

Rise To Greatness

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# This week's year group news...

**Reception** On returning from a well-earned half-term break, the children will have one more week with the book, 'Shhh' by Sally Grindley as a focus. They will be building on junk modelling skills as they demonstrate their understanding of creating a 'flange' attachment which might come in handy when creating castles with towers. The mud kitchen will be up and running with the children making and comparing measurements, creating weird and wonderful recipes for things such as a 'giant's broth' and selecting and using real life resources such as kettles, saucepans and frying pans. Enhanced activity will include using a range of resources to create repeating patterns with varying complexity and being able to explain their ideas. The children will continue on their phonics journey but at varying stages depending on confidence levels. They will be taught in smaller groups with a more specific focus for their ability level. In maths, the children will be introduced to numbers 1 and 2. They will look at formation, counting, ordering, grouping, subitising and exploring these numbers in different forms and contexts. Thank you for all of your support this term and for allowing us to spend so much time with your lovely children. Have a super half-term break.

Year 1 This week we have been rounding up our Enchanted Woodland topic. The children made some wonderful posters to tell everyone what they had learnt over them term. We were amazed by how much we could all remember. What a fantastic topic it has been! In maths we have continued our addition work looking at number bonds for different numbers and in writing we have been independently choosing our own animal to write a fact card on. This week some children have moved phonics groups. Please have a look and see which group your child is now in as their book change day may be different. Please remember that all children are individuals, we are so proud of everyone's progress. It is not a race to complete the colours, it is about developing confident and fluent children who love to read! Please enjoy some time over half term to read together. Please bring reading packets everyday as when we can we like to listen to everyone in our class read, which is not on set days.

Over half term please take the time to make sure all items of clothing are named. Some may have been washed away over the past few weeks. We can not return lost jumpers to children if their full name is not clearly visible. Have a lovely restful break!

Year 2 We've had a very busy week to end a very busy term. We enjoyed making our own Royal crowns on Tuesday as inspiration for our instruction writing. We have all worked hard to include imperative verbs and time connectives in our writing which help others to make crowns as good as ours. We have drawn our towers, tunnels and turrets learning to a close by constructing our own bridges from pasta and marshmallows- this involved a lot of imagination and teamwork. As we look ahead to next term, we will begin our new learning around Marvelous Monarchs. Within this topic we will explore different monarchs and the way they have ruled. Initially, our English learning will focus on the story of 'Katie in London' where Katie visits Buckingham Palace. We will be writing our own version where our main character visits a different royal residence. Our Maths learning will move on to focus on addition and subtraction. We would like to take this opportunity to give a big well done to all the children for settling into Year 2 so well and thank everyone at home for all your support.











# More year group news...

**Year 3** Year 3 have worked incredibly hard during Term 1. We are looking forward to starting our new topic called Scrumdiddlyumptious! We will be exploring food groups, looking at food labelling, design a healthy packed lunch, explore food advertising and will also create our own healthy fruit smoothie. We hope you and your families have a wonderful term break.

**Year 4** Let's get ready to rumble..!!! Year 4 start term 2 with an extra special visitor from Plymouth University to talk about the rocks our Earth is made from. The topic of 'Tremors' will look at the exciting but unstable nature of our planet. The children will explore such natural disasters as earthquakes and volcanoes as well as the geology of our planet. In English, Year 4 will open the term looking at a fiction block using Philip Pullman's novel 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'. Initially, tasks will see the children 'immersing' themselves into the style of the writing in readiness for creating their very own exciting stories! In mathematics, there will be particular focus on subtraction. We will review the basic mechanics of taking away and then consider how complicated calculations can become if exchanging is required. The children will need to ensure they use their place value knowledge to keep their calculations accurate!

We hope you have a restful break and we look forward to seeing Year 4 back for November ready for an explosive term – just in time for November 5<sup>th</sup>!

Year 5 What a way to end the term in Year 5! We all had a fantastic day with Clive Pig yesterday where we learnt about mummification, farming and tomb building through drama. Everybody had a role to play and it was wonderful to see how captivated the children were by Clive Pig, who is a wonderful storyteller! The end of term has also seen the completion of our newspaper articles, where the children have imagined they were news reporters who attended the palace the day after Tutankhamun was pronounced dead. The children were great at using formal sentence stems in addition to including direct and reported speech. In Maths, we are currently working on a Statistics block which has involved interpreting data from line graphs and drawing our own line graphs. We are looking forward to sharing the outcomes which have been produced at home for the termly topic homework assignment. Thank you all for your continued support this term and we wish you all a relaxing term break before we rocket our way into Term 2 and our Stargazers topic.

Year 6 This week, year 6 have worked hard on completing their design and technology projects. They have developed their sewing skills throughout the week to produce a bag which represent them and their personality. Well done for persevering with threading those needles! The children have also designed their own avatars in their computing lesson. In maths, we have continued to embed our understanding of long division and started to look at the method with decimal remainders. The children completed their autobiographies this week to complete our English ID learning and the teachers have all thoroughly enjoyed reading them and learning more about the children in their class. We are looking forward to our 'Frozen Kingdoms' topic next term, especially our 'Polar Fun Day' in our first week back - please make sure you consent to your children taking part in this activity via the form sent this week. We hope you all have a well deserved half term break and we look forward to seeing you on your return.











# **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 <u>Worry Box</u> 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 <u>PSA</u> to keep informed of all the most recent updates from <u>Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND</u> and <u>Routeways</u>.

#### Warm Home Discount

You should qualify for a warm home discount under the 'broader group' of vulnerable customers if you fall into one of the following groups:

- Parents who get either income support, income based job seekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance and who receive a disabled child premium in their award.
- Parents who either get income support, income based job seekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance and who receive a disabled child premium in their child tax credit award.
- Parents who don't get one of the means-tested benefits mentioned above, but whose child tax credit award includes a disabled child element and whose tax credit award is based on an income for tax credits of £16,190 or less.
- Parents on <u>Universal Credit</u> whose award includes a disabled child addition and who either have no earnings or whose earnings have been below £1,349 in at least one month within the previous 6 months.

The number of discounts each company gives to customers in the 'broader group' is usually limited, so discounts tend to be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Please check with your supplier or on <a href="www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> website to see if you qualify, there is a full list of suppliers who are part of this scheme on the gov website. If you need support to access please contact Jo Penk PSA for more information.

# **Free School Meals - Qualifying Benefits**

If you are in receipt of the following support payments, your child will be entitled to receive free school meals:

#### Free school meals | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK

- ◆ Universal Credit from 1 April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- → Income Support (IS)
- → Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- → Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- ★ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- → Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- → Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190)
- ♦ Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, free school meal eligibility will **temporarily** include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). These groups are:

- Children of Zambrano carers.
- → Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on ground of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- → Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction.

If you are in one of these groups and wish to apply you must seek advice through the school your child attends. We cannot determine eligibility through our checking system therefore these applications will need to be completed with school.











# Parenting Smart - a new site for parents/carers of 4-11 year olds

A Place2Be survey found that around half (52%) of parents of 4-11-year-olds have felt isolated during the pandemic, and almost half (48%) of parents felt they would have benefitted from advice about how to manage their children's behaviour during the pandemic. Place2Be developed Parenting Smart to help parents and carers support their children and manage their behaviour. It's completely free to use and access.

Developed by Place2Be's parenting experts, the site is full of tips and advice on a range of topics including transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties.

Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles

# **Squid Game**

We are asking all parents/carers to be aware that many of our children are talking about watching 'Squid Game', which is currently being aired on Netfilx. Please be aware of what your children are watching and be reminded that the recommended age for this programme is 15. Clips of this programme are also being shared on various social media platforms, so please also talk with your child about the material they are viewing online.

# **Year 6 - Secondary School Applications Deadline 31st October 2021**

\*\*\*\*\*\*If your child is in Year 6, please click on the link below for details of the Secondary School Application process with Plymouth City Council. The deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place is 31st October 2021.\*\*\*\*\*

**Secondary School Applications** 

## **Childhood Flu Immunisations**

The School Immunisations team at Virgin Care are due to be delivering the childhood flu immunisations to all year groups on 12th November 2021. This week, you should have received a link from Virgin Care to give consent for your child to receive a nasal flu immunisation. Immunisations will only be administered by the team to children for whom consent has been received - the consent window will close on 3rd November 2021. Once you receive the link, any questions or queries can be raised with the team at Virgin Care. If you would like to know more about Flu Immunisation in England, further details can be found here

# School Photographs Rise To Greatness

The School Photographer will be here on 11th & 12th November for individual photos. Make a note on your calendars for brushed hair and best smiles!

# **Lost Property**

If your child has lost a personal belonging, please check with your child's year group as lost property will now be kept within their Key Stage Phase. It would be very helpful if all belongings could be marked clearly with their full names, to enable us to reunite lost items quickly. This includes drink bottles, lunch boxes & coats. As there is a crossover of year groups at lunchtime, if your child has lost an item in the dinner hall, please ask them to check with the school office, as unnamed items are kept there until claimed. Your cooperation is appreciated.















# Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2021 Harvest collection for the local foodbank. Your generous contributions have now been collected. It took two cars, two strong children from the Hub, three adults and six enthusiastic Year 5 children to sort, pack and carry! The foodbank have contacted me to say how overwhelmed and delighted they were by Goosewell's generosity and will soon be sending school a letter and certificate. Well done everyone.



Thank you so much for supporting your local community.











# **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021**



Poppy Shop

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at Goosewell Primary Academy. After half term, poppies and merchandise will be available to buy at a suggested minimum donation of 50p. Year 6 will visit each class throughout the week to

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# Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership Cross Country Event 21/10/21

Well done to our wonderful KS2 children who did Goosewell proud at the PSSP Cross Country Event at Staddiscombe playing fields on Thursday 21st October. Twenty schools competed in the event so most children raced against sixty others in their age group. Every one of our twenty-four runners completed the course with a smile on their face. We'd like to give a particular well done to Constantin in Year 4 who finished in fourth place in his race. Mrs Thorne and Mrs Oliver were proud of the way all of the children conducted themselves whilst representing their school.



















### **Half Term Activities and Events**











ollowing discussions with Pomphlett Primary School, High 5 are excited to announce a bootball camp piloting at Pomphlett Primary on Thursday 28th & Friday 29th October.

Using the High 5 formula to deliver engaging, confidence-building sessions, we can't wait to get started

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.



Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to. We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through. It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator for eight weeks and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old.

The next group starts on Thursday 28th October, 9.30am - 10.30am.

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.













# **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:

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### Reception

Louie REH For super subitising skills

#### Key Stage 1

Harry B 2K For superb effort in completing our daily maths starters each morning.

#### Lower Key Stage 2

Pixie 4G
Her clever use of place value counters helped her successfully complete a huge range of addition problems - well done!

#### Upper Key Stage 2

Harry M 6WS
He has persevered with long division for over a week and is now feeling confident with each step of the method.

#### Writing Award

Hadi RWH
For making great
progress with hearing
and writing sounds in
words

#### Darcie-Lee 2MB

For superb instruction writing including use time connectives.

#### Rocco 3OC

For an amazing effort and showing brilliant progress when writing his NCR, especially for his lovely neat presentation! He should be very proud...

#### Arria 5C

Arria has a wonderful way with words. This week, she has written a fantastic newspaper article about the death of Tutankhamun.

#### Reading Award

#### James B RWH

For great progress with 'Fred talk' when reading words

#### Jasmin 1BC

For superb reading and phonics. Jasmine is such a hard worker and helps her peers when they are struggling with reading.

#### Beatrix 4L

For smashing her HALF A MILLION word count in AR...what a stunning effort!

#### Mailys 6WS

She has already scored 3.5 x her year 5 word count in term 1. Well done Mailys - keep it up.

#### This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Stanley - RWH

Stanley gave up his weekend to support a homeless charity by buying, sorting and delivering food donations with his family. Well done Stanley, we are very proud of you for your kindness.













#### **Medical Tracker**

We will be implementing a new electronic system to record all our medical and first aid activities. Medical Tracker will go live on the **8th November 2021**. Medical Tracker will allow us to ensure all incidents, medication and medical conditions are managed more efficiently. Like any new system, it will take a little while to embed the service completely.

#### What will change

First Aid incidents will be recorded electronically. You will receive a notification email alert once first aid has been administered at the time of the incident. This will replace the letter your child would normally give you at the end of the school day. No further action is required.

A direct phone call will be made by a member of staff to a priority contact for any injuries that may require additional medical treatment or closely monitoring.

#### Medication administered at school.

A Medicine Form is still required. All medication will be recorded on the system and once the medication is administered an email alert will be sent. As you are aware all medication requires a dispensing label displaying all required details such as the name of the medication, medical condition, dispensing and expiry date.

Your cooperation will be appreciated as we implement this new system.

# **Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy**

#### **Oracy**

Good oracy skills can help children in every subject that they learn in school. It enables them to express their thoughts and opinions about what they are learning and interact with others thoughtfully and productively. Communicating effectively also means that children will be able to express themselves when they do not understand something or perhaps need a little more support with a specific topic. With good oracy skills, they can reach out and explain what they are thinking and what they need help with. 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. Here is this week's for half term.....

#### **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.



How would the world be different if animals could talk?

Remember you need to explain your ideas clearly to your family. You can discuss it with them and you may even change your mind!











# **Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy**

#### **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. Here are some reviews for this week written by children in 3Y

#### Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris

You should read Jackie Morris's book because the illustrations are extraordinary, and you should read it because it is really good and she has looked after her paintings.

Recommended by Sophie in 3Y

You should read this book because it is very interesting and fun to read. It is about boys and girls talking about dragons and telling you what their dragons do or have. It has great drawings and words that are really good for kids.



Recommended by Maria in 3Y

#### Something About a Bear by Jackie Morris

You should read this book because it has amazing facts about every bear you can think of and the illustrations are absolutely amazing.

Recommended by Joey in 3Y





#### Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

You should read this book because it is an amazing book. I would recommend it because some of the words are tricky, something funny happens at the end and it is super funny!!!!

Recommended by Spirit in 3Y

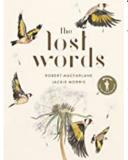
# Rise To Greatness

### Oi Frog by Kes Gray

You should read this book because it has rhyming words and it has some funny pictures.

Recommended by Elliot in 3Y





### The Lost Words by Jackie Morris

You should read this book because it has the most beautiful poems in the world. You really should read this because it is b-e-a-utiful.

Recommended by Robert in 3Y







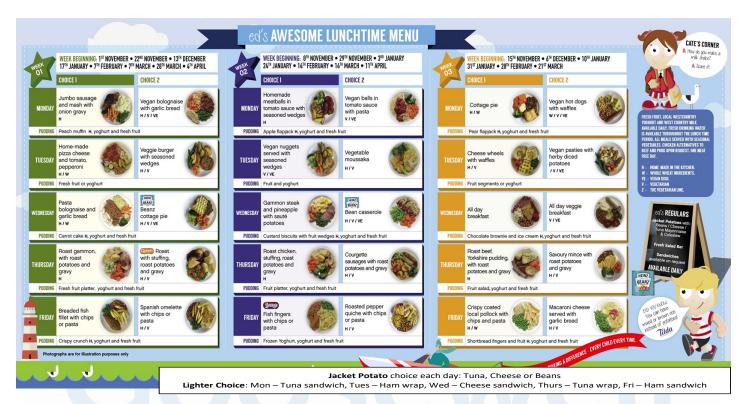




#### CaterEd Winter Menu 2021

The new winter menu will commence with Menu 1 when we return on 1st November 2021. The menu can also be found on the school website under the 'Parents' tab

CaterEd Winter Menu 2021









### Message from Cook:

We will be having a Mexican Themed Lunch on 9th November. The menu on this day will be:

Chicken Enchilladas/ Vegetable Burritos Served with Savoury Rice and Corn on the Cob. Jacket potato and Light choice as normal. Puddings will be Chocloate and orange Muffins / Fruit or Yogurt









