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This week's year group news...

Reception The children have settled well into the new year and have already thought about the problems of fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters and how they might solve them. Suggestions have included placing a cushion by the wall for Humpty to fall on and giving Incy Wincy swimming lessons. This week we were lucky enough to visit the Theatre to see, 'The Man who wanted to be a penguin' and that has inspired much creativity and learning about animals from Antarctica, behaviour and life cycles of penguins and imagining what life might be like for a penguin. We will consolidate these two learning enhancements over the next week. Quick maths sessions will have a focus on formation, counting and ways to make 7 as well as comparing mass. The children are also flourishing in their new phonics groups. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

[Find your Reception Year Group Page Here](#)

Year 1 Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic break. We have kicked off this term with a lovely Royal tea party to launch our topic, Bright Lights, Big City. Everyone should have come home with our knowledge organiser and home learning ideas. This has also been uploaded to Teams for any which have been misplaced. Please have a look and post any photos of home learning on to teams for us to share with the class. The children love showing their photos to the class. In maths we have continued practicing our addition, as part of this we have been practicing our number bonds to 10. The children have really enjoyed using this game to help. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10> Level 1 - addition - bonds to 10. In writing, we have begun learning the story of Dick Whittington. We have been drawing our story maps, ordering pictures and practicing retelling the story from memory. We have also begun uploading our spelling assignments weekly to Teams. Please see your class teacher if you have not been able to access Teams yet. Just before the break we regrouped the children for phonics. Please bring your reading packet everyday as the book change day may have changed. Have a lovely weekend!

[Find your Year 1 Group Page Here](#)

Year 2 Welcome back - what a busy start we have had to 2022! 2MB are now part of their own bubble but are still enjoying all their learning and play. We have had a great start to our 'Movers and Shakers' topic where we have begun learning about significant people and their impact on the world. Hopefully, the children have been coming home and telling you all about the special people we have learnt about including Emmeline Pankhurst and Joseph Lister. We have been thinking about what makes them special and what categories they fit into e.g. activist and scientist. We have also been thinking about a significant person in our English lessons as we focus on the story 'Greta and the Giants' which is inspired by the climate change activist Greta Thunberg. We have been using our story retelling skills to recall the story as a story map using pictures. Next week, we will begin to write our own version of the story. In Maths, we have begun to think about multiplication and how multiplication is looking at equal groups. Throughout the next few weeks we will be multiplying numbers by 2, 5 and 10. Well done to all the children who have returned their phonics packets and have received their new books. Please remember that phonics packets need to be returned on **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week and those children in Miss Merriman and Mrs Boalch's reading group **must** bring their reading books **everyday**.

[Find your Year 2 Group Page Here](#)



More year group news...

Year 3 What a great start all the Year 3 children have made to a new term and a new year.

We have been busy reading an amazing story called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and next week in writing, we will be creating a class plan to write a new chapter. We will also be working on including speech marks in our writing. In maths we will be dividing a 2-digit number by a one-digit number. In Reading, we have been exploring a story called 'The pebble in my pocket' which is about how the earth was formed and how it has changed over millions of years. In Art, we have been learning all about ammonites and the Fibonacci pattern. We will be creating a final 'motif' of an ammonite and will then use the printing technique to create a final piece of art. Finally, in Geography, we will be investigating what soil is and then move onto discovering what tectonic plates are.

[Find your Year 3 Group Page Here](#)

Year 4 This week we have enjoyed learning about rivers and have learnt lots of new vocabulary such as 'meander' and 'Oxbow lake.' See if your child can tell you what they mean! We looked at the features of rivers and followed the River Trent from its source to the mouth. Next week we will be looking at how rivers change landscapes over time and using atlases to identify rivers across the globe, researching one of our choice. In maths we will use our knowledge of multiplication to divide 2 digit numbers by one digit numbers in a variety of ways including the formal written method. Our MyMaths homework this week is continuing to practise multiplication - please remind your child to complete it as it will be helpful, and if they want to take even greater ownership of their learning, Times Table Rockstars is a great app too! In literacy, we have looked at the features of fantasy stories and next week we will be practising paragraphing, using inverted commas for speech (encouraging your child to notice this in their reading books will really help) and improving vocabulary before we plan our own adventures!

[Find your Year 4 Group Page Here](#)

Year 5 Term 3 got off to a great start in Year 5 as we completed a mini project called 'Nature's Art'. This project taught the children about the genre of land art. They worked outdoors to photograph natural forms and explored the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations – we hope that you enjoyed looking at our outcomes on social media. This week in English, we have started a fiction block where we are using *The Secret Garden* as a model text to support us to plan and write our own stories with a focus on description. In Reading, we have started a new text called *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. We have started with the skills of predicting and retrieving information from the text. Our Maths lessons continue to have a focus on multiplication and division so it would be really useful if you could encourage your child to use TTR at home in addition to completing their My Maths homework. Our Topic lessons will now focus on a second mini project called Line, Light and Shadows. This project teaches children about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. They take black and white photographs and use pencil, pen and ink wash to reimagine their photographs in a shaded drawing.

[Find your Year 5 Group Page Here](#)

Year 6 Year 6 would like to wish all students and staff a fantastic welcome back from the Christmas break and have had a great first week back. The pupils of Year 6 have begun to explore their new topic 'Britain at War', which covers a range of exciting opportunities to learn about our country during the times of the First and Second World Wars. In Maths, Year 6 have learned about position and direction and used coordinate grids to develop their understanding of the subject. Reading lessons have focused on the truly wonderful book 'The Harmonica' and started to listen to the audiobook of Michael Morpurgo's *Friend or Foe* and really place themselves in the shoes of the children who were evacuated to the countryside during WW2. Overall, Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back and the team are excited to see what learning opportunities the rest of the term holds.

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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. 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 when we return in September. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

Governor News

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Mrs Maria Manning, School Governor and former Chair of Governors as she moves on to focus on her many other commitments. She has been a hugely supportive member of the Board of Governors and Goosewell Primary Academy and we wish her well in the future.

Calling Year 6 Families

A group of Year 6 parents/carers are beginning to formulate plans for a Year 6 leavers party and hoodies and they have asked that parents pop over to the Year 6 Goosewell Parents 2021 Facebook group to be kept up to date with all things Year 6 leavers related.

Sports News at Goosewell Primary Academy

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 play leaders for their sports leadership skills over the past two weeks at lunchtime.



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Celebration Assembly:

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

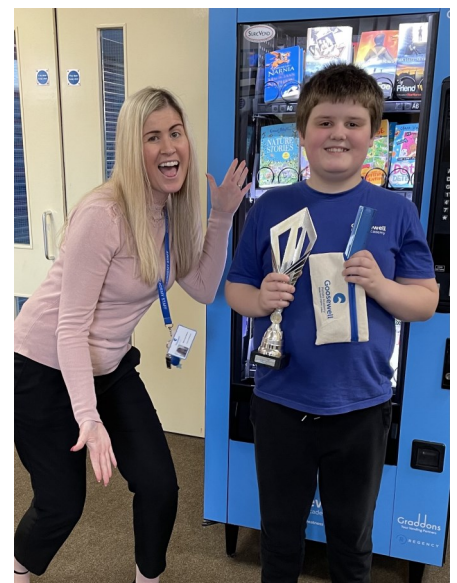
Every Friday afternoon we look forward to our celebration assembly when children from across the entire school join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. This week's assembly saw winners collecting their Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each 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:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Maths Award	Seb REH <i>For remembering how many sides a quadrilateral has.</i>	Sonny 1BC <i>For fantastic addition and number bond learning. Great listening and concentrating and when he finishes his learning he has been helping other children. Wonderful!</i>	Millie 3OC <i>For a much more positive attitude lately which is helping her with independence in her learning.</i>	Kimberley 5N <i>For persevering so much this week with short multiplication, multiplying 3 digits with 2 digits and 4 digits with 2 digits. At times she's found this really difficult but hasn't given up once and has been so engaged with every lesson so she could be sure she fully understands the method.</i>
Writing Award	Essa REH <i>For letter recognition and emergent writing using his increasing knowledge of sounds.</i>	Olivia 2MB <i>For super retelling of our story 'Greta and the Giants' in English and creating a fantastic story map.</i>	Tommy 3Y <i>For an amazing and imaginative piece of writing from the point of view of a pebble.</i>	Eddy 6WS <i>For excellent writing outcomes this week including a story extract with imaginative description and interesting dialogue.</i>
Reading Award	Ffion RWH <i>For recognising an increasing number of sounds and trying hard to blend.</i>	Jack 1T <i>For always putting in 100% effort into phonics, sharing his enjoyment of reading stories with others and retelling our class stories with fluency and confidence.</i>	Lilly 4W <i>For writing fantastic and imaginative rhyming couplets.</i>	Mya 6WS <i>For showing amazing empathy towards Henryk in 'The Harmonica'; she evidenced well from the text to support her thinking. Well done Mya.</i>

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

Alex 5N

During the holidays, Alex has been helping his mum to save food from going in the bin that would otherwise be wasted - including rehoming 30 packs of potatoes! Alex also helped his mum to collect rubbish and plastic from the beach at Bovisand. Well done for being such a help to the community Alex, we are very proud of you.



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Oracy

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.

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.

Have a conversation about...

**the qualities you
look for in a friend.**



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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 6S.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Getaway By Jeff Kinney reviewed by Xander

My rating: 9/10

I would highly recommend The Getaway to everyone of any age. This exceptional book has struck my interest over the past few days. I have extremely enjoyed this book and so have many other Year 6 children here at Goosewell. I have found this book really funny and have enjoyed reading it. I now feel like I know Greg and his family personally.

I think that anyone of any reading level would enjoy reading this book. I have found that every Diary of a Wimpy kid book is excellent and amusing.

I especially enjoyed the aeroplane ride as it was really funny in my opinion. I felt really bad for Greg in this book as if I were in his position I would hate it and want it to end. I found that there were a lot of hilarious and awkward moments in this book and, this really made me laugh in the class. I laughed so much during reading this book that I was scared that I would distract the person sitting next to me. This book is **EXCELLENT!!!**



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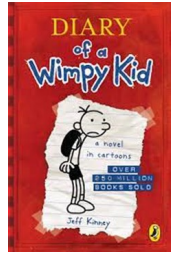
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney reviewed by Jack

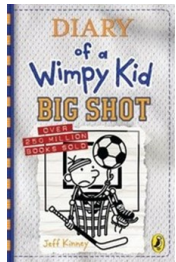
My rating 9/10

I can tell you that all the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books have idolized me and my friends. This exceptional book and its author are amazing. I have extremely enjoyed reading this book. Greg is stuck in middle school with nobody but his best friend Rowley. How will Greg get out with Fregley in the way? But don't worry because Greg has his best friend by his side and they are doing just fine playing the rumble trike. Rowley's parents don't like Greg and they think he is a bad influence but it does not because they are in it till the end.



Big Shot— Diary of a Wimpy Kid reviewed by Malie

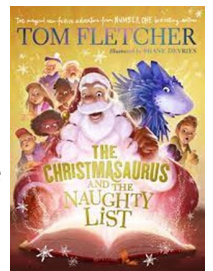
Over the past two days, I have been reading an extraordinary book called Big Shot. In my opinion, this book is amazing, it has been one of my favourites so far. This book is about a 11\12-year-old boy who does not have a love for sport but then he finds a sport he may not regret. As I was reading this book I really enjoyed the plot of the story. This book is also based on trial and error. Greg Heffley a normal boy trying to find a sport that fits for his lifestyle perfectly, but the question is will he find the one sport? I recommend this book from ages 7-12. My favourite part of the book is the illustrations. You can see how many details and how much time is put into only drawing Greg. And another one of my favourites is the humour! The humour in this book is fantastic and I would recommend!



Star Rating:10/10

CHRISTMASAURUS AND THE NAUGHTY LIST by Tom Fletcher reviewed by Zayne

The naughty list has OVER LOADED , and there is only one person to fix that – no not Santa (the annual gift giver) no not William Trundle (the boy in a wheel chair that has saved Christmas not once, but TWICE) it is not him because he himself is unfortunately ON THE NAUGHTY LIST! So that only means that the dino will have to do it. Yes you read me right I mean the one and only, CHRISTMASAURUS! I recommend this book to because it gave me PURE JOY reading it due to the amount of SUSPENSE and HILARITY and even DANGER! Ok maybe not as much danger. In total I rate it a FIVE STARS!



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