

## Issue No 1 - 17th September 2021

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

**Reception** The first thing to say is how proud we are of how well your children have settled to routines, a new environment and new faces. They have exceeded all of our expectations and staff from different phases around school have commented on their excellent behaviour and how settled they seem already. The coming week will see us continuing with learning phase 1 sounds in phonics. The children will be building on their skills of 'Fred talk' and blending sounds to build words as well as practising the formation of letters. Maths will take familiar stories to enhance the exploration of pattern and counting skills. We will begin to explore 'Autumn treasures' and in continuous provision children will be creating transient Art using items from nature, using the text, 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert to inspire as well as the art of Arcimboldo. We will read the story, 'Mixed' by Arree Chung and the children will explore mixing paints to create new colours. On Friday, we will see the children coming into school in their PE kit for the first 'Physical Friday'. Exciting times ahead! Have a lovely weekend everybody.

**Year 1** What a fantastic start to the year we have had! We are so pleased with how everyone is settling and getting used to the new routines. We have enjoyed starting our 'Enchanted Woodland' Topic, exploring the woodland area of our field, finding lots of interesting items and then carefully sorting them by different categories. We have started our writing by learning the story of The Gruffalo, acting out the story, making the Gruffalo and showing off our fantastic reading skills to order the story. We have been amazed this week by the mathematicians we have this year, this week we have been looking at number and the representation of each number, counting forwards and backwards. We have really enjoyed our number songs, see if you can find them on youtube! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyYh1raLGBs&list=RDe0dJWfQHf8Y&index=3>) Thank you to those who managed to join us for our welcome meeting on Wednesday. If you didn't manage to make it, please have a look through the powerpoint on your class page and if you have any questions please just ask. Thank you for your understanding at the end of the day, we will speed up once we know all of the parents, but most importantly we need to make sure all the children go safely with the correct adults. Have a wonderful weekend, please rest, it has been a fantastic but busy week in year 1!

**Year 2** We have been so pleased to welcome our new Year 2 back into school and have enjoyed hearing all about their lovely summer fun. This week, we have started our English learning on traditional tales by discussing what we know about different fairy stories and retelling to our friends. Perhaps if you have any traditional tales at home, you could share them with your child - they may be able to tell you some key features that appear in most stories of this genre. In our Maths lessons, we have been focussing on the place value of two-digit numbers and thinking carefully about how we can efficiently count a set of objects by grouping them in 10s. This week, we have begun our phonics lessons and we have been pleased with how well the children have settled into their new groups. Please remember children must bring their phonics pack to school daily. Our topic this term is Tunnels, Turrets and Towers which began with a fantastic visit from Nick the Knight. We were very excited to welcome him into the classroom and learn all about his armour and even his weapons! We also enjoyed making our own shield biscuits and moving knights and next we will be learning about the different parts of a castle.



## More year group news...

**Year 3 & Year 4** The Year 3 and 4 staff have been very impressed with the way children have settled into school life on the gallery. Next week, we have a busy but fun filled week. In Maths, Year 4 will be rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 then counting in 1000's. Year 3 will be learning the place value of digits up to 1000. In writing Year 3 and 4 will continue reading and writing about 'The Diary of a Killer Cat'. They will also be exploring rhetorical questions, contraction and possessive apostrophes and will end the week creating a class version of the story. 4G are off to Coombe Dean for a science trip and the other classes will be visiting in the following weeks. Finally, we are all excited about our 'Close Encounters' visit from South West Animal Services and we are sure your children will tell you all about it afterwards.

**Year 5** We are really pleased with how well your children have settled into Year 5! It has been lovely to hear them playing and chatting as they rekindle their friendships in addition to making new ones. The children are all looking very smart in their uniforms and they have certainly looked happy about being back at school. It was great to see some of you at our 'Welcome Meeting' this week. If you were unable to attend, please look at the Year 5 page on our website to view a copy of our presentation and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We have introduced our 'Pharaohs' topic by locating Egypt and its significant landmarks on a map. Our first reading text links to this topic and the children are certainly hooked by the plot of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. Next week in English, we will be planning a class story linked to our model text 'Secrets of a Sun King' and in Maths we will be continuing our learning about the place value of numbers, working with numbers within 10,000. Your child should have brought home an Accelerated Reader book, which we would like them to read daily in readiness for completing their first quiz. We are excited to have booked Clive Pig to come in at the end of term as a celebration of our Pharaohs topic and to invite the Explorer Dome into school to help us launch our Stargazers topic. Please check your emails / texts for further details about these events.

**Year 6** It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 6 back to school and what an enjoyable start to term it has been. The children are looking smart in their uniforms and we can see they are ready to rise to the challenge that is Year 6. It was great to meet some parents virtually this week during our 'Meet the Teacher' session. If you were unable to attend, the presentation, which the teachers talked through, will be on the Year 6 page of the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We have had a busy start to term introducing our topic 'ID' where the children are beginning to discover more about themselves and each other. Our first reading text is Helen Dunmore's 'The Lonely Sea Dragon' and the children have started to empathise with the characters within this book. We have planned our own wishing stories linked to our class text 'The Switch' and next week the children will focus on the grammatical features needed to write their own successful wishing story. In Maths, we have been reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000 and we will continue to look at rounding numbers and negative numbers next week.



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## This week's highlights & reminders:

### Welcome to Year Group Meetings (Meet the Teacher)

If you were unable to attend this week's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, you can find the presentation on each of the Year Group pages of the school website, or by clicking on the links below:

[Welcome to Reception](#)

[Welcome to Year 1](#)

[Welcome to Year 2](#)

[Welcome to Year 3](#)

[Welcome to Year 4](#)

[Welcome to Year 5](#)

[Welcome to Year 6](#)

### PE and Games Timetables

Children will need to wear their PE or games kits to school on the appropriate days as detailed below:

#### **PE Timetable – Autumn Term 2021/22**

Day	9–10	10–11	11.30– 12.30	1.30–3.15
Monday	Year 6	Year 6		Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5	Year 5		Year 5
Wednesday	Year 4	Year 4		Year 4
Thursday		Year 2		Year 2
Friday	Reception	Reception & Year 3	Year 1	Year 1 & Year 3

#### **Games Timetable – Autumn Term 2021/22**

Day	9–10	10–11	11.30–12.30	1.30–3.15
Monday				Year 3
Tuesday				Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday				Year 6
Thursday				Year 4
Friday				Year 5



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## This week's highlights & reminders:

### Stagecoach Buses

We are aware that there have been significant changes to the Stagecoach bus timings in recent weeks. If you have been affected by the changes to the bus timings and this is affecting your journeys to and from school, please share your concerns with Stagecoach on 03458101000, option 3 and speak with a member of staff. This afternoon, Stagecoach have informed us that they are adding information to the service updates page on their website, updating the app regularly and posting cancellations and delays on their Twitter pages with as much notice as possible to allow time to plan ahead for journeys.

### Construction Delay on Furzehatt Road

Plymouth City Council has provided us with an update to the construction delay on Furzehatt Road. The new pedestrian crossing on Furzehatt Road was due to be completed before the start of the new academic year, however due to construction issues, it is estimated that the scheme will now overrun for up to 2 weeks into the new term. The area of the works is currently controlled by Traffic Signals and the current School Crossing Patrol site lies within the signal controlled area. South West Highways have confirmed that the lights will be manned during the start and end of the school day to facilitate the School Crossing Patrol and to ensure the safety of children crossing the road. Please direct any concerns to the Traffic Management Team at Plymouth City Council.

### Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, please click on the link below for details of the Secondary School Application process with Plymouth City Council. The deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place is **31st October 2021**.

[Secondary School Applications](#)

### MAPAC Uniform Supplier

We are aware that there have been significant delays to the supply and delivery of new school uniform at the start of the new school year. This has been caused by supply issues for the company as a knock on effect of the Covid-19 situation. We hope that they will be able to recover their backlog shortly and all ordered uniform will be with you as soon as possible.

Rise To Greatness

### FROGS (Friends of Goosewell School)

Have you joined the FROGS Facebook page? Sign up to keep up to date with planned events for the new school year, learn more about our PTA and perhaps make some new friends if you're new to the area.

If you're looking for a new challenge, we have committee vacancies for new school year and would love to welcome you to our group, raising funds to provide those little extras for all of our children's Goosewell journey.

[Friends of Goosewell \(FROGS\) Facebook Group](#)



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### 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](#).

Here are some other useful links for families from Jo, which can also be found on the PSA section of the website:

### How Can I Help My Child?

Access to phones, social media and the internet means that young people can communicate with others without those caring for them knowing and this can make it difficult when we want to keep them safe.

### A free online workshop for parents and carers

Facilitated through Zoom by Lawrence, Penny and Rhiannon from the Marie Collins Foundation



The Marie Collins Foundation (MCF) is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment:

- what **online harm** is
- ways you can **effectively help** and support your children
- understand **why and how** children can become victims, and
- how your response can be **vital** in enabling your child to recover.

To apply for a free place, please click on the dates below and complete the form

Tuesday, 5th October 2021 - 10am to 11.30am  
Tuesday, 18th November 2021 - 10am to 11.30am

If you have any questions in respect of this course, or difficulties booking on to it, please contact  
[MCFEvents@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:MCFEvents@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk)

### YC Create 11-18yrs

**Tuesday 17:15- 18:45**  
**@ our Production and Learning Centre, TR2**

Exploring drama movement and sound. Designed especially for young people with disabilities, who feel they would benefit from additional support and a smaller group.

Cost: £30 per 10 wk term, bursaries are available

Email us today to book a FREE taster session!

## Young Company Autumn 2021

TERM STARTS 20 SEP

Email [youngcompany@theatreroyal.com](mailto:youngcompany@theatreroyal.com) for more information

#### Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.



Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to. We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through.

It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator for eight weeks and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old.

The next group starts on Thursday 28th October, 9.30am – 10.30am.

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at [homestart.shpt@gmail.com](mailto:homestart.shpt@gmail.com) and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.



SUMMERHOUSE SERVICES  
'Supporting Brighter Futures'



(Developing Resilience In Free Thinking Spaces)

#### An After School Preventative, Supportive and Fun Resilience Training Programme and Social Space for Young People 12 – 15 Years (10 Weeks)

**Aim** - Have a safe, supported and social space in which to have fun and make friends, explore personal understanding of resilience and mental health and acquire a toolkit of techniques with which to build and maintain personal resilience levels and positive mental health.

#### Outcomes

- Understand and have a positive awareness of general mental health and its relationship to resilience levels, from a holistic perspective, with particular reference to young people between the ages of 12 – 15 years.
- Have a safe space in which to explore mental health issues affecting a young person's world e.g. Self Harm, Eating Difficulties, Anxiety and Low Mood and Low Self Esteem.
- Identify the possible causes and effects of stress and its impact on health.
- Practice a range of coping techniques to deal with potentially stressful situations.
- Know how to maintain and support personal mental health and resilience in creative and fun ways.
- Make new friends and develop effective social and communication skills.
- Know where to find appropriate sources of help and how to self refer.
- Understand how to be a supportive friend and how to look after themselves within that.

Starting Wednesday 29th September  
4.45 – 6.45  
10 Weeks

At The Black Cat Surf Club Café  
Plymouth Broadway Shopping Centre

Refreshments Provided  
£3.00 Per Person Per Session

**Booking Required**

Please contact Penny on 07869173154 or email [summerhouse.services@gmail.com](mailto:summerhouse.services@gmail.com)

Summerhouse Services is a Plymouth based non-profit organisation dedicated to the holistic promotion of positive mental health for children, young people and those that inhabit their world, through a range of person-centred, creative training and support services. We work across Plymouth, the South West and wider region in person and virtually when required.

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## Our First Celebration Assembly for 2021/22:

### 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. Our first assembly of the new school year, 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	<b>Stanley C RWH</b> <i>For demonstrating great enthusiasm when spotting patterns</i>	<b>Arya B 2MB</b> <i>For excellent knowledge of two-digit numbers in our place value learning</i>	<b>Layla T 3OC</b> <i>For her excellent effort in completing over and above what has been asked of her (specifically her brilliant partitioning!)</i>	<b>Rebecca B 5C</b> <i>For participating fully in all maths lessons and being able to clearly explain your thinking</i>
Writing Award	<b>Blake M RWH</b> <i>For super letter formation and happy mark making</i>	<b>Layla C 2K</b> <i>For being enthusiastic and having superb ideas in our writing about Traditional Tales</i>	<b>Lilly B 4L</b> <i>For her outstanding comprehension and tremendous enthusiasm for our writing text 'Diary of a Killer Cat'; she is full of amazing ideas!</i>	<b>Jack P 6T</b> <i>Thank you for a fantastic start to Year 6. You have produced some impressive writing, including oodles of evidence to justify your opinions</i>
Reading Award	<b>Aphra M REH</b> <i>For her passion for books and being able to retell a story</i>	<b>Albert S 2MB</b> <i>For fantastic effort and enthusiasm in phonics sessions</i>	<b>Ellie W 4G</b> <i>For already quizzing on 6 books and achieving a word count of nearly 50,000 words! What a great start to the year!</i>	<b>Ruby H 6T</b> <i>Well done on achieving a reading age of 16 on your STAR test and for already quizzing on 250,000 words!</i>

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

**Charlotte B 6T**

Charlotte has been a great help to the lunchtime staff in the dinner hall over the past week. She has been an absolute superstar helping the younger children and tidying up. Thank you Charlotte, what a fantastic start to Year 6.



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