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This week's year group news...

Reception It's February and we are starting to think about delicious pancakes already. We will be using the story of 'Mr Wolf's pancakes' by Jan Fearnley to enhance our learning. The children will be tasting toppings and selecting their favourites, using words like sweet, sour and salty. They will record this and then will have a chance to taste their selection on pancakes which we will make next week. The children will be independently writing shopping lists for pancake ingredients as well as refining fine and gross motor control with fun pancake flipping games. In their orange books, the children will apply their understanding of the part/part/whole model, finding different combinations to a total. There will be opportunities for the children to discuss and share their understanding of morals and how to treat others with kindness. They will reflect on the unkind behaviours and actions of 'Fairy tale' characters in the book and advise them on better choices with a bit of dressing up and role-play and using the 'hot seat' method.

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

Year 1 We have had a great week starting our new fiction unit based on the story of The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. We have been learning the story using actions and story maps and we are looking forward to writing about it next week. In Maths we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. The children really enjoyed unfolding household items such as cereal boxes to investigate the nets of the shapes and folding them back together to make 3D shapes again. We are continuing with our 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic, and have started to focus on London and its landmarks. Next week we will begin to link this to the Great Fire of London.

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

Year 2 Year 2 have had a super week focussing on more significant people. We have been comparing the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong thinking about how different their journeys were. We have also been focussing on these explorers in our English lessons where we have been immersing ourselves in newspaper reports ready to begin writing our class report next week. We have enjoyed our division learning in Maths and will be moving on to Geometry where we will be thinking about the properties of 3D shape. In our topic lessons next week we will be thinking about activists from the past and those that are campaigning around the world today.

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



More year group news...

Year 3 Another very busy week in Year 3! 3OC have been busy creating 'ammonite' inspired clay pots (3Y next week) and 3Y have finished their 'ammonite' inspired ink printing. Next week, in Writing we will be working on the use of conjunctions, pronouns and synonyms in sentences. In Maths we will be interpreting data. In Reading, we will continue exploring the life of famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. Finally, in Geography, we will be exploring how earthquakes occur.

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

Year 4 In literacy this week we have looked at our own impact on the environment and next week we will be preparing to write a persuasive letter to School Parliament about this, using formal language, possessive apostrophes and the correct spellings for new vocabulary. For this we will also be thinking about positive changes we could make at home so why not have a chat about your family's efforts to save the environment? Even small acts such as turning off lights when we are not in the room or composting are actions to be celebrated. In maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of fractions and looking at fractions bigger than one. Once secure with this, we will begin to count in thirds, quarters, eighths and tenths. In topic, children will be extending their knowledge of the water cycle and looking at the different uses of rivers around the world. In art, children will enjoy making animal prints using a variety of media.

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

Year 5 The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability sessions this week and certainly learnt a lot about how to check that their bike is safe to take out on a cycle ride. We hope that you have enjoyed hearing your child share their learning with you as much as we have enjoyed seeing their smiley faces! In English, we have started a non-fiction block of writing with the purpose of persuading our reader. The children are going to be writing leaflets, which will be displayed in the staffroom, persuading staff why they should eat healthily. In our Reading lessons, we are reading an exquisite anthology of poetry called 'The Lost Words'. Each poem is about a word that has become 'lost' from children's language today such as acorn, magpie and willow. The text links nicely with our main topic for the spring term - Sow, Grow and Farm. Our spelling focus this week is on words from the Year 5 & 6 word list. We have discussed strategies that could be used by the children to help them spell more challenging words correctly. How many of you heard your child say that a **desperate** person knocked on the door last night after they **ate** something they were allergic to? In Maths, we have been learning how to convert improper fractions to mixed number fractions and vice versa. Well done to those children (and parents) who have asked when they are unsure how to complete the My Maths homework. We are always happy to give an explanation in school when needed.

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

Year 6 Year 6 have shown perseverance and ownership through completing their mocks SATs papers this week. We will send home their past SAT paper scores, along with their most recent, for parents to see and discuss with their children. This week, a small group of children represented Goosewell in Basketball at Coombe Dean and all the children should take pride in their achievements. Well done everyone! In English, the children have begun to write their own exciting story endings based on Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe'. They have thoroughly enjoyed describing David and Tucky's final encounter with the German soldiers and the teachers have loved reading them! Meanwhile in History, we have explored the short-term and long-term consequences of the end of the First World War and the began to investigate the causes of the Second World War. In Art, we have examined *Guernica*, which is one of Pablo Picasso's most famous paintings, and have continued our exploration into distortion and abstraction techniques. The children have conveyed how this legendary work made them feel during class discussions and have each created a 'mood board' to inform their thinking.

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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](#).

Is your child a MKC (Military Kids Club) hero?

We know that Covid has brought many challenges to the way MKC Heroes has run in schools and in the community. This is why the Royal British Legion is taking the opportunity to review the support offered to schools and other valued members of the MKCH community. Please consider completing the young person's survey with your MKC Hero here: <https://forms.office.com/r/J5xNZXkGmn>. The deadline for these surveys is 28th February 2022. We will then use the information provided to support our review and planning.

Thank you

Sara Lamerton

MKC Heroes Coordinator

Plymouth Libraries news

For all the latest library news, please click on the link below.



FROGS - pre-loved clothes & uniform donations

A reminder that if you have any pre-loved clothes and uniform that you would like to donate to the school for a pre-loved sale to raise funds for FROGS (formerly the PTA), the small team of lovely FROGS volunteers will be collecting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons next week. They will be at the table, in the quiet area outside the Year 4 entrance - please feel free to pop by to say hello or drop in your donations. Come and see them from pick up time on:

Mon 7th Feb - Tuesday 8th Feb - Wednesday 9th Feb



Behaviour Policy

We have made a slight adjustment to the behaviour policy, which is published in full on the school website. The main difference is that when a child's name is moved to red on the class behaviour chart, parents and guardians are informed by the class teacher and this behaviour is logged. For more details, please refer to the school [website](#). Children have been informed of this change.



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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	Hadi REH <i>For being a super problem solver and being able to explain the strategies he has used.</i>	Rosie 1F <i>For working so hard in our shape lessons this week. She has tried hard to remember some of the trickier shape names, and has been so enthusiastic about her learning.</i>	Joshua James 3OC <i>For his new found perseverance in his maths learning and the drive to complete it independently. He now takes great pride in his work. Well done!</i>	Phoebe 5C <i>For showing an excellent understanding of her fractions learning so far, completing her Chutta Challenges and presenting all maths learning to an excellent standard!</i>
Writing Award	Alexis REH <i>For a massive leap in confidence when writing independently.</i>	Jacob 2K <i>For amazing sentences written all about Neil Armstrong. Great work!</i>	Elizabeth 3Y <i>For continuing to try extremely hard to improve all aspects of her writing including her handwriting and varying her sentence structure.</i>	Annie 6T <i>For incredible progress in writing. Annie has wowed Mrs Thorne with her wonderful 'Friend or Foe' inspired writing.</i>
Reading Award	Darshik <i>For using his phonic knowledge to read with increasing confidence.</i>	Amaiya 1T <i>For fantastic story telling in English and effort in phonics.</i>	Adam 4G <i>For his wonderfully thoughtful responses during Year 4's study of the book 'A River'. His ideas showed great empathy and emotion. Well done, Adam!</i>	Charlotte 6S <i>For excelling in her recent assessment, showing just what perseverance and ownership can achieve! She challenged herself and should be very proud of her score!</i>

Rise To Greatness

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:
Betsy in 5N

On Monday, Betsy was in the Learn to Ride Group and by the end of the week, she was cycling out on Plymstock's roads! To begin with, she was very apprehensive and nervous but took on this challenge with determination and willing to take sensible and safe choices whilst listening to the advice from her instructors. Betsy is quite rightly proud of her achievements this week and feels she has conquered her fear. Well done Betsy and keep cycling safely!



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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.

Have a conversation about...

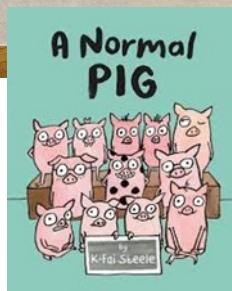
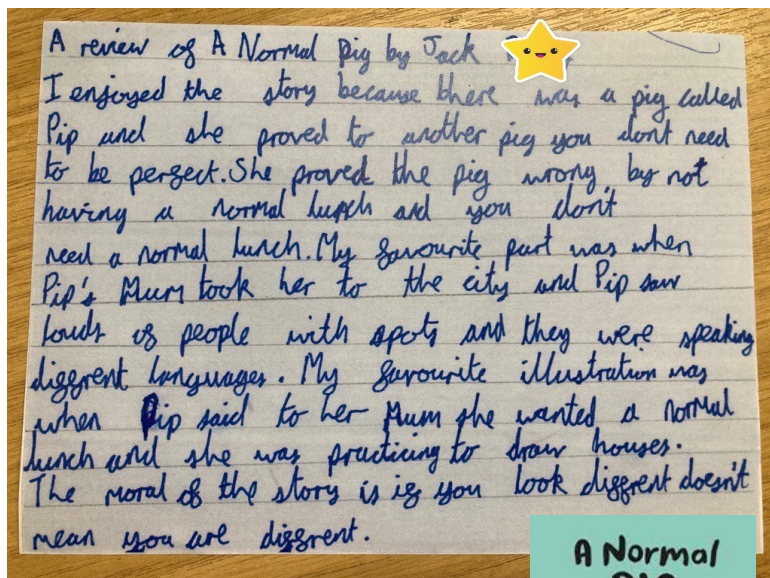
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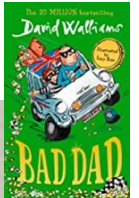
Book Reviews

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. This week's reviews are written by 5N. These and others can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)

A Normal Pig by K-Fai Steele reviewed by Jack



Bad Dad by David Walliams reviewed by Noah



Bad dad book review by Noah

Bad dad is a book written by David Walliams. He is my favourite writer as he is always very silly in his books. I also like to look at the drawings that have been done on some of the pages. The drawings have been done by the illustrator who is Tony Ross.

This story is about dad in a company of robbers and he has a car that's a British mini, with the British flag on the top. In the story the dad is a very good racing car driver. He is king of the track and likes to do dirt racing. Dad's car is called Queenie. Queenie is a very good car she can fly through the town when the police are chasing them.

My favourite bit in the book is when the dad tells his son never to stick your bottom out of a car window or it will get freezing. They talk about all the different ways you can freeze your bottom like doing a poo in igloo. This is very funny and made me giggle.

My favourite character is Mr Big because he was his pyjamas all day. I am very much like Mr. Big because I like to wear my pyjamas every day too.

I haven't finished reading this book yet as I'm only a quarter of the way through. But am really enjoying it. I think what's going to happen next is that the dad is going to be good and Frank will have a good life. I can't wait to read some more.



Sports News at Goosewell Primary Academy

Well done to our super Year 6 children who took part in the PSSP Basketball Tournament at Coombe Dean School on Wednesday morning this week. We entered two teams and achieved second and fifth place. All the children conducted themselves wonderfully, showing sporting attitudes and listening to the match officials carefully. We were very proud of them all and it was fantastic to see them enjoying themselves and cheering one another on. Go Team Goosewell! Well done to: Rose, Eleanor, Max, Jayden, Max, Amber, Abigail, Inaya, Lola, Amelie, Jack, Harry, James, Gabriella, Charlotte, Amelia, Kobe, Jack, Chace and Herbie.



#teamgoosewell

Well done too to our Year 5 children who thoroughly embraced and enjoyed their Bikeability sessions this week, again, thanks to the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership. Fantastic life skills learned this week. Well done Year 5.

