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## Gooderstone Gazette

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

### Worship Theme:

Celebration

Weekly Attendance Award:

> Owls 98.46%

Star of the week:

Owls – Lucas, for asking visitors fantastic questions. Skylarks – William S, for completing all of their work at home.

**Kestrels** – Lucy, for excellent effort in all lessons.

# Wow of the week:

**Owls** – George, for a fantastic selfportrait.

**Skylarks** – Lilia, for full marks in her number bond check.

**Kestrels** – Archie, for an excellent contribution to History Day.

#### Kidzania Trip

We are all looking forward to going on the Kidzania Trip on the 20th January and are looking for some parent volunteers to come along with us! The coaches will be leaving school between 7:30 and 8am and we hope to be back between 6 and 7pm. If you would like to volunteer to come with us on the trip, please contact the school office.

#### Showcases

Due to the increases in the cases of Covid nationally we have decided to cancel our Showcases this half term. We hope to resume them next half term as we all really enjoy being experts and showing off what we have learnt.

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

**Owls:** This week we have been learning about different careers and were very lucky to have a NHS paramedic and Swaffham Firefighters visit Owls. They spoke to us about their job and how important their uniform and equipment is. The children absolutely loved it.





**Skylarks:** This week also had a History Day. We had 3 astronaut candidates for the last spot in NASA's hall o fame. We researched and wrote persuasive arguments for who should get the last spot and decided on Mae Jemison.

**Kestrels:** This week we have had a History Day where we researched and taught mini lessons about the Ancient Greeks... Did you know they invented yo-yo's, syringes and vending machines for hot water! We had a fantastic day and learnt a lot.



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: The Jolly Postman

**Skylarks:** The Lost Happy Endings

Kestrels: Cosmic

Class Reader:

Owls: The Jolly Witch

**Skylarks:** The Castle of Tangled Magic

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 15th December: - Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: -** Christmas Fair 2-4.30pm - Playground **Monday 20th December: - Wednesday 5th January:** Christmas Holidays

Thursday 6th January: - Children Back to School

Wednesday 12th January: - NHS Height/Weight checks Recep & Yr6 -

Vision and Hearing checks Recep only - (NHS letter to follow)

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!