

## **This week's year group news...**

**Reception** The heartwarming story of 'Sally and the Limpet' by local author, Simon James will provide inspiration for learning in Reception over the next couple of weeks. 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 and sun hats 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.

**Year 1** We really enjoyed writing using the book The Colour Monster as a stimulus. It is time to say goodbye to this block of writing as we take a look at recipe writing. During this block of learning, we will be learning about the features of instructions. Hopefully, children will be motivated to write some good sets of instructions and we'll no doubt be inspiring the children with some tasty recipes to look at too. We will be launching the unit with the children making some colourful and delicious fruit kebabs! Maths next week is learning all about time. We will be ordering events in the day as well as learning to tell O'clock times both using digital and analogue clocks. We are very excited about science next week which is all about bubbles! The children will be given a statement to either prove or disprove - "Bubbles, regardless of the wand shape or however they are formed will always be spherical" ...well, your little people are going to be investigative scientists to find out what the answers are! We wish you all a lovely weekend and thank you for all your support.

**Year 2** Year 2 are having a fantastic time exploring mixtures as part of our new topic. Next week we will be looking at changes in state. The children will be experimenting with frozen icebergs and investigating ways to melt and free the explorer trapped inside. In Maths we are looking at adding and subtracting and will be using our number bond knowledge to become super mathematicians. In English we will be writing and looking at recipes keeping with our potion and mixture theme. We are really enjoying RE and will continue to explore Islam through discussion and looking at artefacts. In PSHE we will be discussing changes from birth to adulthood and discussing our future dreams and aspirations. Now the warm weather has started could we please remind you that children will need a drink each day, sunhat and cream applied at home if the weather is looking warm.



## More year group news...

**Year 3 & Year 4** The Year 3 and 4 children all deserve lots of praise for working hard to complete their assessments in Reading, Maths and SPaG. Next week, we will be reading a great story called 'How to make a cherry pie and see the USA' by Marjorie Priceman. In Writing we will be finding out about 'Cowboys' and 'The Wild West'. From this we will write our own stories. Y3 Mathematicians will investigate 'Time' and work on days of the week and months of the year. Year 4 Mathematicians will be working on line graphs. And finally, in our electricity Science lessons we will be investigating conductors and insulators.

**Year 5** This week, Year 5 have started to learn about the changes that happen to our bodies during puberty. It would be great if you could check in with your child to see if they have any questions that they would like to discuss with you at home. In our classrooms, we have provided a question box for the children to be able to ask questions if they would prefer to do so anonymously. In English, the children have been writing an historical fiction story based on our model text called 'Spy Master'. We are pleased with the progress that has been made in writing this year and it is great to see the children becoming more independent when editing and improving their writing. Our spelling lesson this week focused on how the spelling changes when an adjective becomes an adverb. The children enjoyed the challenge of locating adjectives used in their reading books and following the rules to change the adjectives into adverbs for example gentle becomes gently and happy becomes happily. In Maths, we have been classifying shapes based on their properties including a parallelogram, trapezium and a rhombus. In our topic sessions, the children have been learning about Henry VIII and his six wives! They had to concentrate when completing a Tudor family tree and completing a key to show what happened to each of his wives. Please continue to encourage your child to read and complete AR quizzes at home. My Maths homework has also been set to be completed each week.

**Year 6** Our final assessment week has seen Year 6 children work very hard to demonstrate everything they have learned during their primary journey. Teacher assessments will be shared with parents via your child's annual report at the beginning of July. We are now fully into 'School of Rock' rehearsals. Due to the current restrictions, the decision has been made to video this performance rather than perform it live. Whilst this is disappointing, we will make the most of this unique way of sharing your children's acting, singing, prop handling and technical talents. We aim to air the performance on Goosewell's YouTube channel on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure your child has their production outfit in school from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We have spoken to the children about costumes and posted a list onto each class's Teams page. As you will know, secondary transitions have mostly been cancelled but please feel assured that we liaise with secondary schools and pass on necessary information to make the process as smooth as possible. There are only a few more weeks for children to boost their Accelerated Reader word counts – we would love to hand out more certificates as we approach the end of term. Have a lovely weekend.

## Rise To Greatness

### Change to gate opening times - morning arrivals

Over the past few months, we have noticed that some children have been arriving on the school premises earlier and earlier and often without any parental supervision. The safety of our children is paramount and having children unaccompanied and unsupervised on the school site is a cause for concern. I have now made the decision, that from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, the external gates for the school will remain locked until **8.35am** to help ensure children do not arrive too early.

If children are allowed to walk to school unaccompanied, I am respectfully asking parents to keep their children at home until an appropriate time.

As you will be aware, doors are opened for children to enter their classes at **8.40am and remain open until 8.55am**; with this system proving highly successful over the past few months.

Should you need your child supervised before school hours, we do have excellent wrap around care through the Gosling Trust, details are available online.



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## This week's highlights & 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 throughout the current lockdown. 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. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#). The latest Activities and Events for SEND newsletter can be found [here](#).

### Fit & Fed Summer Programme

A reminder that Plymouth City Council launched its 'Fit and Fed' programme on **Monday 21st June** online at [www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed). This is an opportunity for anyone who is eligible for Free School Meals to access up to 4 weeks in a holiday club from a choice of over 70 clubs and locations in the Plymouth area. Here are examples of just two of the clubs included.

All spaces will need to be booked directly with the chosen provision by parents/carers. If you require any support or further information, please contact Jo Penk PSA, however all details will be available when the website goes live on 21st June.

This time we have a week of activities for Primary (ages 5-10 years) and a week of activities for Secondary (11-16 years). I have attached a booklet below with further information. The programmes are only eligible for those on free school meals.



Snacks and lunches will be provided daily throughout both weeks. Join us for:

- Arts & Crafts
- Mindfulness Activities
- Dancing
- Conversations around healthy eating

Primary ages:

Dates: 2nd August - 6th August 2021

Time: 9am - 1pm

Location: Oxford House Creative Hub, 29 Manor Street, PL1 1TW

Secondary ages:

Dates: 8th August - 13th August 2021

Time: 9am - 1pm

Location: Oxford House Creative Hub, 29 Manor Street, PL1 1TW

Please do share this opportunity amongst your students. To book your place or for more information, email: [classes@eximdance.org.uk](mailto:classes@eximdance.org.uk)

**Plymouth Science Summer Holiday Club**

To book click the QR code or email: [plymouthscienceclub@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthscienceclub@gmail.com)

9am-3pm Daily  
£15 a day  
FREE for FSM Children  
Lunch and Snacks Provided

When?	Where?	What's happening?
Every Monday (except Bank Holiday)	St Peter's Roman Catholic School, Torridge, PL2 8BN	All things science from close to explosions, children will enjoy and learn science experiments with a WOW factor.
Every Tuesday	Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, PL6 8BH	Fun activities, children will be working on open bins, going on STEM walks and finding out about science in nature.
Every Wednesday	Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, PL6 8BH	All things robotics. Children will be able to explore Lego robotics as well as other programs and devices.
Every Thursday	Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, PL6 8BH	How things move - This will be exploring levers, pulleys, gears, levers, levers and much more.
Every Friday	Wembury Beach, Torridge, PL6 8BN	Children will spend the day on the beach, looking at the sea, learning about the beach, looking at the sea, learning about the beach, looking at the sea, learning about the beach.

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### Your PTA needs you!

Come & join our Friends of Goosewell School (FROGS) meeting over a cuppa via Zoom, on:

**Tuesday 29th June at 7.30 pm.**

Please email us on [frogs@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:frogs@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) to receive an invitation and agenda.



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## This week's Celebration Assembly:

### House Winners

Well what a fantastic effort **Shearwater**....House winners for the second week running with 842 house points! Come on **Puffins**, **Pelicans** and **Kingfishers**, can you defeat Shearwater next week to take the House Winners Cup for the first time?! Let the challenge begin!

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

We have really enjoyed our celebration assembly this week when children from across the entire school have been able to join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. Yet more pride from this week's winners of our Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each phase:

Well done to the following children for receiving their well deserved awards:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
<b>Maths Award</b>	Oakley REH	Elijah 1T	Oscar 3N	Toby 6S
<b>Writing Award</b>	Josephine REH	Seth 2K	Leighton 3MO	Herbie 5T
<b>Reading Award</b>	Louie RBH	Emily 1WH	Elliot 3/4Y	Allys 6WT

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Lucas in 4G

*Lucas achieved GREAT things during our sports day events this week - he was in the top three for every task, completing and finishing the day as fastest runner in his class. What a fantastic effort, what an amazing Sports Day you had Lucas!*



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