

Issue No 1 - 30th September 2022

Welcome to the first edition of this year's Goosewell Newsletter where we aim to keep you up to date with all things Goosewell! A big welcome too to our new Reception children who have spent the first few weeks settling in with their new friends and teachers. Each week, on a Friday, year group news will be shared with families on Teams or Tapestry so that you can share your child's learning with them. Here's the year group news for Reception this week:

Reception The children are continuing to really impress us with the way in which following all the new routines, organising themselves, looking after their belongings is now becoming more familiar to them and we can see confidence growing as they become increasingly secure. Next week, our learning will be based around the lovely book 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. Some of the children may already be familiar with this story. We will be making our own 'Stick Family'. We can't wait to see where the children's imagination and creativity will take them. We wonder what adventures the children's stick family will go on and what they will look like! In maths, we will be looking at the number 1, focusing on the cardinality of 1 (what is '1?') as well as forming the number 1. As we follow a mastery curriculum for mathematics at Goosewell, we really think about numbers in depth, which leads to a thorough understanding as the children build upon their prior knowledge. In phonics, we will be learning the letter sounds e, l, h, r and j. We can already see amazing progress in retaining the letter sounds we have taught so far (k,c,m,a,s,d,g,o,n,p,i,t and u) and the children's ability to segment and blend when building words. We wish you all a lovely weekend and thank you for all your support.

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Don't forget to check your child's Year Group Teams page for the latest curriculum updates.

Dates for your diaries

For all upcoming events and activities, please look at the school [Calendar](#) on the Goosewell website.

w/c 3/10/22	Year 6	Swimming at Plymouth Life Centre wk 2/3
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w/c 10/10/22		Harvest items for Plymouth Foodbank (see newsletter)
Friday 21/10/22		Last day of term 1
w/c 24/10/22		Term break
Monday 31/10/22		First day of term 2
Tuesday & Wednesday 1&2/11/22		Parents Evening. Further details to follow.



Jo Penk - Parent Support Advisor

The [PSA](#) section of the Goosewell Academy website has 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. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

School Lunches - Census Day - Thursday 6th October

On Thursday 6th October, it is Census Day, when we take a snapshot of the school lunches uptake across the school. The number of school lunches taken by Reception and Key Stage 1 on Census Day has an impact on the Universal Free School Meals funding we receive as a school. For this week only, Mrs Morton, our School Cook has arranged for everyone's favourite, the **All Day Breakfast/Vegetarian All Day Breakfast** to be the main choice on Thursday. Wednesday will be this week's roast day. If your child would like to try school lunches, this Thursday would be a great day to start!

Harvest 2022

Goosewell Primary Academy has joined forces again to celebrate Harvest with St Mary's Church in Plymstock and Plymouth Foodbank. Rev Jennie will be visiting us in school next week to talk about why we celebrate Harvest. She will talk about what we can do as a community to help support the people in Plymouth who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our local church and Foodbank do such valuable work to support people in our community.

We would be very grateful if each child in school could bring just **one** item from the list below. **Mrs Boalch** and her team of helpers are organising the collection for the school and it would be great to send a generous contribution from Goosewell again this year. The response in previous years has been overwhelming but we know times are hard for many of us currently, so whatever support Goosewell families can give we appreciate.

Please could you bring items to school anytime from **Monday 10th October until Friday 14th October**. There will be a collection point in each classroom. Please could you check all items sent are still in date! **Thank you so much again for your amazing support.**

Urgently needed items at the moment are -



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

Plymouth Foodbank
28 Manor Street Stonehouse Plymouth PL1 1TW
Registered Charity No: 1129521
(Plymouth Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust Network)



Celebration Assembly:

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

Here are this week's 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 this week:

W/E 30/09/22	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Maths Award	Hunter H REH <i>for super number matching and counting</i>	Everleigh H 2K <i>great adding 10 this week. Super perseverance. Well done, Everleigh.</i>	Harry C 3G <i>for huge perseverance with subtracting single digit digits from teen numbers! Well done</i>	Polly G 6T <i>a superb mathematician who always challenges herself to complete Chuutas to extend her learning. Her maths learning is presented meticulously.</i>
Writing Award	Enzo McG RWH <i>for trying really hard to form letters when mark-making</i>	Eloise B 1T <i>for fantastic descriptive sentences about her 'Elmer' elephant. She remembered to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops independently.</i>	Molly P 3N <i>for taking her feedback and extending her writing to a whole different level - well done! Your story based on 'Stig of the Dump' was wonderful!</i>	Elliot T 5C <i>Elliot has written a great journey tale this week. He has used vocabulary effectively in addition to the tools he has learnt to create suspense such as dramatic fronted adverbials, selecting verbs that connect with the emotion of the reader and intensifying the situation through repetition. It has been a pleasure to read Elliot's final outcome.</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Logan D RWH <i>for being able to listen and blend simple words</i>	Rosy 10C <i>for working really hard 'Fred talking' words that are unfamiliar and always trying her best in everything that she does</i>	Robert W 4L <i>for leading the way with astonishing 100% quiz pass rate that has landed him with a great word count of over 125,000 words! An amazing and inspiring effort!</i>	Delilah R 5C <i>showed a great understanding of facts and opinions this week when she was finding examples from our Greek myth Perseus and Medusa.</i>

This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** was awarded to:

Thomas S 5Y

For showing kindness, compassion and thinking quickly on his feet to distract his younger brother and cheer him up in school when things have been difficult for him. Thomas has told his brother's teacher how he himself used to struggle in school, and he is so proud of how far he has come now, as are all his previous teachers! Thomas understands how his brother is feeling and uses his own coping strategies to help him and others around him. James is very lucky to have such a wonderful big brother!

