue exploring fractions. In Writing, we have been looking at the features of newspaper articles and next week we will be writing a class created article. In Reading, we will continue working on our prediction, inference and comprehension skills as we explore a book called 'Escape from Pompeii' by author Christina Balit. We have been finding out about Judaism in RE and met with a lovely Jewish lady who told us lots of information about her faith. Next week we will explore Judaism even further by looking at how a typical Jewish family celebrate Passover. In PSHE, we will continue thinking about our health as part of our 'Healthy Me' unit. Finally, in Science we will continue investigating what magnets are and how they work. Many thanks for your continued support

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Year 4 What a busy week we had last week in Year 4! We learned all about William Morris's patterns and used these to design motifs. Some of us finished them in time for our Mother's Day cards - we hope you were as pleased with our efforts as we are! We also loved our survival skills session with Mr Hele last Thursday when we gained some hands-on knowledge about how to survive on a mountain; an explanation which we are building up to writing in two weeks. This week Year 4 had lots of fun completing an orienteering trail around the school field, finding information using just macro photographs as clues. Next week we will combine this with map reading skills and complete a more advanced orienteering challenge! In literacy we will be writing an explanation text for Bear Grylls about 'How to Survive on a Mountain'. In this, we will be aiming to include some technical language and vary our sentence structures to keep our readers engaged. Remind your child to think of all the things we learnt on our amazing Outdoor Learning experience with Mr Hele. We will also be wrapping up our fractions block by finding fractions of amounts and calculating quantities from known fractions. Our final MyMaths homework of this term is also focused on this objective, so please ensure your child attempts this to support their learning in class. In our topic lessons, we will be linking all of our knowledge from across the last two terms and building mountain models in small teams which we will present on Friday - please remind your child to bring in their topic homework in order to be included in this celebration of Misty Mountain and Winding River!

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

Year 5 We are so proud of the way Year 5 children have adapted to the changes we have needed to make to classes recently as a result of staff shortages due to covid. It has provided us with an opportunity to get to know children across the year group and also has its benefits in terms of preparing the children for their transition to secondary – which will be here sooner than you think! In English, we have been planning and writing a discussion text about whether George should have given his grandma the medicine linked to the text George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. Some children believe that George was right to give her the medicine because she was so unkind to him. On the other hand, children are of the opinion that George should not have administered the medicine because she was a member of his family. Our focus on this genre will come to an end next week as the children will be writing their final discussion text linked to the well-known story of Jack and the Beanstalk. In Reading, we have completed our text called Farm Boy. This means that all children have been able to quiz on two texts this week, increasing their individual word counts, as well as the word count of the class. As the term comes to an end, we would like to remind you that topic homework is due to be uploaded to Teams by Friday 8th April.

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

Year 6 This week, the Year 6 team have been incredibly impressed with how the children have tackled assessment week. Well done Year 6. In maths, the children have continued their area and perimeter unit of work, learning how to calculate the area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. They have also used algebraic formulae to calculate the volume of the cuboid. In our English lessons, we have continued to read and discuss our class novel 'Stay Where You Are and Then Leave' and we are all incredibly eager to find out how the story ends and whether Alfie completes his secret mission. It has been lovely to see some children use the suggestion box in the library to request other books by author 'John Boyne' because they are enjoying the class story so much. In PE, Year 6 took advantage of the nice weather we have been having and developed our striking and fielding skills by playing bucket ball - the teachers even got involved in the fun!

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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](#).

Goosewell's Military Kids Club

Henry and Holly's Dad serves as an Officer in the Royal Marines. Currently, he's away for 6 months serving in Bahrain in the Middle East working with the Royal Navy and the United States Marine Corps. The weather is hot and will reach 45 degrees Celsius over the summer. Bahrain clocks are two hours ahead of ours, so the sun will rise and set before ours in the UK. He sends his best wishes to all the children and staff at Goosewell Academy and appreciates the support and care you give to the families of those with family members working away from home.



If your child would like to set a time where their special is and share a little information about their someone special, please contact Jo Penk on jopenkpsa@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

Platinum Jubilee - MKC Heroes Opportunity

It is with great pride that the Royal British Legion is able to offer members of the Armed Forces community (serving, ex-serving and their families) the opportunity to be part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the heart of London. **Trooping the Colour** will take place on **Thursday 2nd June 2022** and, for this Platinum Jubilee year, there will be grandstand seating outside Buckingham Palace, exclusively for the use of the Armed Forces community. From these seats you will be able to watch the troops as they transit to and from Horse Guards Parade, and view the Royal Procession as it passes by on its journey from Buckingham Palace to the parade ground. During the ceremony itself, you will be able to watch the parade on Horse Guards via big screens, set up around the Queen Victoria Memorial. Once the parade has ended, you will be in prime position to see the return of the Royal Procession to Buckingham Palace and the Royal Family's balcony appearance. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of an historic occasion. Gates will open at 8.30am and guests must be seated no later than 9.45am. You will be required to remain seated until around 1pm. There is limited accessible seating within the grandstand areas, and most seating is accessed by steps. We expect egress from the event area to be slow, due to high numbers of visitors in London also wanting to be part of this special occasion. There will be toilet facilities and some refreshments provided. Please note the seating areas are not covered, but ponchos and bottled water will be available in case of inclement weather.



If you would like the chance to take part in this historic event, **register your details by 13 April 2022** by completing the details below and returning to slamerton@britishlegion.org.uk. We need names of ALL people attending the event, both parents and children, however, one contact email address for everyone is enough:

Name of ALL attendees - Number of tickets required - Email - Accessibility requirements:



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Library Book Amnesty

We would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to look through their bookshelves and bedroom at home for any of our library books. They will be easily identifiable as they will have a sticker with the AR zone written on the bottom of the spine and a coloured sticker on the top of it. We have a record of the books that we own, and children are using our newly introduced Suggestion Box to make requests which we would like to fulfil. We are particularly looking for our multiple copies of books from The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series but any books returned would be greatly appreciated. Please give any books found to your class teacher who will ensure their safe return to our library shelves for others to enjoy reading.

Plymouth Young City Laureate



The hunt is on to find the next budding wordsmith who's passionate about writing and sharing stories to become the next Plymouth Young City Laureate from September 2022 to July 2023. We're teaming up with Plymouth City Council, Plymouth Culture and the With Flying Colours project to reach aspiring young writers in the city between the ages of 14 and 19.

The role of Plymouth Young City Laureate is important, as the chosen young writer will be commissioned to create work to celebrate special events or occasions in the city as well as being invited to perform in libraries schools and at festivals.

This year we will be commissioning the successful young writer three times and you'll be paid £50 per commission. We will ask you to perform at least two events across the year alongside invited writers.

Find out how to apply [here](#). Deadline: Sunday 17th July 2022, midnight

The Gosling Trust

The Gosling Trust Session times and charges from April 2022

Fees and session times are set out below:

Breakfast Club 7.30 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. £6.00 per child.

After School Club 3.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. £11.25 per child

N.B. A surcharge of £20.00 will be made for any child collected after 5.45 p.m.

Holiday Club 7.30 a.m. – 5.45 p.m. Holiday Club has a no refund policy £24.00 per child

Holiday Club 7.30 to 1.00 p.m. or 1.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. £13.00 per child

Children who are not booked in by the Friday 5.00 p.m. deadline for all clubs will not be able to attend sessions unless there are special circumstances.

We always need to be informed of any non-attendance for After School Club to ensure the children's safety. You will receive a phone call if a child is booked in and does not attend.



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 we had our whole school photo during assembly time, so here are last week's 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	Rex P REH <i>For being filled with awe and wonder when it comes to numbers and the number system.</i>	William F 2MB <i>For excellent focus this week in Maths and fantastic fractions understanding. Will has been finding fractions of amounts and has been able to explain his reasoning confidently.</i>	Daniel R 4W <i>Has shown a real enthusiasm in maths with a fantastic ability to explain his growing understanding. Keep up the great work!</i>	Maisie W 5C <i>Scored her highest score of 27/28 in our fortnightly arithmetic show me what you know. Well done Maisie!</i>
Writing Award	Logan T <i>For making great progress when writing in phonic sessions and showing a positive attitude when tackling new challenges.</i>	Grace W 1F <i>For her enthusiasm and effort she puts in to her writing. Despite finding it tricky at times, she always perseveres and has produced some super sentences about her own landmark.</i>	Lexie S 4G <i>For a brilliant adventure story full of exciting vocabulary and perfectly punctuated speech. Lexie has also realised the value of editing her work carefully - this will help improve your work even more!</i>	Leah P-E 5C <i>Leah's writing is a pleasure to read. She listens carefully to the expectations and endeavours to include all that is asked of her. Her sentences are well structured and beautifully written.</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Lenny M RWH <i>For growing in confidence with blending sounds together to read words.</i>	Jack P 1T <i>For a newly improved attitude towards reading. He is working hard with his sounds, is a supportive and helpful partner and growing in confidence and fluency every day.</i>	Dexter O-T 3OC <i>For an amazing improvement in his learning. Dexter is working so much harder, producing work every day and completed his PIRA test this week. He is becoming a beautiful reader with lots of expression.</i>	Oliver T 5K <i>Super progress in reading lately, and he has improved his ability to find evidence in the text and explain author's vocabulary choices, which is beginning to shine through in Oliver's independent writing too!</i>

The Rise to Greatness Award for last week goes to:

Ben W 3Y

Ben was nominated by Mrs Phillips and his teacher for showing amazing resilience in his learning and accepting new challenges. Well done Ben, we're all very proud of you. Keep it up.

