



Year Group News

Foundation Stage Aliens and planets have descended on Reception and the children have had lots of fun creating and naming their own aliens as well as using junk modelling to create spaceships. Some have written lists for what they might take into space and there has been much talk of Janet and Bill, the main characters from 'The Smeds and the Smoos'. We have written about what makes our classmates special in a very thoughtful way. Next week, we will continue to use this super story as a focus. We will be making and tasting alien food such as the fruit from the 'Jerberry tree' and pink milk. We will explore counting in groups of two and telling stories to demonstrate doubling as well as continuing to consolidate the children's understanding of teen numbers.

Year 1 We are now moving away from writing Non-Chronological Reports into thinking about how traditional tales are written. We are going to be focussing on the story of Rapunzel because of its links with our castles and towers topic. We will be mapping out the story, thinking about settings and characters and eventually writing our own version. In Maths we will be subtracting. To begin with we won't be crossing ten ($9-5=$) and towards the end of next week we will be crossing ten ($16-7=$ or $24-18=$). Children will need to start thinking about exchanging tens for ones and so on. Exciting stuff! In our DT sessions, we will be finishing off and adding the final touches to our cereal box castles and then displaying them for all to enjoy. As always, please ensure your child has their RWI phonic pack on the correct day and hands their homework book in on a Thursday. Many thanks.

Year 2 Next week, as part of our Tower, Tunnels and Turrets topic, the children in Y2 will be making their own towers that they have designed for Rapunzel. In order to do this, could the children bring in any clean junk modelling items from home on Monday? This would be empty cereal boxes, foil boxes and tubes, clean empty cartons and large yoghurt pots. We look forward to showing off our creations by the end of the term! The children will be completing past SAT papers in both reading and maths next week, to show areas that may still need practise and any gaps in their knowledge. Next week's spelling rule that we will be learning is /el/. We will be starting a new reading text called 'The Princess and the Pea' by Lauren Child, where the children will be learning new vocabulary, predicting story outcomes and compiling a list of the qualities a REAL princess should have. We will also look forward to receiving the DT project castles the children have been busy making at home, by the end of the week.

Year 3 Year 3 have enjoyed finding out about volcanoes this week as part of our Tremors topic. We have also been thinking about earthquakes and instructional writing, ready to write our own set of earthquake safety instructions next week. Within our Maths lessons we will begin to look at money, focusing on the value of coins and converting from pounds to pence. Please take some time to look at and discuss the money you are using while you are out and about this weekend. In our reading lessons we will begin to look at the book 'The Street Beneath my Feet' we will be predicting what we think it is about and spending time looking at the vocabulary choices made by the author.

Year 4 Now we know the parts of the digestive system, next week we will be exploring it in more gory detail and will also be revealing the results of our tooth enamel investigation. Which liquid would the Demon Dentist advise us to drink?! In English, we will begin to familiarise ourselves with a spooky story inspired by The Demon Dentist - a shared text we are reading in class. We will have a particular focus on a short story called 'The Hook'. We will immerse ourselves within that plot and get to know the characters to unpick the features that make up a really spooky tale! In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of fractions and making our own fraction walls in order to find equivalents and explore the relationship between their denominators.

Year 5 We hope that you enjoyed reading the fantasy stories, which your children have brought home recently. We were very pleased with the final written outcomes and how well the children took ownership to edit and improve their writing. This week in English, we have started to focus on the art of persuasion. Can your child persuade you why they should eat jelly twice a day? In the coming weeks, we will be writing formal and informal persuasive letters linked to our core text of 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. In Maths, we have been using the formal method of multiplication to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. More recently, we have moved on to the inverse operation, using the bus stop method to divide 4 digits by 1 digit. 5S have enjoyed their week of Outdoor Learning and all children continue to enjoy Jump Start Johnny! As part of our Time Traveller topic, we have been learning about how Plymouth has changed over time. It would be brilliant if you could talk to your child / grandchild about the changes that you have seen in our city over the years.

Next week's virtue is:

Tenacious

Persistent in maintaining, adhering to, or seeking something valued or desired.

The Term dates for 2020/21 have now been agreed and are available on the school website:

GOOSEWELL PRIMARY ACADEMY Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Term 1 Monday 7th September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020

Term 2 Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3 Wednesday 6th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4 Monday 22nd February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021

Term 5 Monday 19th April 2021 to Thursday 27th May 2021

Bank Holiday Monday – Monday 3rd May 2021

Term 6 Monday 7th June 2021 to Thursday 22nd July 2021

Non Pupil Day – Friday 9th July 2021

Plymstock Community Forum Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to those of you who supported your children to complete the survey monkey about local groups and activities that our children access. These have been fed back at a community meeting where the co-ordinators will be putting together a list of what's on to share with parents and young people.

There was a Plymstock Children and Young People's meeting last week which was attended by pupils from our local primary and secondary schools. The minute will be going onto our school website to share what was discussed and the outcomes. The pupils who attended the meeting will be interviewing their peers to share their views at the next meeting, which will help highlight what they think of and how they use the local area. This will then illustrate what is working well and highlight potential gaps in provision. This will be explored by the young people with the support of adults involved and the group are keen to support the views of their peers.

Minutes of the meeting can be found here: <https://go.aws/2UbjEwz>

Jo Penk, PSA

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Koala Mufti Day

A reminder that we will be holding a whole school **Mufti Day** next **Friday 7th February 2020** to support Currumbin Wildlife Centre and the Koala Hospital, Port Macquarie in New South Wales who are looking after the wildlife affected by the recent bushfires. Voluntary donations in exchange for mufti would be most welcome.



Celebrations!

To celebrate the 'Good' result in our recent Ofsted inspection, all children (and staff!) are invited to wear mufti on **Wednesday 12th February 2020** for a collapsed timetable for the day. There will be no charge for this mufti.



Pupil Successes

- ★ Well done to Guilhem in 1B for achieving the rank of 9th Kyu-Ho in his Doryoku Ryu Karate Jutsu. Well done too to Eli in 1/2KH for being voted 'Coaches Man of the Match' for his Plymstock Albion Oaks rugby team.

EduSpot and SchoolMoney

It has come to our attention that some parents/carers may be experiencing difficulties with logins and passwords for SchoolMoney and we understand your frustrations when trying to pay for your children's activities online. We have been in consultation with SchoolMoney to alleviate these issues, and they have provided a list of troubleshooting ideas to try in the first instance if you are experiencing problems:

- Make sure that the parent is selecting the SchoolMoney log in option when signing in. If they are being asked for a username and password, they have selected the incorrect log in option.
 - Check that the mobile number and email address match with what you have on your SchoolMoney system (check for spelling, duplicate letters, etc)
 - Check that they are entering the child's name as it appears on your system
 - Make sure the parent is not Auto filling any of the information and that they are typing everything in from scratch
 - Ask the parent to clear their history/cache from the device they are using. If they search how to do this on the internet, it will give them instructions for their device/browser.
 - Ask the parent to try a different device/browser
 - Make sure the parent isn't keeping the website up in the background on their phone. Advise them to close all web pages open in the background and to open a fresh web page every time they log in
 - If a parent has forgotten their password, they will need to contact the school and ask them to send a 'Reset Password Link Message' for the parent to be able to reset their password.
- If you have tried these suggestions and are still having difficulties, please do contact the school office on 482960 or admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk. We would appreciate your feedback on the system to enable us to communicate issues to the provider.

Over recent weeks, our Year 6 children have been creating a memorial flame to display alongside 75 other flames from Plymouth primary schools to recognise Holocaust Memorial Day.



Last week, four representatives from Goosewell Primary Academy joined with pupils from across the city to display their flames at Plymouth Guildhall at the Holocaust Memorial Day Schools event. It was a wonderfully sensitive reflection of Holocaust Memorial Day and the children present were able to share their learning around this important moment in history. Thank you for being great ambassadors for our school.



School Crossing Patrol

We are delighted to let you know that following a brief interlude, normal service has been resumed and we now have a School Crossing Patrol on Furzehatt Road again. Please say hello and give Miss Usher a big smile when you cross. We're very pleased to have her to help us all cross this busy road safely.



Traffic 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 or across our neighbours driveways. 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, particularly during bad weather when visibility is poor - please reduce your speed.



Lost & Found

Olivia in RBH has lost a named Goosewell cardigan. Could you please check that your child has brought home the correct item.

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**SHOW US YOU
CARE A LOT**



Plymstock Library

**Join us for our February Book
Marathon**

Get your collector's wallet from Plymstock
Library.

Prizes for the most books issued!



Parent Support Adviser News

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](#)

On behalf of the Military Kids Club Heroes and the Plymouth Youth Concert Band, I am pleased to provide you with the invitation below. Please come and join the audience for a wonderful evening of music provided by the young people and feel free to circulate the invitation far and wide.

**The Military Kids Club Heroes Choir
with
The Plymouth Youth Concert Band
invite you to their**

**Poppy Concert in aid of The Royal British
Legion Poppy Appeal**

**The Roman Catholic Cathedral, Plymouth
March 18th from 7pm - 8pm**

**Entrance is free. There will be a
collection at the end of the performance.**

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

FEBRUARY

Thursday 6th

NSPCC Talk PANTS Information Session for Parents/Carers at 9.30-10.00am and 2.30-3.00pm (please see separate letter)

Friday 7th

Australian bushfires fundraising Mufti Day - voluntary donations

Swimming Gala trials for KS2 only at Fort Stamford 6.30-7.00pm

Plymstock Area Cross Country Series Race 2 at Dunstone Primary School 4.00-5.15pm

Wednesday 12th

Mufti Day (free) to celebrate our OFSTED 'Good' result

Friday 14th

2NB Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm

1B's family
assembly is
now on Friday
24th April at
2.30pm

6RH's family
assembly is now
on **THURSDAY**
12th March at
2.30pm

Future dates:

Friday 14th February

Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February

Friday 27th March

Tuesday 14th April

Friday 8th May

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Last day of Term 3
Term break

First day of Term 4

Last day of Term 4

First day of Term 5

May Day Bank Holiday

Term break

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