



## Year Group News

**Reception** 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' will be the theme which informs our learning in this week leading to half-term. The children will be exploring moral issues and how to treat their friends kindly and not like the characters in the book! They will be writing shopping lists to prepare for pancake making. In addition, the children will get to taste and review a range of potential pancake toppings before selecting the one that they will use as we make pancakes after the half-term break. Signs of spring will be hunted in our outside area and the children will have opportunity to create a lovely still life painting of daffodils. In adult-led learning, the children will be extending their knowledge of one more/one less with a focus on numbers beyond 10.

**Year 1** Next week we will be linking addition and subtraction facts in our Maths sessions. We will look at how fact families are made and how we can compare number sentences using  $<$   $>$  and  $=$ . In our English lessons, we will be changing one element of the story of Rapunzel to create our own versions and we will be thinking carefully about story openers, middles and endings. To conclude our materials learning in Science, we will be conducting a tower investigation to find out what it is that makes a tower nice and stable. Each one of us will be individually assessed by our teacher on our ability to read sounds and words. This will then determine which RWI phonics group we will be in next term. Please keep your eyes peeled after the break as we may have different ditty sheets/books to share at home. In the meantime and as always please keep helping the children to complete reading and homework at home and to return RWI phonics packs and books on the correct days. Many thanks.

**Year 2** Next week in Year 2, we will be concluding our Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topic. We will be having great fun building bridges using marshmallows and spaghetti and learning about some impressive tunnels and bridges around the world. In maths we will be learning about time, so please talk about clocks, watches and simple time telling at home. Next week we will be focusing on o'clock, half past, and quarter past and to so keep asking your children to tell you the time if you can. We will also revisit money so a visit to the shop with a few pennies would support our learning. In English, we will complete our non-fiction fact file on Castles. The children are enjoying researching our topic books and finding our exciting facts and information. Next week, we will be launching The NSPCC PANTS campaign in school to make children aware of how to keep themselves safe and who they can talk to if they have any worries. This is a mufti day and will also include a treat for the school achieving a Good Ofsted!

**Year 3** During our Reading lessons, Year 3 have been looking at a very interesting book that shows what is happening beneath the pavement. We have looked at a range of vocabulary in 'The Street Beneath My Feet' and next week will be making predictions and retrieving information from the text. In Maths we are continuing to look at money and will begin thinking about converting pounds to pence and calculating change. Our 'Tremors' topic will lead us to look in to the famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. We will look at a range of evidence to find out what happened to the people of Pompeii.

**Year 4** In Year 4 next week, we are continuing to understand how our digestive system works and why it is important that we keep our bodies healthy. We are also going to consider how a healthy diet can ensure we have healthy bowels! In Maths, we are going to continue to build our knowledge of fractions as we solve how to count in fractions and also, fractions larger than one. In English, we will be using our model text 'The Hook' to write our own spooky stories, will they have a happily ever after or a ghostly, rotten ending? If there are any questions or worries about homework, please come and ask your class teacher or alternatively, attend Homework Club where help is also available.

**Year 5** In our Reading sessions this week, we have started to read our latest text 'A Street Through Time'. This text links to our Time Traveller topic as it follows a street from the Stone Age through to the present day. This book will be used to teach the skills of vocabulary, retrieval and explaining. In Maths, we have continued to learn the bus stop method for short division. We are now moving on to a Fractions block, starting with identifying equivalent fractions. In our topic learning, we have learnt the difference between diurnal and nocturnal animals. Can your child define this key vocabulary with examples? In English, the children have been applying their persuasive writing techniques whilst writing a formal letter linked to 'Tom's Midnight Garden'.

**Year 6** Next week, Year 6 will write their formal letters in the role of Charles Darwin. They have been learning about the difference between formal and informal writing during this unit so will be able to apply their learned skills to letter writing. In Maths, the children will continue their algebra learning where they will learn about two step function machines and how to calculate missing values. In topic, we will look at artificial selection vs natural selection and form an opinion on this through discussions.

Next week's virtue is:

**Visionary**

A thought, concept, or object formed by the imagination

## Harry Potter Book Night



Last night, over 20 muggles in Year 5 and 6 returned to school to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night. The theme of this year's event was the Triwizard Tournament. In Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Harry and three other champions must face challenges that will test them in different ways. The muggles who attended last night, were brave enough to put their name into the Goblet of Fire to see who Goosewell's Harry Potter super fan was! Congratulations to Thomas in 5T. All children enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and share their opinions about their favourite stories and characters and it was a pleasure to provide our children with this opportunity. #HarryPotterBookNight

## National Book Giving Day - 14th February is about sharing the love of books!

International Book Giving Day takes place on 14th February each year. The aim is to get books into the hands of as many children as possible. At Goosewell Primary Academy, we are going to acknowledge this special day by holding a 'Book Swap'. Any children, who would like to participate, are invited to bring in a book from home, which will be exchanged for a token. Throughout the day, your child will be able to view the selection of books brought in by their year group and exchange their token for a new book to read and enjoy. Please consider the condition of the books that are sent in to be swapped. #bookgivingday

## Mufti Day - Wednesday 12th February

All children and staff are invited to wear mufti next Wednesday 12th February to celebrate our 'Good' result in the recent OFSTED inspection. There will be no charge for this mufti.

**No nuts policy** Please remember that due to severe nut allergies within the school, Goosewell Primary Academy is a **NO NUT** school. We would appreciate your cooperation for the health and safety of all of our children and staff.



## Sports Activities

Rackets & balls provided

Whiteford Road TENNIS and BADMINTON CLUB

Free Junior tennis coaching

Free Junior tennis coaching - SATURDAY 8th FEB 2020 - 10.00AM-12.00PM

To take advantage of this offer go online to [www.whitefordtennis.co.uk](https://www.whitefordtennis.co.uk) search 'Whiteford Road Tennis' or e-mail [info@whitefordtennis.co.uk](mailto:info@whitefordtennis.co.uk) or complete this form and return it to Whiteford Road Tennis & Badminton, Whiteford Road, Mannamend, Plymouth, PL1 3LZ. Please advise which category for junior tennis:

☐ Junior tennis (6-10 years old)
 ☐ Junior tennis (11-14 years old)
 ☐ Junior tennis (15 years old +)

Whiteford Road Mannamend Plymouth PL1 3LZ

Telephone 0800 228 9443 Email [info@whitefordtennis.co.uk](mailto:info@whitefordtennis.co.uk)

Parent drop off or stay

All welcome with refreshments - including free Tea, Coffee & Snacks

All weather tennis with indoor courts

Name	
Junior Name & age	
tel.	
E-mail	

## EASTER YOUTH DANCE INTENSIVE

EXIM

For more information contact: [education@eximdance.org.uk](mailto:education@eximdance.org.uk)

Date: 30th March - 3rd April 2020

Venue: Exim Dance Space, Broad Quay House, Richmond Walk, PL1 4LL

Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Cost: £85 (early bird offer until 28th February)

Age: 11-16 (up to 25 with disabilities)

The week will be led by highly professional practitioners, you will get experience in an array of different styles from Street Dance, Jazz to Contemporary, as well as an opportunity to showcase to family and friends at the end of the week.

**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**



## 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](#)



SOMETHING NEW IN PLYMSTOCK  
FOR SERVICE OR EX SERVICE  
VETERAN FAMILIES OR  
INDIVIDUALS



### MONDAY MAKES!

Free piece of cake on your first visit

Jenn Collings is a pastoral worker with Aggies and ex-service wife of 35 years she will be running a group just for service families - in the community within Cafe Vision on three Monday afternoons a month. (Not the 1st Monday each month). This is a free session. You can purchase a meal or coffee within the cafe separately) we may ask for a small donation to cover any craft items or activity but we would rather have you than your money!

You don't need a child to attend

**NEW TIME**  
11.30am to 12.45pm  
Crafting time - bring your own project or have a go at some creative ideas



Aggies will be based within the premises at Cafe Vision, Plymstock United Church, Plymstock Road, PL9 7PB, for more info contact [jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk) or check out our Facebook page  
The Ark Community Project Ltd - Plymouth

PIC-COLLAGE

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

### FEBRUARY

#### Friday 7th

Australian bushfires fundraising Mufti Day - voluntary donations  
Swimming Gala trials for KS2 only at Fort Stamford 6.30-7.00pm  
Plymstock Area Cross Country Series Race 2 at Dunstone Primary School 4.00-5.15pm

#### Wednesday 12th

Mufti Day (free) to celebrate our OFSTED 'Good' result  
NSPCC 'PANTS' Campaign Launch for children

#### Friday 14th

2NB Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm  
Last day of Term 3

#### TERM BREAK - 17th February 2020 - 21st February 2020

#### Wednesday 26th

Parent Forum 9.00-11.00am  
Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting 5.00-5.30pm

#### Friday 28th

RBH Family Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30-3.00pm  
Plymstock Area Cross Country Series Race 3 at Goosewell 4.00-5.15pm  
FROGS meeting at Plymstock Albion Oaks Rugby Club at 6.00-7.30pm

### Future dates:

#### Friday 14th February

Last day of Term 3

#### Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February

#### Monday 24th February

#### Friday 27th March

#### Tuesday 14th April

#### Friday 8th May

#### Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

### CHANGE OF DATE

4DH's family assembly is now on Friday 24th April at 2.30pm

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5S's family assembly is now on Friday 20th March at 2.30pm

### APOLOGIES!!

1B's family assembly is now on Friday 12th June at 2.30pm

Term break  
First day of Term 4  
Last day of Term 4  
First day of Term 5  
May Day Bank Holiday  
Term break

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