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This week's year group news...

Reception Is it really nearly time to wave farewell? The theme of change and moving on will flow throughout our provision over the last couple of weeks of this term and indeed, this year! The wacky book, 'Dear Teacher' by Amy Husband will provide our focus. It tells the story of Michael who, wary of change, creates an imaginative array of stories designed to excuse him from attending school. He writes a collection of imaginative letters to his new teacher which see him travelling the world on a secret mission. The children will be writing their own letters to their new teacher exploring their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses and what makes them who they are. These will be presented with the children using their best handwriting. They will also be creating a personal display rainbow for their new classroom. We will consolidate our exploration of positional language and the children will create treasure maps through listening to and processing descriptions given by a teacher e.g. next to the swamp, draw a palm tree. There will be time to reflect on how the children feel that they have changed this year and they will be invited to write or record a message for the new children starting in September. Thanks as always for your support and we hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1 We are so pleased that one of our seagrass plants that we have been growing in year 1 has begun to grow. After being told how difficult it is to grow these plants, we think we can be proud of our 1 in 10 success rate! Loveday from the Ocean Conservation Trust came into school this week to collect it and to answer the children's questions (Lots! Some were even about seagrass!). This has been a very successful project in raising awareness of our local environment and it is a relationship that we are keen to continue with next year. Next week in Maths, we will be consolidating our learning and we will be revisiting a tricky unit that we had a few weeks back – number, place value to 100. We will take another look at addition and subtraction within 50, part /whole models and number lines to really embed those skills in readiness for year 2. In our Writing, we have a short, fun unit on poetry to complete the year. This will look at rhyme, similes (as busy as a bee), adjectives and alliteration (Sally sells sea shells on the seashore) amongst other things. Lots to keep us busy! We wish everyone a lovely weekend.

Rise To Greatness

Year 2 Next week in year 2 we will be planning for a spooky party which will take place, fingers crossed, next Thursday afternoon. More information will follow next week. I'm sure that the children will be very excited! In Maths we will be learning and reviewing number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and then 100. Science will be exploring and making bubbles and in RE we will be designing Islamic style prayer mats only with a personal twist. The Forest School trip is on Wednesday of the last week of term, more details about the day and what to bring will follow soon. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Scarbro who has been a wonderful support to us in Year 2 and helped many of us with our learning. We will all miss him and hope it won't be too long until we see him again.

PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday and please apply sun cream before school and always remember a drink in a named bottle. Thank you so much for your continued support.



More year group news...

Year 3 & Year 4 As the children enter the third and final week for this fiction block, they will have used a class plan to practice writing their own cowboy story. Now, having created their very own story plan, they will use all their knowledge to develop their very own cowboy adventure - full of unique locations, exciting characters, and edge of the seat plot lines! We cannot wait to read the ideas these young authors have created. Next week in reading, we will be working on comprehension by practicing our inference skills.

Y3 Mathematicians will continue investigating 'Time' and work on duration, start and end times and measuring in seconds.

Year 4 Mathematicians will continue revisiting multiplication and division.

And finally, in our Science lessons children will continue investigating electricity

Year 5 Year 5 have continued to impress us this week with the mature way they have participated in conversations about puberty. They are very inquisitive and have asked many questions, either in person or via our anonymous question boxes and we continue to request that you ask your child if they have any questions or concerns about what they have been learning about in school. In Reading, we have now finished The Queen's Pirate - a story about Sir Francis Drake. The children were asked to share their opinions about whether Drake was a pirate, explorer or a privateer and were able to justify their opinions using evidence from the text. In English, the children have written a diary entry from the point of view of a spit boy or a boy actor. These jobs have been described as some of the worst jobs in history so this gave the children the opportunity to convey their thoughts and feelings in order to entertain their reader and inform them about what the job involved. In our Topic sessions, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the variety of punishments which were used during the Tudor era – we think many are relieved that these punishments do not exist today! As the end of term approaches, we look forward to preparing the children for their transition to Year 6 as well as making memories during our fun day out at the Mountbatten Centre.

Year 6 Year 6 continue to film our end of year production 'School of Rock'. Please look out for a trailer early next week! PSHE sessions are focusing on relationships and transition to secondary school and we have been learning about Charles Darwin, the Galapagos Islands and investigating which beaks are most adapted to picking up different seeds. We are all looking forward to our Elemental activity day at Swanpool Beach on Tuesday 20th July; please ensure you respond to any communications from the admin team. As explained to the children by Mr Gentile, the activities will be decided on the day depending on the weather and the sea conditions but all potential activities have been risk assessed and staffing will be appropriate to ensure the safety of your children. There are still a few weeks to change the Year 6 leader board for Accelerated Reader word count. The current scores are as follows:

6WT: 13,811,146 words 6R: 13,461,449 words 6S: 10,133,704 words



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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](#).

I have also included a useful link to the NSPCC's guidance for parents and carers when leaving your child at home as we approach the summer holidays.

[NSPCC home or out alone guide](#)

Change to gate opening times - morning arrivals

Thank you for your support and cooperation with the change to the opening of the external gates. As a reminder, 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, to allow them to walk straight into their classes from **8.40am and until 8.55am**.

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

In the afternoons, the external gates will be opened at **3pm** and we politely ask that you do not enter the main entrance gate (outside Jack 'n' Jills) before this time, unless you need to access the main office. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

School Uniform

With children returning to new year groups in September, it may be helpful to remind you of uniform expectations for the Key Stages when they return, particularly if your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3.

[School Uniform Reception, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2](#)



Reception & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2

We have recently received the following information from our online uniform supplier Mapac:

*Although restrictions are finally beginning to ease, this year has been one of the most challenging ever for the manufacturing industry. The price of raw materials including fuel and carriage have risen continuously and this does mean that we will need to make some small adjustments to our pricing. Most of our suppliers have increased their prices considerably already this year, however Mapac aim to only increase our pricing by around 3%. **Price increases to our customers will come in to effect on orders placed after the 6th of August 2021.***



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This week's Celebration Assembly:

House Winners

It's a new week, and a new Housepoint winner - a huge well done to **Pelicans** for maintaining the lead and receiving the House Winners cup this week with a huge 1340 points. You were closely followed by **Shearwaters** on 1263 points with **Puffins** and **Kingfishers** on 1240 and 1138 points. Everyone from Pelicans House will be looking forward to an end of year House Winners treat day next week, with STEM activities run by the Royal Navy.

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, and our Reading winners were able to choose a winning book from our brand 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	Ferreol REH	Harrison 2K	Lexi 3MO	Phoebe 5T
Writing Award	Genevieve RBH	Harper 1T	Polly 4L	Maisie 6WT
Reading Award	Oliver REH	Robert 2NB	Laycee 4G	Maily 5T

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Faith Barrie

Faith has been litter picking on her way home from school each day for the past few weeks.

Well done Faith, we are very proud of you and thank you for keeping our community litter free.

A photo of Faith with her Rise to Greatness trophy will follow next week!

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