



Year Group News

Foundation Stage

We are all very excited as lots of our lovely chicks are hatching. We currently have 11 chicks that have hatched but are still eagerly anticipating a few more. The children have really enjoyed observing them, naming them, drawing them and writing about them. Next week, we will continue to enjoy our chicks and will be writing similes about them....as fluffy as, as yellow as....etc. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a chick. We would be grateful if your child always has a lightweight coat in school as the weather is so unpredictable and sometimes catches us out.



Year 1

It will be a very important week, next week, in Year 1 when all the children will be sitting their Phonics Screen test. We have been busy revising all the sounds but if you could spend some time over the weekend going over the phonic homework booklet that was sent out over half term, or playing any of the phonic games shown on the Y1 website page ([click here](#)), this would be a great help. At this stage, any additional practise would benefit your child. Around the screening, Y1 children will be learning about place value in maths, creating a topic cover in computing and creating a basket weave design for African art.

Year 2

Next week Year 2 will be finding the way and learning directions in maths. In literacy we will be using all our wonderful writing skills to write stories and creating an African animal poster. We will be creating African sunsets and having lots of fun!

Year 3

Year 3 have a busy week ahead of them. In Literacy they will be writing a chronological report about an archaeological dig! In Maths they will be finding durations and continuing to learn to tell the time. In History we will be thinking about what we already know about Ancient Greece and what we would like to find out. In Art we will be researching Greek pottery and designing our own plate with a mythical monster on it.

Year 6

Next week, we will be continuing our swimming sessions at Plympton Pool and practising for our end of year production. This week, we have been studying the work of William Shakespeare and discussing the gruesome plotline of Macbeth. The children have been applying techniques to describe character, setting and create atmosphere. We have also introduced our Stone Age topic and discussed prehistory.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will continue their Literacy learning about information texts and the children will be writing their own information text all about the City of London. In reading, we will continue to study the book 'Lost in London' where the children will sequence the key events and infer meaning. Time will continue to be a focus in our Maths lessons and we will begin to look at statistics. Our Science topic this term, States of Matter, will enable the children to investigate different changes of state. At the end of the week, some children will visit London on their residential and some children will embark on a special London based project in school - we are excited to see the outcome of this!

Year 5

In Literacy next week, we shall continue to focus on our World War II-themed class text: Michael Morpurgo's Friend or Foe. We shall be looking at developing interesting setting descriptions which use authentic historical details, as well as exploring a moral dilemma for the main characters, and carefully considering what we would do in their shoes. We will finish the week by writing a balanced argument which weighs up how the characters might react to their situation and considers the consequences of their actions. In maths, children will distinguish between regular and irregular polygons and, once they are confident, they will reason about angles and lengths of a polygon based on the properties of the shape. They will then identify 3D shapes, including cubes and cuboids, from 2D shapes. They will secure their understanding of language associated with the properties of 3D shapes, for example, faces, curved surfaces, vertices etc. They will also look at properties of 3D shapes from 2D projections, including shadows and elevations.



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ELECTION FEVER HITS GOOSEWELL!

Year 5 pupils have been alerted to a fantastic opportunity as they approach their final year in their primary education. The vote for the fantastic role of 'house captain' is traditionally

carried out during Term 1 when the children enter Year 6. However, it has been decided that the Year 5's can now register their interest for this most responsible job. The children have been invited to prepare a speech to deliver to their peers in their year group. Once all speeches have been given, each child will get a vote for their chosen boy and girl for their particular house. Whether they are in Kingfisher, Pelican, Puffin or Shearwater, each house will vote in a boy and girl captain. Those chosen individuals will be given a whole range of responsibilities where they will be held up as model pupils at Goosewell Academy. The speeches will take place during Week 3 of this term (week commencing 17/06/19) which gives the pupils adequate time to prepare their persuasive speeches outlining why they should get votes to represent their particular house. Watch this space for the election results!

In addition to our House Captains, it has been decided that Goosewell Academy deserves a Head Boy and a Head Girl. This ultimate position requires an individual who displays exemplary attitudes to all elements of life at school and will be offered to the current Year 5 for the very first time. However, the selection process for this position is very demanding! For those children who wish to be considered, they are required to get their pens and paper ready as they are required to write a formal letter to Mr Gentile by the **28th June**. These letters will be read by the Senior Leadership Team and a short list of candidates will be created. Those boys and girls who impressed in their letter will be invited to present to the SLT the following week. Once all presentations have been delivered, a decision will be made by the SLT and an announcement will be made shortly after. If any Year 5 pupil is interested in becoming Goosewell's first ever Head Boy and Head Girl, they should put the date: **Friday 28th June 2019** in their diary. That is when Mr Gentile would like your letters.



Good luck to all potential Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains. If there are any questions regarding this exciting opportunity, ask your child to speak to a member of the Year 5 team.

Next week's virtue is.....

Service

Contribution to the welfare of others.

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MKC HEROES



MKC Heroes (formerly HMS Heroes) is a national support group for the children of Service men and women and their relatives. It brings together members of Service families aged between 3 and 18 years old from all over the country.

Goosewell Service children, we need you! We require new MKC Heroes representatives from Years 4 and 5! If you are interested in representing your peers, please see Jo Penk or let the office know.

For more information about what we do, click on the following link:

[MKC Heroes Goosewell Primary Academy Page](#)



Visit a local farm on Open Farm Sunday this Sunday 9th June and discover the world of farming! You could have a tractor and trailer ride or experience a nature walk, watch machinery displays or find out about the story behind our food and how farming affects our everyday lives.

Click on the link to find your local farm to visit: [Open Farm Sunday](#)

De-escalation Training for Parents/Carers

- Mrs Clare Phillips, our Hub/ASD Provision Lead
- Teacher will be running a De-escalation workshop for parents/carers on **Wednesday 12th June** from 1.30pm-3.00pm here at Goosewell. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office on 482960. All welcome.

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, for example [Plymouth Libraries events](#). You can also find further details by clicking here [PSA](#).

Message from the PTA

The PTA were very saddened and disappointed that due to the adverse weather conditions predicted for Friday, we had to make the decision to postpone our circus event. Refunds for all circus tickets will be available from the PTA at reception every day next week, from 9.00am—9.30am. Details of a new date will be announced very soon, please watch this space!

Thank you and a big well done to all the children who submitted entries in our Lego competition - what fabulous, creative children we have here at Goosewell. The overall year group winners have been chosen and will be showcased at the postponed event when everyone will be able to vote for their favourite. The winning entry will be presented with a Smyths Toys voucher. Well done to the year group winners:

Foundation Stage: Eli
Year 1: Delilah R
Year 2: Noah
Year 3: Imogen
Year 4: Ewan
Year 5: Isabella

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Plymouth Tag Rugby Festival

Tuesday 21st May 2019

As another rugby season ends, Goosewell enjoyed a fantastic day at Plymouth's Rugby Festival which was hosted once more at Albion's home of rugby, Brickfields. The fourteen players – made up of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 – have been working hard all year to prepare for the big day and they did not disappoint.

Our morning pool matches involved games against five other schools and the results were as follows:

v High Street	WON 7 - 4
v Hooe	LOST 3 - 2
v Prince Rock	WON 5 - 0
v Lipson Vale	WON 4 - 0
v Widey Court Walruses	WON 2 - 1

After a sun-drenched lunch, the afternoon pool matches were announced, and the team came up against some very stiff opposition. The team tried hard to recapture their morning glories, but the heat and tiredness crept into their game (unsurprising after eight games in the heat!). Afternoon scores were as follows:

v Widewell	DREW 2 - 2
v Woodford	WON 3 - 1
v Chaddlewood	LOST 4 - 3

In all the games, tries were scored aplenty and the wonderful team ethos that was on show by Goosewell meant that they were shared around by all players, testament to the teamwork the children have generated over their time together. You produced some wonderful, free flowing rugby that was admired and commented on by many officials and onlookers. Congratulations to all of our team.

A huge thank you must go out to the fantastic support given to the girls and boys on the day by a fantastic set of parents. Your voices of encouragement made the day even more of a success – thank you!

The Goosewell Team 2019:

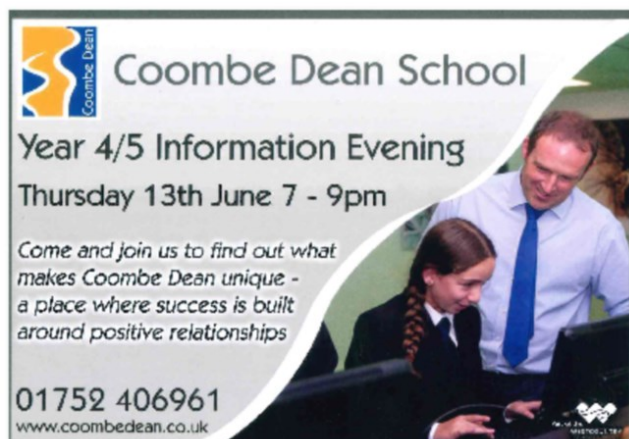
Poppy, Sienna, Bonnie, Kacie, Hollie, Rory, Will, Sammy, Tom G, Luca, Harry T, Archie, Jean, Luke.

All that's left to say is well done to the Year 6 boys and girls for all your efforts over the past two years, and the Year 5 players...see you next year!

Mr Leader, Head Coach

Secondary School Open Events for Year 5 (September 2020 entry)

Local secondary schools will shortly be holding open events for current Year 5 pupils for entry in September 2020. Coombe Dean School and Plymstock School:



For secondary schools outside of the local area, please visit the individual school websites.

Dates for your diaries

JUNE

Monday 10th

Year 6 swimming week 2/2

Tuesday 11th

Year 6 swimming week 2/2

PSSP Primary Athletics competition at Brickfields

Wednesday 12th

Year 6 swimming week 2/2

De-escalation training for Parents/Carers at 1.30pm-2.00pm, Jubilee Room

School choir and band performing at the Memory Café

Thursday 13th/Friday 14th

Year 6 swimming week 2/2

Year 4 London Residential

Friday 14th

Year 6 swimming week 2/2

Wednesday 19th

Foundation Stage and Year 6 class photos

Friday 20th/Saturday 21st

Junior Ten Tors event (rescheduled date)

Please note:
1/2K class assembly
has been postponed
until 28/6/19

Please note:
3T class assembly
has been postponed
until 5/7/19

Please note: the correct
dates for the Paignton
Zoo trip are:
2/7/19 -Year 1
4/7/19—Year 2

Future dates:

Wednesday 24th July

Last Day of Term 6 for children

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