



# Gooderstone Gazette

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The Newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** - Your School, Your News!

## Worship Theme:

*Compassion*

## Weekly Attendance Award:

**Owls**  
**92.91%**

### Star of the week:

**Owls** – Jack, for superb observational drawing skills.

**Skylarks** – Lilia for consistently showing excellent listening skills.

**Kestrels** – Neidas for an excellent attitude towards his learning this week.

### Wow of the week:

**Owls** – Oisin, for always sitting smartly and listening well on the carpet.

**Skylarks** – Olivia for impressive scientific knowledge about bubbles. **Kestrels** – Poppy for using fantastic vocabulary in her writing.

## Our learning- What have we been doing this week?

**Owls:** This week Owls have had fun learning about the 4 seasons by looking at the changes that trees make through the seasons. They have also enjoyed lots of art including sketching skills and observational drawings.

**Skylarks:** This week in Skylarks we have started our new writing focus looking at the magic ingredients needed to write a letter. We have also been practicing saying our ages in French and learning numbers up to 20, although most of us only needed numbers to 10 to say how old we are!

**Kestrels:** This week in Kestrels we have worked really hard. We wrote some fantastic stories with vivid vocabulary based on a picture. We have also been learning about some endangered animals which we had never heard of called: saola, dugong, vaquita and mountain plover.

## Gooderstone Goslings

We are thrilled that our first two nursery children will be joining us next week for their settling in sessions. We will be advertising our Nursery opening over the coming months and are excited about moving the school forward on its exciting new journey of being a Nursery provider once again.

## Covid

Last week I wrote to you explaining that we have cases of COVID in the school. We will continue to follow the procedures I outlined in that letter for the following week. This means there will be no clubs or swimming next week, this will be continually reviewed over the next coming days for the following week. A huge thank you to those of you that have been wearing masks on site at drop-offs and pick-ups and to those of you who are encouraging your children to wear masks on the bus.

Please be aware we will not write to you every time there is a new case in school as the advice will continue to be the same. We ask that where possible you test your children regularly using the lateral flow tests. If your child is well then they should be attending school as usual. If your child develops symptoms of Covid then please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

As mentioned in my previous letter we are working hard to minimise the disruption to your child's education due to this virus and are following both Government and Public Health guidelines very closely. Please ensure that you treat all of our members of staff with kindness as they navigate through an exceptionally difficult transition period where we are all learning to 'live with the virus.'

## What are we Reading

Reading is our biggest priority this academic year, it is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. As with last year we are using the Power of Reading as a way to encourage children to love books and broaden their reading horizon. We want every child to be a confident reader with a passion for books. We use our Power of reading book as the basis for our English teaching and incorporate it into other subject areas. We also have a class reader which is a shared class book that is read to the children every day.

### Current Books:

#### Power of Reading books

**Owls:** Hello Friend

**Skylarks:** One Plastic Bag

**Kestrels:** The Viewer



#### Class Reader:

**Owls:** Esio Trot

**Skylarks:** The Creakers

**Kestrels:** Boy Giant



We are starting to collect the "Good to Grow" tokens with Morrisons, to use for equipment for our school garden. We would be very grateful if you receive any to please pass them on to us. Thank you in advance.

## Art Gallery

We are hoping to set up an art gallery in the corridor near the Hall. If you have any spare frames in which we could display some of the children's wonderful art we would be very grateful!

## Diary Dates

**Virtual Sharing Assembly:** Every Friday morning, the class bubbles get together via Zoom to share their learning and celebrate the stars and wows of the week.

**Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October:** Half Term Holiday

**Monday 1st November:** Individual & Sibling Photos

**Thursday 25th November:** -Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine Reception - Yr6

(please return consent forms by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October)

**Monday 20th December - Wednesday 5th January:** Christmas Holiday

*Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes.  
Thank you for understanding!*

Let every light shine