



## Year Group News

### Foundation Stage

We have had a lovely week at school, playing and learning happily together. Next week, we will be using the story of 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson to inspire our learning. We will be creating our own Stick men and families, and talking lots about our own families and how special they are to us. Phonics will see us continuing with the 'Read Write inc' programme and learning how to read, write and say the sounds i,n,p,g and o. We will review our understanding of the numbers 0,1,2 and 3 and introduce 4. If you are out and about over the weekend it would be wonderful if you could spot and collect 'Autumn treasures' for your children to bring into school and chat about. Enjoy the Autumn sunshine!

### Year 1

Next week in Year 1 we will be continuing our work on 'The Gruffalo'. Children now know the story really well and are ready to start thinking of their own character to put into it. They will be writing character descriptions about their new character. In Maths, children will be counting forwards, backwards and finding one more/one less than a number. We will be dissecting plants and flowers in Science and learning the names of the different parts. Please make sure your child has suitable shoes for outdoor PE in school.

### Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are really looking forward to our bikeability sessions at the beginning of the week. This will be a great opportunity for the children to develop and learn new biking skills with their friends in the sunshine. We are continuing our learning about the Gruffalo in Literacy and the children will be rewriting their own versions of this classic story. Our maths learning is all about numbers and how they are made. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and partitioning 2 digit numbers with apparatus. We are exploring our school field in our science sessions and will be looking at and identifying British trees and plants.

### Year 3

This week we have enjoyed writing a class version of The Wind in the Willows using all our fantastic vocabulary. We are excited about writing individual versions next week. We have been continuing our place value learning in Maths we are very confident in using manipulatives to represent different numbers up to 1000. As part of our 'Flow' we have begun to identify the features of a river and have had a go at creating our own river features.

### Year 4

After a week of planning our own adventure stories, we will be writing our swashbuckling tales and publishing them in our neatest handwriting for display. In maths we will be counting and comparing numbers up to 10,000, and in our topic learning we will be looking at how scientists have discovered the creatures lurking in the depths of the ocean. If there are any submariner/diver/scientist parents who have experiences of the deep sea they would like to share with Year 4, please let your child's teacher know - we would love to hear from you!

### Year 5

Year 5 have been continuing to immerse themselves in the 'Pharaohs' topic this week. The children have been sketching artefacts, which were discovered inside Tutankhamun's tomb, in addition to creating timelines of the key events that occurred during Ancient Egyptian times. In English, the children have been learning how to write relative clauses and how to use brackets for parenthesis. Can your child explain these terms to you with an example? In Maths, the children have continued their Place Value learning by rounding to 10, 100 and 1000 as well as reading and representing numbers in various ways. During PE this week, we have been developing our throwing and catching skills by playing 'Throw Tennis'. Please remember that earrings cannot be worn for PE and Games sessions, so if your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves they need to be taken out at home in the morning or your child can bring some micropore tape to cover the earrings.

### Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will write their suspense stories based on Antony Horowitz 'The Switch'. At the end of the week, they will be able to edit and improve their writing and share it with other Year 6 children. In maths, they will begin to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction. Our ID learning, will see the children begin to take part in a design and technology project where they will design a bag personal to them. They will also start to design their own avatars thinking about what makes them unique.

Next week's virtue is.....

**Optimistic**

Having or showing hope for the future;  
expecting good things to happen.

## 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.

### Attendance — Week Commencing 5/9/19

Great attendance for our first week back, well done!  
Class doors will be open at 8.50am for children to be ready to learn at 8.55am.

| W/C 5/9/19 |        |
|------------|--------|
| 1/2KH      | 98.1%  |
| 1B         | 91.7%  |
| 1WH        | 96.3%  |
| 2N         | 96.4%  |
| 2NB        | 95.5%  |
| 3M         | 100.0% |
| 3MH        | 95.7%  |
| 3Y         | 90.0%  |
| 4DH        | 97.6%  |
| 4G         | 95.8%  |
| 4L         | 100.0% |
| 5C         | 96.4%  |
| 5S         | 100.0% |
| 5T         | 96.2%  |
| 6R         | 91.1%  |
| 6S         | 97.5%  |
| 6WT        | 93.5%  |

| W/C 9/9/19 |       |
|------------|-------|
| RBH        | 95.2% |
| REH        | 98.6% |
| 1/2KH      | 97.8% |
| 1B         | 94.4% |
| 1WH        | 95.2% |
| 2N         | 97.1% |
| 2NB        | 98.3% |
| 3M         | 96.4% |
| 3MH        | 98.3% |
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| 5C         | 93.6% |
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| 5T         | 96.2% |
| 6R         | 97.7% |
| 6S         | 94.2% |
| 6WT        | 95.5% |

### Attendance — Week Commencing 9/9/19

It is great to see good attendance across all the year groups. A special well done to REH, 4DH, 4L and 5S for achieving the highest in their Key Stages for last week.

## Walking Bus Helpers

Jo Penk, our Parent Support Advisor is looking for new adult volunteers to help her with the Walking Bus on a Thursday and/or Friday morning, as her lovely current volunteers are moving on. **Without additional adult help, the Walking Bus will cease to run in a month's time.** If you would be interested in helping Jo, could you please make contact with her via the school office. Volunteering is always great for enhancing your CV and the conversations you have with wonderful little people on the walk up the hill will always make you smile!



## 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](#)

Click on the link [here](#) for further details of activities available via Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND.

Children's Minds - Families Matter sessions have restarted at Devonport Park Activity Centre. For further information click [here](#).

## Consultation for Plymouth SEND Local Offer

Plymouth City Council would like parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to tell us whether you have used the Plymouth SEND Local Offer website and whether or not it was useful.

This survey is completely anonymous and will only take a couple of minutes to complete.

Your views, comments and thoughts will be used to help us improve the Plymouth SEND Local Offer website.



Take the survey at: <https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/cyp/plymouthsendlocaloffer/parentsurveyquestionnaire>

## Connect with us on Facebook

PIAS regularly post information, activities and events happening in the Plymouth area on our Facebook page. Stay up to date by liking us on Facebook.

## PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



### SHORT BREAKS

In partnership with the Sports Development Unit

### FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Plymouth Life Centre  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1pm to 5pm



If you are the parent or carer of a disabled child aged 6 to 18 years, this free event will enable your whole family to enjoy a range of activities. Activities include climbing, trampolining, dodgeball, archery, table tennis, soft play, arts & crafts board games, followed by an hour's swim.

To be eligible to access this event your child must live in Plymouth and have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or support centre, although they may still be eligible if they attend a mainstream school and are supported by an EHC Plan.

Booking is essential please contact the Sports Development Unit on 01752 307008 Email [nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk)

### Time for YOU

Plymouth

A small supportive group for mums of children with additional needs

Use Creative tools + COACHING to:

Take time and space for YOU

Share how being a mum of a child with additional needs transforms us  
Re-fuel, play with words and images and say what needs to be said  
Listen to what YOU need and how this fits into your life



Could this be for you?  
Book a place on our  
Taster Sessions  
20th Sept + 7th Oct  
Text 07855 529582  
[jo@mums4change.org](mailto:jo@mums4change.org)  
or @mums4change

- A small, safe and supportive group for mothers
- Take time for you without your children
- We will use words, images & coaching tools
- No need to be 'creative' just willing to give it a go
- Your child doesn't need an official diagnosis

"For me the course was life changing. I'm now so much stronger, happier and looking forward to the future."

WHEN: Mondays 10-12am from 14th October  
WEEKLY: 8 weekly meetings, term-time only  
WHERE: Routeways, Devonport, Plymouth  
COST: Free BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL

INTERESTED? email [jo@mums4change.org](mailto:jo@mums4change.org) or text 07855 529582

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background in Arts Therapy. SUPPORTED BY: Clare Gale. Clare has a son with complex medical needs and loved the group so much she wanted to help share it with others.



### Dyslexia information morning with Coffee & Cake

Are you concerned that your child may be dyslexic? Do they struggle with aspects of literacy, memory or organisation?

Come along to the Hub at

Rees Centre Mudge Way

Plympton

Monday

23rd September

10 - 11:30am

Sarah Baines



Professional body membership PATOSS & Dyslexia Action

"Sarah has provided invaluable insights into the literacy needs of many individual children and the interventions she has used and recommended have helped children to make accelerated progress with their learning." Primary school SENDCO

- Empower - Encourage - Engage - Exceed - 07530 343081

[www.plymouthdyslexia.co.uk](http://www.plymouthdyslexia.co.uk)  
[sarah.exceed@icloud.com](mailto:sarah.exceed@icloud.com)  
Plymouth Dyslexia Support



### Nippy Netters!

Netball skills sessions for boys and girls aged 3 to 7

Devonport Sports Centre

Saturdays 11am - 12pm

Only £2 per session

Run by coaches from Plymouth Community Netball Club

For more information, or if you would like to book a space, email [ncc.nw@plymouthcc.net](mailto:ncc.nw@plymouthcc.net) or contact Sharon Chapman 07530 343081

Find us on Facebook: "Plymouth Nippy Netters"



**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**

## Could you be a Parent Governor?

Your support as a parent is invaluable. We currently have a space on the governing body for a parent governor. If you feel that you have the skills to support and offer appropriate challenge, as well as the time, then we would love to hear from you.

Please send any inquiries to our  
Chair of Governors, Maria Manning,  
[chairgovernors@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:chairgovernors@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk)

## Goosewell Academy PTA PTA News

**Our Next Annual General Meeting  
will be held on **Wednesday 25th  
September** at 6pm in the Reception  
classrooms.**

**Please come and support your  
child's PTA**

## Is your pre-school child due to start school in September 2020?

Come and visit Goosewell Academy at one of our open events where you will be able to meet the Headteacher, our pupils and have a tour of our school. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our open events, no need to book, just bring yourselves, and your little ones to the most convenient session:

**Wednesday 16th October - 10.00am**

**Monday 28th October - 1.45pm**

**Thursday 28th November - 10.00am**

**Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the [school website calendar](#)**

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 23rd — Friday 27th**

Year 2 Bikeability Balance Week

### OCTOBER

**Friday 4th**

6WT Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

**Friday 11th**

3Y Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

### Future dates:

**Monday 14th October**

**Tuesday 15th October**

**Thursday 17th October**

**Friday 18th October**

**Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October**

**Monday 28th October**

**Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October**

**Wednesday 30th October**

### Changed numbers or phones recently?

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

Individual School Photos  
Siblings (Goosewell) School Photos  
Last day of Term 1 for children  
Non Pupil Day for staff training  
Term Break  
Term 2 starts  
Parents Evenings 3.30-6.20pm  
Parent Forum 9.00-10.30am

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