

This week's year group news...

Reception This final week before the Easter break will be a week of consolidation. The children will complete their fantastic retellings of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' where they have demonstrated a knowledge of days of the week, comparison of length and beautiful letter and number formation as well as the ability to retell a story. They will also write a message for an Easter card which they have been making. The text, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy will inspire child initiated learning with the children thinking imaginatively and creatively about what a box could turn into as well as learning about owls and their life cycles and habitats. Maths will see the children using 2D shapes to create a space picture with planets and rockets in addition to consolidating their knowledge of and interest in numbers within 10. The children will be perfecting their already impressive reading and writing skills in their phonics groups. Have a wonderful Easter break everyone.

Year 1 As we begin to come to the end of our current topic, 'The Scented Garden', we prepare to move into the next term with our new topic, 'Wiggle and Crawl'. The new topic follows perfectly from our current one as we look more closely at the minibeasts that live in our environment. There will be plenty of opportunities for some fun science investigations and nature enthusiasts will be in their element! Next week, we will base our writing around a fun story about the Easter bunny. In maths, we will be consolidating our learning from this term with a focus on addition and subtraction. The children are well in the flow of being back at school now and we are sure a break will do them good. Thank you for all your support. We wish you a restful and fun Easter break, hopefully with lots of chocolatey treats to enjoy!

Year 2 Well done Year 2 on a happy and productive return to 'proper' school! Only three days to go now and we have lots of fun planned. Next week, we will be moving on from our exotic plant fact files to invent our own crazy plant. The crazier the better! Spellings will be set on assignments each week. The usual 5 and some additional topic themed words. Some children will be using rainbow spelling packs instead which you will be informed about. Watch out for your pack coming home. In Maths we will be focussing on Easter themed activities to consolidate our learning. We have been making special pottery thank yous for our wonderful key workers which has been funded through Rotary Saltram. This week we will decorate them and add a little sparkle! More information will follow. Maths themed Easter egg hunts and Easter RE will fill our last week. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Kimberlee and Mrs Boalch



More year group news...

Year 3 & Year 4 Thank you for all your hard work Year 3 and 4. We have had such a busy week and our stories are looking amazing! Literacy in Years 3 and 4 will be influenced by the approaching holidays – we will be focusing on the Easter Story. The children will review an age related version of the text and ensure they know the religious aspects as well as the Literacy skills found within the story. They will also be given an opportunity to show off their acting skills as we have a look at a play script version of the story. However, the main thrust of the sessions in this mini-block prior to our Easter break will be how to write diary entries. The children will be tasked with considering what a witness would see in the events surrounding the Easter story and be able to empathise with that character. Having considered what has been seen and felt by that character, they will create a diary entry for a most memorable day! Year 3 Maths – children will be investigating length and perimeter. Year 4 Maths – children will continue investigating *decimals*. They will be representing hundredths on a place value grid and then move onto dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 100. For topic, we will be planning a mountaineering trip and researching the life of the Adi tribe who live in the Himalayan Mountains.

Year 5 As we approach the end of our Beast Creator topic, the children in Year 5 have continued to be fascinated by the minibests, which we have been learning about. In our Spelling session this week, we learnt the definitions of key vocabulary linked to the topic and in Reading we finished using the 'Super Bug' text to retrieve information about what we had read in addition to distinguishing between facts and opinions. The children are enjoying writing their own fact files about a minibest of their choice and are getting creative as they use recycling materials to make a 3D model of a minibest. We aim to finish reading our class text 'Charlotte's Web' in readiness for making comparisons between the book and the film on the last day of term. In Maths, we have been learning how to subtract fractions. Being able to recall multiplication facts at speed is an essential skill to be able to find common denominators etc. Please encourage your child to play multiplication games or fire some questions at them to improve their confidence and accuracy in this area. Next term, our topic is called 'Allotment'. Further information about this topic will be sent home at the start of next term. In the meantime, we would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy being able to meet up with a few more friends and relatives over the holiday.

Year 6 In Year 6 this week, the children have been learning about the Mayan religion. Next week, we will conclude our learning about Mexico by considering their ancient use of hieroglyphics. The Maya created a written language to communicate. They had **about 800 symbols**. Archaeologists have figured out what many of the symbols mean, but not all of them. Some glyphs were used as numbers. Some were used as sounds. Some were phrases or words. To read Maya glyphs, you read downward, **left to right**, in pairs. In English sessions, we have been using images of Mexico and our topic learning to inspire us to write some terrific free verse poetry. In our reading sessions, the children have continued to apply their viper skills when reading and discussing the mysterious storybook 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate reading book and is quizzing regularly. Our maths learning this week has focused on ratio and proportion, leading to the use of scale factors in future sessions. MyMaths homework tasks have been set to reinforce classroom learning. Please make sure that all children with a pen licence, bring their own handwriting pen to school. Finally, weekly spelling tests are taking place each Friday so please ensure that the spelling lists are accessed via the website or Teams assignments.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.



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This week's highlights & reminders:

The Gosling Trust

The Gosling Trust is taking bookings for its Easter Holiday Club which will be open from 12th April during the Easter holidays. Email [The Gosling Trust](mailto:TheGoslingTrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) to book.



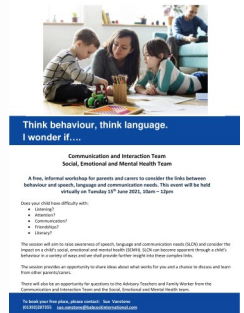
Library Mufti Day

On Wednesday 26th March, the last day of term, children are invited to come in to school in full mufti in exchange for a pre-loved, no longer read, good condition book for our school library. We are only able to accept books that are featured on the Accelerated Reader scheme, and we kindly ask that you check the [Accelerated Reader \(AR\) bookfinder link](#) before sending them in. Thank you in advance for your cooperation - this will really help to increase the library stocks for our children.

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 throughout the current lockdown. 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 on our return to school and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink.

Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).



Welcome back Mrs Stoffell

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Stoffell after the Easter break following the birth of her baby boy last summer. Mrs Stoffell will be joining Year 3 to teach alongside Mrs Oak in 3MO and will also be supporting Year 6.



Read Write Inc



I just wanted to share with you how pleased we are in Reception, Years One and Two with the children's progress in their phonics. We assessed the children last week and the vast majority have either stayed where they were prior to lockdown or moved up a group. This is a wonderful achievement and all credit to our wonderful families supporting our children so well in their home learning.

To continue on this amazing journey, we need your full support in helping them read and share their ditty sheets or books at home daily as well as reminding them to bring their RWI packs on the correct days. They will not be given their next book until their previous one is returned. Sadly, we have several RWI books missing from our sets. There should be 10 in a set and some sets have as few as 2 or 3 books in them! Can I please urge you all to search at home and try to find these missing books that are so very vital to the progress of all of our children?

If your child is at home isolating or you are just keen to help them improve their phonic knowledge, please remember our Goosewell YouTube channel has phonic lessons for all of the RWI group colours. If your child is in the A/B or Ditty group, they would need to look at Red groups films. Ruth Miskin's website is also helpful at explaining how we teach phonics and how we pronounce the sounds accurately.

Thank you for all of your continued support, Mrs K Hilton.



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Year 6 Ballard Trust School Grants

We have been asked to share the following information that was published by The Ballard Trust in Plymouth Live newspaper (formerly The Herald) on 18th, 19th and 20th March 2021 that may help parents/guardians of boys at Secondary Schools in September 2021 to support them in providing uniform and equipment for school.

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The Trustees invite applications from parents/Guardians of BOYS who are in Years 7-11 in September 2021, living in Plymouth and attending Plymouth Schools. Grants are to help provide school uniform, equipment and books. For any further information please contact The Ballard Trust directly.

Please write a written request for an Application Form to the address below by **Monday 12th April 2021** together with a self-addressed LARGE envelope with a LARGE letter stamp.

Chair of A. C. Ballard (Deceased) Trust
c/o Mail Boxes Suite 200
91 Mayflower Street
Plymouth
PL1 2SB

Requests for applications after the deadline cannot be considered. If you need any assistance with applying for a grant, please feel free to contact Jo Penk on jopenkpsa@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk or 482960 and she will be happy to support you.

Are you a budding baker? Then read on....

Junior Bake Off is looking for budding bakers aged between 9-15 with a connection to the Royal British Legion to take part in Series 7 of the show.

The Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Junior Bake Off has become a huge success since it launched on Channel 4 and the warm hearted nature of the show has made it a favourite with families and amateur bakers.



Filming would take place from July 2021. **Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.** For more information or to apply online, please go to www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



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Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Thank You!

A huge 'Thank You' for all your very generous donations to our Just Giving page for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day—we raised a whopping £503 for this fantastic charity which goes so far to improve the lives of so many



Plymouth Veterans & Family Hub

We support Armed Forces Veterans and their families throughout the city, working in partnership with Plymouth City Council, The Royal British Legion, Shelter, Help for Heroes and many other service charities and organisations. We look to support Veterans and their families with a range of services, from welfare and benefit entitlements through to carer's support including young carers, social events and much more. Throughout the year we hold many family events, although, due to the pandemic, these have largely been virtual events over the last 12 months, we hope to be able to run some face-to-face events later in the year.

Please find below our Easter competition that may be of interest to your students, we are happy for anyone to take part in this - it does not need to be a service or veteran family.



Supporting Veterans and their families

EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP
PLYMOUTH VETERANS AND FAMILY HUB
MAKE AN EASTER SOCK RABBIT



Suitable for the whole family on 6th April
at 10am.

Please get in touch for more details and to reserve a place.
phone 01752 201766 or email:
VFHub@improvinglivesplymouth.org.uk





Supporting Veterans and their families

EASTER HOLIDAY COMPETITION
PLYMOUTH VETERANS AND FAMILY HUB
**DECORATE AN EGG FOR EASTER
AND WIN AN M&S HAMPER**



Competition open to all.
Closing date 12 April 2021.

Email your entry to: VFHub@improvinglivesplymouth.org.uk or
check our Facebook page post to upload your picture.





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Plymotion Active Schools Travel Newsletter

Here is a link to the latest newsletter from Plymouth City Council's Plymotion schools team who work with schools across Plymouth to help reduce car traffic on the school run, make the roads around schools safer, and get more people walking, cycling and scooting to school.

This newsletter gives some highlights of what the team has been up to over the winter, news on future events and updates from the wider sustainable transport and road safety teams.

[Link to newsletter](#)

Buckfast Abbey Easter Resources

There are FREE resources for Easter available from the Buckfast Abbey Education Department online at www.buckfast.org.uk/education/easter2021

This is the last newsletter for this term, so we wish a Happy Easter to our Goosewell Family.

Thank you for all your support, cooperation and understanding this term.

The last day of term is Wednesday 31st March. We look forward to seeing you all again on 19th April!



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