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This week's year group news...

Reception The heart-warming story of 'Sally and the Limpet' by local author, Simon James will provide inspiration for learning in Reception next week. The children will learn about the creatures who inhabit the rockpool and how they adapt to their habitat. They will research and write factual sentences about a chosen rockpool creature. The children will also create their own limpet shells using the art of wax resist and will then imagine that they are Sally in the story. We will use the 'hot seat' method of encouraging children to respond in character to questions so that they can demonstrate empathy for character and understanding of the events in the story. We will explore the importance of the conservation and protection of our beaches and the children will be invited to design and create information posters to promote this message. In junk modelling, there will be an opportunity for the children to use their skills acquired over the year to equip themselves for a day at the beach as they make flip flops, sun hats and picnic baskets using recycled materials. As always, daily phonics and quick maths sessions will ensure that the children are reading and writing happily and independently as well as securing a healthy interest in number and pattern. We hope that you are starting to feel excited about our Reception assemblies which will take place on Thursday 30th June and Friday July 1st.

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

Year 1 This week we have enjoyed writing our own description of our fantasy schools. We have enjoyed the range of imaginative ideas, but sadly Mr Gentile said we aren't allowed a kitten room or a swimming pool with sharks! In maths we have been looking at money. We have been recognising different coins and their values. Next time you go shopping, maybe you could have a look at this in a real-life context. We have continued to learn about what life was like in the Victorian times. This week we have focused on the changes that have taken place. We have been discussing this using the 'would you rather?' game. It's safe to say we are happy with the changes! As the weather is getting warmer please take the time to check jumpers (including PE kits) are clearly named. Please make sure children come to school wearing a sun hat and sun cream. Whilst we cannot apply sun cream for the children, they are allowed to do this themselves at lunchtime. Please spend sometime practicing applying sun cream with your child if you would like them to do so. Thank you, have a lovely weekend.

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

Year 2 Year 2 have enjoyed our learning around the Julia Donaldson story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We spent time last week learning the story and have been practicing retelling parts of the text. This week we have been developing our writing skills and have been working together to write our own class version of the story where a tiger and an ant strike up an unlikely friendship. Next week, we will be writing our versions of the story where we will choose our own main characters and the adventures that they go on. We have been developing our knowledge of telling the time over the past week and are much more confident with telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour. We will continue this learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and to begin to calculate duration. Any practice that you are able to do with that at home using both analogue and digital clocks will be useful. It would also be lovely to see more children wearing watches in and out of school to encourage them to use their new found skills. As part of coastline topic we have been finding out about the lifeboat stations around the UK and how the RNLI save people's lives. We have also been looking at the physical features of our coastline and have learnt about Saltwick Nab. Next week, we will be thinking about tourism around the UK coastline and why people visit the coastline.

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



More year group news...

Year 3 Year 3 have a busy week next week. Continue learning about the ancient Romans and what life was like in Britain for the Celts. In Maths, we are continuing to learn to tell the time. We really appreciate that you have been helping with 'time-telling' at home. We will be reading a Roman myth and will make predictions and explore character emotions. In Writing, children will be reading a book called 'Botanicum' by Katie Scott and Kathy Willis. They will be looking at the features of non-fiction texts and learning how to make notes. Our new project in Science is Light and Shadows. Many thanks for your continued hard work and support. Year 3 Team

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

Year 4 A big well done to all the Year 4 children who have now completed their end of year assessments and the government's multiplication check this week. In maths they will now be learning how to draw and interpret line graphs, and solving problems involving these. In R.E., we will be examining religious and secular ways to make the world a better place and in computing we will examine algorithms used to crack codes as well as considering how to protect ourselves online with the use of secure passwords. Having examined hierarchical systems in Ancient Egypt, we will now be examining the role of a pharaoh more closely and thinking about whether we would have liked to fulfil that job description! In science we will continue investigating light and learn how to stay safe in the sun which we hope to see a lot of in the coming weeks! In literacy, we move to an exciting new unit based on newspaper reports before the children carry out their own research about Tutankhamun. In readiness for this, why not share a newspaper article with your child this weekend?

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

Year 5 The children have completed their summer term assessments with confidence this week. We are proud of how well the children have taken ownership and persevered, especially in some hot weather conditions. In English, the children have been writing their own warning tales which are set in ancient China. The children's writing stamina has really improved this year and they are quite rightly proud of their outcomes. In Maths, we have been identifying lines of symmetry and completing a symmetric figure. Our Year 5 corridor is looking bright and colourful thanks to Mrs Ponsford, who has been working hard to display lots of the children's writing, artwork and learning from across the curriculum. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for school each day. Lately, there have been children wearing rings, hooped earrings, necklaces and bracelets, which are not allowed for safety reasons. If we see your child wearing these items of jewellery, they will be asked to remove them for their own safety, as well as the safety of others. At this time of year, it is understandable that children start to grow out of their shoes and uniform; we would appreciate a note or email to let us know if this is the case.

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

Year 6 Year 6 are fully immersed in rehearsals for The Lion King. Each child knows which animal they will be dressed as and has brought home a letter (also on Teams) with information about costumes. Performance times and dates have also been shared. Families will be able to book tickets to watch the production either at 2pm on Wednesday 13th July or 2pm or 6pm on Thursday 14th July. Please note that, as of next week, children should know their lines off-by-heart. In DT, we have enjoyed baking our own brown bread and pasta sauce and comparing home-made products to shop bought. If any of the children have been inspired to make their own healthy foods at home, we'd love to see photos on Teams. Have a super weekend.

[Find your Year 6 Group Page Here](#)



Celebration Assembly:

Goosewell Primary Academy's Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths & Reading Awards

Here are this 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 this week:

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Reception

Key Stage 1

Lower Key Stage 2

Upper Key Stage 2

Maths Award

Arthur M REH

For constantly seeking challenge when it comes to all things number.

Amelia-Grace M 2MB

For persevering with telling the time and working hard to understand how to tell the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.

Delilah R 4L

Perseverance has paid off – congratulations on focusing on your number skills so well over this term. Your latest top score in your arithmetic test is well deserved!

Oliver W 5KR

This week during Morning Maths Year 5 have been working on some really tricky Sums Of Anarchy challenges. Ollie has used a wide range of strategies to solve these problems and explained them in detail to the class, which has helped lots of children to progress in their understanding. My personal favourite was his explanation of the Box of Socks problem, which he solved using a combination of algebra, Multilink and trial and error. Super mathematical thinking!

Writing Award

Ava O-O RWH

For choosing to write purposefully in our Continuous provision.

Freddie W 1T

For writing a fantastic description of his fantasy school. He remembered to use capital letters and full stops for every sentence and use lots of imaginative adjectives.

Jack B 4W

For your determination and great progress in your writing. Not only have you developed your writing style but you have worked hard to improve your handwriting. Well done!

Megan R 5N

Megan has been a consistently fantastic writer throughout the whole of the school year. She will always bring her creative flare into any writing she produces, whether it's a suspenseful fictional story or a factual non-fiction masterpiece. No matter what tasks and challenges Megan has been set, she will always strive to ensure she is using what is asked of her and will overcome any challenge. She is constantly finding ways to better her writing, which has particularly stood out this week with her ancient Chinese warning tale. Megan's writing is always a pleasure to read, it is presented beautifully and is always full and imagination and excitement. Fantastic work, Megan!

Reading Award

Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)

Danny D REH

For increased confidence and enjoyment of books and being able to act out a story.

Freya-Rose S 1BC

For fabulous confidence in reading and for making huge progress in her phonics screen check. Well done, Freya.

Nathaniel W 3Y

Nathaniel is an avid reader who regularly brings in books from home to share. He has made lots of progress and shows a secure understanding of most of what he reads!

Issy M 5K

Issy has made excellent progress in reading this term which is reflected in her PIRA test with a standardised score which has moved from EXS (113) to GDS (124)!

This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** was awarded to:

All the children and staff in Year 1 for their amazing work and commitment to Phonics. Well done!



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This week's highlights & reminders:

Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership (PSSP) Athletics Competition at Brickfields

Well done to all our wonderful athletes from Key Stage 2 who were selected to take part at Brickfields last Friday after racing off against their class mates: Olivia (3OS), Eleanor (3Y), Bradley (3OS), Luke (3Y), Indie (4G), Summer (4W), Oscar (4W), Evan (4W), Amelia (5N), Rebecca (5C), Jack (5N), Jaden (5K), Poppy (6S), Sophie (6S), James (6S), Max (6S), Annabelle (6S) and Kaya (6T). The team behaved brilliantly and cheered one another on as they competed against eleven other schools. Mrs Thorne and Mrs Oliver were really impressed with the children's superb sporting attitudes as well as their energy levels on a very hot day. The children all returned to school tired, happy and proud and many were awarded medals for their achievements.

Year 3

Olivia and Bradley won their 60m sprint race in the heats.

Year 4

Evan came third in the 70m sprint heats.

Oscar won the 70m race in the heats and went on to win in the final.

Year 5

Rebecca, Jack and Jaden came second in the 80m heats.

Amelia came first in the 80m heats and went on to win in the final. She also came second in the long jump.

Year 6

Max came third in the 90m heats.

Poppy and James came second in the 90m heats.

Annabelle came first in the 200m heats and then won the final convincingly. She was less than half a second off the record from all results collected since the start of Brickfields! She also achieved second place in the vertical jump.

Relays

Both our Y3/4 and Year 5/6 boys came second in the heats.

Our Y5/6 girls' relay team came first in the heats and then second overall, losing to first place by a smidgen. It was so close that video evidence was required to determine first and second place.



This week's highlights and 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](#).

Plymouth Armed Forces Day 2022 & Military Kids Club

This weekend sees the welcome return of Plymouth Armed Forces Day with activities and events taking place on Plymouth Hoe. More details here [Plymouth Armed Forces Day 2022](#).

As part of these celebrations, Pete Ogburn's memorial bench for military families will be unveiled on the Hoe. Pete Ogburn's dedication and support for the city's military families, over many years, is appreciated by countless children, young people and service families, within Plymouth and across the region. Without Pete, the national network of Service & Veterans' children would not exist and be the success it is today. Pete's involvement with MKC Heroes came when he accompanied his wife, Heather, a Senior Education Officer in Plymouth (with responsibility for military families), to a meeting of 40 local school children. They met to discuss their lives, what military service was like for children, and what would help them. During the discussion, one child said; "Why can't we have one of the flags Sir, like the old men in blazers have? We could get together and have a parade and be a club?" Others joined in, saying they could set up clubs in every school in the United Kingdom and beyond, so that everywhere they went they would have a friend. Pete took up the challenge and devised a plan to help her enable schools to create clubs that the children named Her Majesty's Schools Heroes (HMS Heroes). With the support of the Royal British Legion, HMS Heroes became Military Kids Club Heroes (MKCH) and Pete was the driving force; accessing funding for grants; being the treasurer, secretary, webmaster; competition designer and deliverer - organiser of anything and everything MKCH and so much more. Pete Ogburn's memorial bench will be unveiled at 3.30pm on Plymouth Armed Forces Day 2022. The bench will be located near the flagpole above the Belvedere (wedding cake) almost opposite Elliott Terrace. All are very welcome to attend.

Plymstock Road Runners - Muddy Duck Race 2022

Plymstock Road Runners present The Muddy Duck 10k and 3k Fun Run

Saturday 9th July 2022
Oreston Academy Playing Field
Plymstock PL9 7JY

RUN UNDER ARC RULES
ARC LICENCE: ARC22/167

Muddy Duck START 6am - £10

10km. A 2-lap multi-terrain course taking in grass, footpaths, woodlands, water crossing and some public and private roads around Radford Park and the surrounding areas. 17 years and over only. No entry on the day. Not suitable for wheelchairs or dogs. Please note that you WILL get wet!

FUN RUN- START 5.15pm - £2

3km. A single circuit around the same area as the Muddy Duck race. Suitable for all ages. Not suitable for wheelchairs or dogs

- Manned baggage area
- Race numbers to be picked up on the day
- Please park responsibly
- Both races start and finish at Oreston Academy playing field
- The wearing of music players with earphones is NOT allowed. Your safety could be put at risk if you can't hear marshal instructions
- No dogs or cyclists on the courses
- The courses are NOT suitable for wheelchairs or dogs



The 30th time we have
put on a race!

- 10k finisher prizes for 1st M & F Senior, FV35, MV40, FV45, MV50, FV55, MV60, FV65+ & MV70+
- Medals to all Fun Run finishers
- First Aid will be available throughout the evening
- Cheques payable to Plymstock Road Runners
- Postal entries to be received by 5 July
- Send completed entry form and £ entry fee to:
Muddy Duck Race Secretary, 18 Campbell Road, Plymouth PL9 8UE
- BACS and online entry, directions and final details on our website:
plymstockroadrunners.co.uk

PLEASE ENTER ME FOR 10K ☐
(please tick box) Fun Run ☐

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____

MOBILE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

AGE ON RACE DAY _____ M/F _____

Email: _____

AFFILIATED CLUB _____

Or EA Licence No: _____
You agree that we may publish your personal information as part of the results of the Muddy Duck and Fun Run and may pass such information to ARC or any affiliated organization for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not be limited to) name, club affiliation, race times and age category.

A signed entry form is considered as an acceptance of ARC rules and a declaration that you will compete on foot and run entirely at your own risk. Plymstock Road Runners and its sponsors accept no responsibility for participants failure to observe these requirements.

Minimum age for the Muddy Duck 10k is 17 years.

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE ENTRY CONDITIONS SIGNED _____

(Parent or guardian if 16 and under Fun Run only)

