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Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Curiosity

Weekly Attendance Award: Owls

97.64%

Star of the week:

Owls – Lucas, for performing excellently in the Nativity.

Skylarks – Hattie, for always wanting to improve her work.

Kestrels –Daisy G for always being supportive of her classmates.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Ivy, for being a kind member of Owls. **Skylarks** – Max, for practising lots of French at home. **Kestrels** – Connor for resilience when editing his big write.

Our learning - What have we been doing this week?

Owls: This week we had an unexpected UFO land in our outside area, we explored the debris it left behind and came up with some very interesting questions about it. In maths the children have impressed us with their subtraction knowledge and skills.

Skylarks: This week we have started learning about the Romans in history and made a Lego model to show how long different historical periods last for. We found out that the Mayans were around for longest and the Romans were somewhere in the middle. We were surprised to learn that the Vikings were around for quite a short time in comparison! We have also started looking at shape in maths.

Kestrels: This week in Kestrels we have been working exceptionally hard to write and edit a story from a picture given to us by Mrs Godbold. We edited using skimming and scanning techniques, and by reading our work aloud to each other. Miss Stanley was really proud of our stories and loved reading them.

House Points

Since Monday this week we have been counting up the house points in each class and are happy to say that we can once again reward the winning team with a non-school uniform day on Monday (17th Jan)! The winning team this week was... Einstein! This means that on Monday the children in Einstein can wear non-school uniform. Please ensure that these clothes are appropriate for the very chilly weather! From next week we will return to the usual procedure where the teams earn smiley faces when they win the week and after 3 smiley faces they win a non-school uniform day.

Taekwondo

Big well done to Lucy, Charlotte and Clara earned their Red Belts in Taekwondo this week.





After School (3.15-4.15)

Monday – Sign Language, Mrs Buckley (Yr1-Yr6) Wednesday – Lego, Mrs Skilton (Everyone) Tuesday - Art Club, Miss Stanley (Recep-Yr6) FULL Thursday - Games, Mrs Chisman (Everyone) Thursday – Taekwondo, Mr Fouler (Recep-Yr6)

Lunch Time

Due to staff preparation and commitment, once children are signed up, it is important that they attend every week. However, if your child is unable to attend please ring the school office to let us know. Copies of chosen clubs are sent home.



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.

Thursday 20th January:- Kidzania Trip – London.. Separate letter sent via email (Myed). Monday 14th Feb – Fri 18th Feb:- Half Term. Monday 21st February:- Children back to School. Wednesday 2nd March:- Class Photos.

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