

## Issue No 17 - 11th February 2022

### This week's year group news...

**Reception** We have had great fun tasting a range of toppings for pancakes- ask us about our favourites! In the coming week, we will move on to making pancakes and tasting them with our topping of choice. We know all about the 3 ingredients that pancakes are made from and we are looking forward to our learning environment being filled with delicious smells. This week will see us being assessed in terms of our phonics knowledge and many of us will be moving into new groups after the half term break. In Numeracy, we will explore the number 9 and how to carry out and record simple addition in a range of ways. Formal writing will see us writing simple instructions about how to make pancakes, using sequential language. Alongside this we will continue to develop our ever-growing skills of investigation, construction, creativity, imagination, exploration and interaction. We all have much to be proud of. Happy half-term one and all.

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

**Year 1** We have had a super week travelling back in time, learning all about the Great Fire of London. Learning the song London's burning and lots of facts about the historical event. We have been continuing our story of Town mouse country mouse, thinking about changing the story to make it our own and really thinking about using our own adjectives. In Maths we have been finishing up our shape unit, finishing with exploring tangram patterns. Next week we will be taking part in a local walk as part of our topic - comparing our local environment to London. Please look out for an email to give your consent and return the forms as soon as you can please. This week has also been our phonics check week. We are blown away by the progress the children have made, thank you so much for all of your support at home. Next week packets may be kept in school whilst we change over groups. Please bear with us. We are thrilled to see so many children accessing the spellings on teams. If you need help accessing teams or a reminder of your child's password, please see your child's teacher. Have a lovely weekend.

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

**Year 2** We have thoroughly enjoyed finding out more about different activists and the impact they had on the world. We found out that their lives were not easy but they continued to fight for what they believed in. We will continue to this learning by creating our own posters about our favourite significant person. In our English lessons, we will be writing our own recounts to tell the story of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins's trip to the moon. We have been working hard on our focus punctuation of using commas in a list and possessive apostrophes. In Maths, we have begun our learning into shape and are confident with identifying polygons and using their shape names. We will continue to build on this next week by developing our understanding of shape properties and how we can sort them. Those children in the reading group will continue to read and respond to the story of Rosa Parks.

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



## More year group news...

**Year 3** The children have now been taught all there is to know about earthquakes and how to survive one! Let's hope they were listening closely as the final week's work in this block requires them to produce a guide on 'how to survive an earthquake'! The children will combine their geography knowledge with their writing skills to produce a wonderful piece of learning! In maths, the children will build on their knowledge of calculating perimeter of standard 2D shapes and some rather peculiar looking rectilinear shapes too! How to measure perimeter – counting squares or use a ruler? The children will find out. Topic work really brings to life what an earthquake would be like as the children look at some case studies of actual tremors that have occurred around the world.

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

**Year 4** In English, the children will be drafting a persuasive letter to School Parliament detailing how we can reduce our carbon footprint. We will then be recording ourselves reading our letters and evaluating our presentation skills. In maths, we will be problem solving all week using the skills we have built over the term. We will consolidate our fractions understanding along with a session on multiplication, area and perimeter. In topic, the children will be talking about water, water and more water! They will revise the water cycle and how this moves water around our planet as well as considering how rivers have been used throughout history.

And finally - a big thank you and huge well done to our two trainee teachers: Miss Boswell and Miss Jackson who have been working hard in 4G. We wish them all the best for their next exciting placement!

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

**Year 5** Year 5 have continued to write persuasively this week as the children are preparing to publish a leaflet persuading staff that they should eat healthily. You may have noticed that your child has suddenly become more interested in the labels on the food that you have at home! In Reading, we are continuing to read and enjoy poems from Robert Macfarlane's beautiful anthology of poems 'The Lost Words'. Within this block, the children have had the opportunity to make predictions, answer questions about what they have read and justify their opinions using evidence from the text. In our Jigsaw lesson this week, we have been finding out about the dreams and goals of children from other cultures and discussing the similarities and differences of these children's lives to their own. In Maths, our fraction learning has continued as we have been comparing and ordering fractions less than 1 and greater than 1 as well as adding and subtracting fractions. Congratulations to Dexter in 5C and Georgia in 5KR who both are now members of The Millionaires' Club! As a result of reading over one million words, they have earned themselves a token for the vending machine. Who will be the first millionaire in 5N?

## Rise To Greatness

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

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have begun to learn about persuasive writing, including the structure and key language features that make writing persuasive. In maths, we have investigated percentages and learned how to convert fractions and decimals into percentages. The children have reviewed their mock SATS papers, which will be sent home with them, so please be sure to take a look through them with your child. MyMaths homework has been set as usual due for next Friday (18.02.22). Congratulations to Lola in 6T who is now a member of the Accelerated Reading Millionaires' Club, after reading over a one million words and earning herself a token for the book vending machine - well done Lola! Have a pleasant weekend!

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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](#).

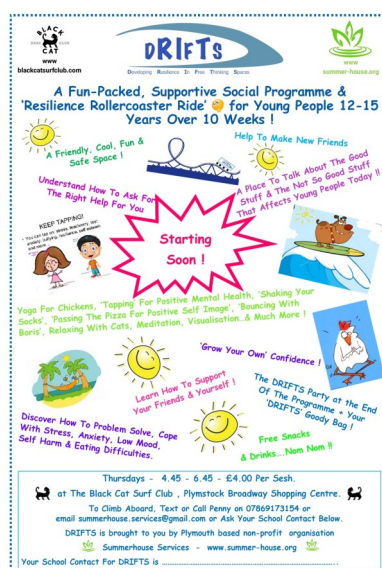
## Radford Community Centre Activities



## Plymouth On Course

Plymouth On Course are currently running courses that help parents to support their children and family. These courses are focused on helping parents to develop parenting skills, English, maths and wellbeing skills as well as looking at ways to better supplement the work kids and young people are doing at school. To find out more, [click here](#).

## Local supportive social programme for young people 12-15 years



Click [here](#) for more information on the Drifts programme.



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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
<b>Maths Award</b>	<b>Usman RWH</b> <i>For finding solutions to verbal mathematical problems and being able to explain his thinking.</i>	<b>Charlie R 2MB</b> <i>Great shape recognition and understanding.</i>	<b>Max 4L</b> <i>For his amazing perseverance working on his fractions; he kept going, listened well, tried hard...and succeeded! Well done, Max!</i>	<b>Jake 6WS</b> <i>For his renewed enthusiasm in maths lessons and great focus. In recent assessments, Jake has doubled his score and we are very proud of how hard he is working. Well done Jake.</i>
<b>Writing Award</b>	<b>Toby REH</b> <i>For beautifully formed letters and increased use of phonics when building words..</i>	<b>Bo 1BC</b> <i>Fabulous writing this week based on the Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. Clear finger spaces and great use of adjectives.</i>	<b>Jude 4G</b> <i>For his outstanding use of thesaurus to produce some fantastic vocabulary for his persuasive writing skills this week. Remember to use them in your letter next week!</i>	<b>Lola 6T</b> <i>Lola has been working hard on her writing targets and has shown great enthusiasm for writing during our Friend or Foe block.</i>
<b>Reading Award</b> <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	<b>Elijah REH</b> <i>For being able to retell a story from a story map.</i>	<b>Jacob B 2K</b> <i>Fantastic word reading and great perseverance when learning.</i>	<b>Emie 4W</b> <i>For careful thought and empathy when inferring the feelings of the character throughout our reading text 'River'.</i>	<b>Lennon 5N</b> <i>For writing an excellent summary on The Lost Words. In just 62 words, Lennon has used fantastic vocabulary and knowledge of the book to describe the content, the author and illustrator. He persevered to keep it as close to 60 words as possible without losing details. Well done Lennon!</i>

#### Rise To Greatness

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

#### Ruby in 6T

*The winner of the Rise to Greatness award this week is a Year 6 pupil who shows 100% commitment to her learning at all times. She works diligently in all lessons and sets herself high academic standards, consequently excelling across the curriculum. She wowed the Year 6 team with her reading SAT assessment, in which she scored 100%. However, it is not her academic ability that has earned her this award - this Year 6 superstar has caught the attention of her teacher because of the way in which she supports her peers in a kind and compassionate manner. She shows everyone respect, has impeccable manners and is just a lovely person to be around. Well done Ruby.*



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# Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

## Oracy

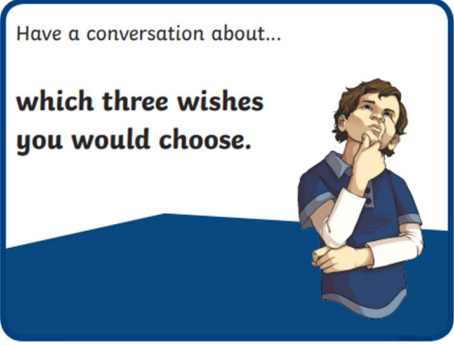
We develop our children's oracy skills on a daily basis through our informal conversations, class discussions, the use of sentence stems, our discussions around vocabulary and more. On the newsletter each week, we will be providing a stimulus for you to be talking about at home as a family.

**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...

**which three wishes you would choose.**



## 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 5KR. These and others can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)

**Rent a Bridesmaid by Jacqueline Wilson reviewed by Georgia**


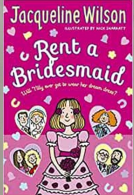
**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days by Jeff Kinney reviewed by Millie**

The book I'm reviewing is called 'rent a bridesmaid' by Jacqueline Wilson. This book is about a 9 year old girl called Tilly (matilda) who's dream is to be a bridesmaid in an amazing dress, so when she attends Mr's bloomfield's wedding her dream comes true. The Beautifully-described book has Exiting characters with all their hopes and dreams to magically come true. My favorite part was when Tilly's friend, matty was described: she had curly, red hair, lovely green eyes, a funny turned up nose, sprinkled with freckles. Also, her school uniform was pinned around her jacket and bag. My favorite part was when tilly was in the dress because the detail was gorgeous with all the roses.

I would give this to 8+

I give it 5 stars

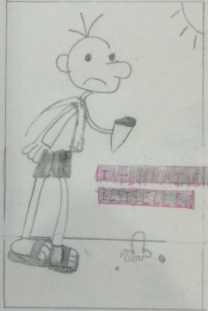
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My book star review  
by Millie

Title: 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days'.  
By: Jeff Kinney.

What is the book about?  
This book is about a boy called George G. Meigs who needs to make some money so he comes up with lots of different things to get the money he needed to pay the bill of \$83.



I would recommend this book for 8 years and up. If you like comedy books and if you have your own diary this is the book for you. There are more books of the Wimpy Kid and it's also a movie. I give this book 5 stars!!!

