

The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Year Group News

Foundation Stage Goodness we have been busy! We hope that you are looking on TAPESTRY and feeling proud about our brave attitude to learning and our thirst for adventure. Next week we will be creating a beautiful Autumn themed collage using items gathered from nature and our own illustrations of things that we see at this time of year. We will be creating pine cone pies, mud buns and leaf soup in the mud kitchen, following simple recipes—yum! An introduction to rhyme will be explored through the wonderful book, 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray and we will continue on our journey of learning and using new sounds, this week focusing on b, f, I, e and h. Ask us to show you how we can write numbers to 5. We are great at this!

Year 1 Next week in Year 1, children will be learning all about Hedgehogs. We will be using videos, non-fiction books and fact files to find out as much about Hedgehogs as we can. We will then use this information to create our own posters all about Hedgehogs. Children will also be using things from nature to create homes for hedgehogs. They will be challenged to build safe and strong homes using a range of joining methods. In Maths, children will be ordering numbers and learning how to use a number line to support their learning. We will also continue to focus on number formation - making sure our numbers are the right way round.

Year 2 Year 2 will be continuing to build on their learning on non-fiction texts, researching their chosen woodland creature, the children will be focusing on finding facts about their habitat, movement, nutrition, reproduction and a special feature. The children will be finding new vocabulary and sharing definitions when reading and exploring our class text 'Deep in the Wood', based on a Russian fairytale. They will also be putting together persuasive arguments as characters in the story to allow the bear to live in the house in the woods. For our topic learning, the children will be predicting what a plant needs to grow and planting their seeds - so any more donations of clean, empty yoghurt pots will be gratefully received!

Year 3 In our Maths lessons this week we have begun thinking about addition and subtraction and how to represent our calculations using equipment. We have looked at the types of pollution that affect our rivers and what we can do as global citizens to help prevent pollution. We have been looking at reports in English in preparation for writing our own report next week to persuade people not to pollute our rivers. We have been pleased with the responses to our topic homework so far and would like to remind you that topic homework will need to be completed by 17th October. As we are now experiencing autumnal weather please ensure your child brings appropriate wet weather clothing everyday for their allotted week of outdoor learning.

Year 4 In Year 4 Literacy, the children will use the research from last week to create a report on the damning effects of plastic pollution on the World's oceans. Building on Year 3 Maths learning, children will use their knowledge of adding and subtracting hundreds, tens and ones as well as introducing adding thousands. They will use concrete representations (Base 10, place value counters) before moving to abstract and mental methods. The children will then add 2 four-digit numbers with no exchanging before they explore exchanges as they occur in different place value columns and look for similarities/differences. Year 4 children will continue their exploration of the Blue Abyss by studying the impact of the changing World on The Great Barrier Reef.

Year 5 In English this week, we have been reading lots of newspapers because the children are going to become journalists and write articles about the death of Tutankhamun. They enjoyed having some time to read 'First Post', a children's newspaper we have in the library, and have started to compile a list of the features, which they will need to include in their own writing. Our place value learning in Maths has progressed to rounding, comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000! In PE, each class has enjoyed playing Throw Tennis – perhaps your child could teach you how to play. Our topic lessons have included writing a job description for a pharaoh and as successful candidates, being interviewed for the position. We have been impressed with the children's organisation so far with regards to completing homework tasks and learning weekly spellings. It is great to see the children taking ownership and we thank you for your role in this.

Year 6 Year 6 will continue to write their autobiographies next week. We have enjoyed learning lots more about the children during this unit of work and we look forward to reading their final piece of writing. In Maths, we will continue to consolidate our understanding of long division when dividing by double digit numbers and we will begin to look at factors and multiples. In our topic lessons, we will showcase our design and technology skills as we design and create a bag related to our identity.

Goodbye and Good Luck

After almost 20 years of service to the children of Goosewell, we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Vaughan who will be leaving us for a new position at Sherford Vale School. We thank her for her years of dedication and wish her all the very best with her new role.

Walking Bus

The Walking Bus has been saved! Thank you to our lovely parent volunteers this week for volunteering their time to assist Jo Penk in walking the bus 'passengers' to school each week.



Attendance

Here is the attendance for the week of 20/9/19. Well done to REH, 4G and 5S for top attendance in their Key Stages:

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
RBH	94.9%
REH	98.7%
1/2KH	97.9%
1B	94.1%
1WH	96.2%
2N	96.9%
2NB	96.0%
3M	97.2%
змн	97.6%
3Y	95.2%
4DH	96.9%
4G	97.8%
4L	96.9%
5C	94.5%
5S	98.5%
5T	97.6%
6R	97.8%
6S	93.5%
6WT	94.0%

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving next week and will be open between 3.30pm - 3.50pm on the following days:

- ☆ Friday 11th October
- ★ Wednesday 16th October

Please be aware that the fair will be CASH only.



Start and End of the Day

A reminder that ball games are NOT permitted in the playgrounds at the start or end of the day. As each playground is full with children and adults of all ages at these times, ball games, and in particular footballs, have the potential to injure. We ask for your cooperation and supervision of your children in the playground.



Secondary School Applications



Applications are now live and need to be submitted by **31st October 2019** at the latest. Please click on the image above to access the live application page at Plymouth City Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Arnold via the office, if you require any further information.

<u>The Gosling Trust</u> Session times and charges from Term 2 - October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

During a recent Trustee meeting it was agreed that there was a need to remove the discount applied to Breakfast Club for September Term 1 and revert to the original cost set out below. We are pleased to have avoided any other increase in costs overall at this time.

Fees and session times are set out below:

Breakfast Club 7.30 a.m. to 8.50 a.m.

£5.00 first child - £4.50 Siblings

After School Club 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

£10.00 first child - £9.00 siblings

N.B. A surcharge of £20.00 will be made for any child collected after 6.00 p.m.

Holiday Club 7.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Holiday Club has a no refund policy

£23.00 first child - £21.00 siblings

Holiday Club 7.30 to 1.00 p.m. or 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

£12.00 first child - £11.00 siblings

Children who are not booked in by the Friday 5.00 p.m. deadline for all clubs will not be able to attend sessions unless there are special circumstances.

We do need to be informed of any non-attendance for After School Club to ensure the children's safety. You will receive a phone call if a child is booked in and does not attend.

The Trustees wish to thank you for your past and future support.

The Gosling Trust
Holiday Club will be open
on
Friday 18th October,
Monday 21st, Tuesday
22nd and
Wednesday 23rd
October 2019.

Please contact the Gosling Trust to book on 01752 484360 or email thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

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Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the school website calendar

OCTOBER

Friday 11th

3Y Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Scholastic Book Fair - Drama Hall - 3.30-3.50pm

Monday 14th

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 15th

Siblings (Goosewell) School Photos

Scholastic Book Fair - Drama Hall - 3.30-3.50pm

Wednesday 16th

Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 10.00am

Scholastic Book Fair - Drama Hall - 3.30-3.50pm

Thursday 17th

PSSP Cross Country at Staddiscombe 12.30-3.30pm

Last day of Term 1

Friday 18th

Non Pupil Day for staff training

Monday 28th

First day of Term 2

Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 1.45pm

Tuesday 29th

Parents Evening 3.30-6.20pm

Wednesday 30th

Parent Forum Meeting 9.00-10.30am

Parents Evening 3.30-6.20pm

Friday 1st November

1/2KH Family Assembly 2.30-3.30pm

Future dates:

Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October

Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October

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Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 30th October

Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 28th November

Changed numbers, phones or email address recently?

Please ensure that the school office has the correct mobile number and email address for you.

Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 10.00am Last day of Term 1 for children

Non Pupil Day for staff training Term Break

Term 2 starts

Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception

Families Sept 2020 1.45pm

Parents Evenings 3.30-6.20pm

Parent Forum 9.00-10.30am

NHS Flu Immunisation Programme for Whole

School

Open Morning for Prospective Reception

Parent Support Adviser News from Jo Penk

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



Next week's virtue is......

Creativity

The ability to make new things or think of new ideas.

USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS