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Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Compassion

**Weekly
Attendance
Award:**

**Kestrels
100%**

Star of the week:

Owls – Ivy, for settling in so well at Nursery.

Skylarks – Eliza, for always doing lots of spelling practice on Ed Shed.

Kestrels – Connor, for an excellent attitude towards his work.

**Wow of the
week:**

Owls – Florence, for a fantastic pumpkin poem during Saw Day.

Skylarks – Larry, for trying hard to be independent when writing.

Kestrels – Adam, for a fantastic arithmetic score this week.

**LOGO
DESIGN
CONTEST**

We are having a competition for a new school logo because Mrs Godbold, and many others, think that the logo for Gooderstone needs updating. At the front of Gooderstone Primary Academy and around the school, the school council have put up are some posters and entry forms for the children to make and design the new logo! On these pieces of paper there will be a square with some information about the competition and what to do with the new logo when you are finished. Please don't make the design too complicated; it needs to be effective when it is small and when it is big! Thank you, from Freddie!

BAKE SALE

Owls will be holding a bake sale to raise money for the RSPCA on Wednesday 20th October at 2.45pm – on the playground. If you would like to contribute any cakes/biscuits to the sale, please could you drop them at the school office by Wednesday morning. Your child is welcome to bring money to school to purchase items at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

RSPCA
For all creatures great and small.

**Harvest
Festival**

We are planning to have our Harvest Festival at 9am on Wednesday 20th October and we are happy to say that you are welcome to join us! We will update you if this changes but we are looking forward to having the service in the church. We would also be really grateful to receive any donations of food, either fresh or packaged, before Wednesday. We will be delivering to Meadow House Care Home in Swaffham for their residents after the service.

Our learning- What have we been doing this week?

Owls: This week Owls took part in a Harvest themed SAW day – they used their senses to explore different fruit and vegetables and wrote some fantastic poems about what the inside of a pumpkin looks like

Skylarks: This week in Art, we have been comparing sculpture work by Anthony Gormey and Alberto Giacometti and making our own tinfoil sculptures of the human form. We had fun working out where our arms and legs bend when we move and imitating this in our work. We also finished our Power of Reading book, *One Plastic Bag*, and wrote a character description of the main character, Isatou, thinking about everything we had learned about her through the story.

Kestrels: This week in Kestrels, we have been working really hard in maths to learn the column method for long multiplication and the array method for long division. In English we worked on our character description by pretending to be different characters, making sure we considered how they would interact with each other and behave.



Class Showcases

We would like to invite parents to an end of term showcase where the children will share their learning with you from the half-term. See below and in the diary dates, the day and time for each class, you are welcome to drop-in anytime within your child's class timeslot. During Covid, we have missed being able to invite you into school so are looking forward to being able to welcome you back into classrooms.

Owls – Monday 18th October - 2.45-3.15pm

Skylarks – Thursday 21st October - 9.30-10am

Kestrels – Friday 22nd October - 2.30-3.15pm



After School (3.15-4.15)

Monday – Singing Club, Mrs Buckley
Tuesday – Art Club, Miss Stanley
Tuesday – Multi Sports, Mr Clarke
Thursday – Taekwondo, Mr Foulter

Lunch Time

Wednesday – Mindfulness, Mrs Skilton
Thursday – Dance Club, Mrs Chisman

Times table Rockstars, Numbots and Spelling Shed

From next week we will be running mini raffles in class for the children to win small prizes. The children will be given a number of tickets depending on the amount of time they have spent on our invaluable online programmes. The more time they have spent practising their number skills or spelling, the more tickets they will get and the higher chance of winning they will have! If you are struggling to use these online games at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

CURRENTLY 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.

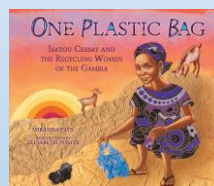
Current Books:

Power or Reading books

Owls: Hello Friend

Skylarks: One Plastic Bag

Kestrels: The Viewer

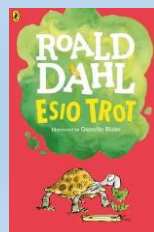


Class Reader:

Owls: Esio Trot

Skylarks: The Creakers

Kestrels: Boy Giant



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.

Wednesday 20th October – Harvest Festival, Gooderstone Church 9am

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

Monday 1st November – Children Back to School

Monday 1st November: Individual & Sibling Photos

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

Monday 20th December - Wednesday 5th January: Christmas Holidays

*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