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Spring 2

Issue 3



Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Curiosity

Does every
question have an
answer

Weekly Attendance Award:

Kestrels
97.35%

Star of the week:

Owls – Samantha,
for a positive attitude
to learning and
always tries her best.

Skylarks – Lilly, for
being an incredible
role model for
kindness and
generosity.

Kestrels – Neidas,
for being a good role
model at Crucial Crew
and very well
mannered.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Evie, for
amazing poem
writing and being
very independent.

Skylarks – Charlotte,
for some fantastic
writing about a hero
character

Kestrels – Emilia, for
her work on square
numbers and cube
numbers in Maths.

Our learning – What do we do to help the world?

Owls: This week we have been learning about the continents of North America and South America. We explored how tall buildings in New York are built by making our own structures with marshmallows and spaghetti. It was very tricky. Just a reminder, Owls P.E days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been carrying on our hero myth work in English and the children have shown fantastic imagination so well done everyone! We have also learned about the long journeys penguins make to find food and lay their eggs as well as some of the ways that they are adapted to where they live.

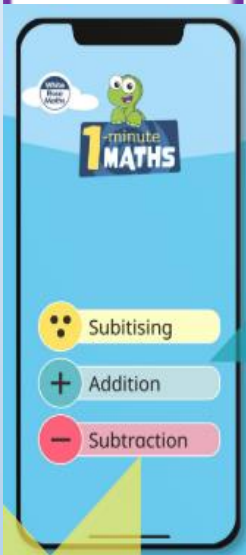
Kestrels: This week Year 6 visited Crucial Crew at Letton Hall and learnt lots of important skills including: how to do CPR, how to keep their homes safe from fire (check your smoke detectors weekly!), and how to keep safe at the beach. The organisers were really impressed with how much the children knew, especially about keeping themselves safe online, and Miss Stanley was really proud of how polite and kind all of the children were. Well done Year 6!

Help your child's Maths in just 1 Minute!

The 1 Minute Maths App is completely free with no logins or accounts needed. Created by the White Rose Team (whose curriculum we follow in school) it helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

This app will be brilliant for all pupils in EYFS and KS1, but might also help any older children who find Maths more challenging.

For more information and to download it now, go to:
<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths#download>



Comic Relief – Friday 18th March 2022

Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school on Friday 18th March in support of Comic Relief. They can dress as their favourite hero or wear something red. Donations can be made at
<https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

School Meal Price Increase

Please note the price of a school meal will increase to £2.47 from 20th April, 2022.

Free school meals

Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. It's called universal infant free school meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, **but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply**. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with providing resources that benefit your child directly as well as covering the cost of trips and after school activities

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You can apply online for free school meals using your Norfolk Education Online (NEO) account.

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

You can also [download and send us an application form](#). Or collect it from your child's school.



Einstein



181 Points

Newton



201 Points



Curie



162 Points

*This week's winning house is.....Newton with 201 points.
Well done Newton!*



After School (3.15-4.15)

Monday – Sign Language, Mrs Buckley (Yr1-Yr6)

~~Tuesday – Art Club, Miss Stanley (Recep-Yr6)-FULL~~

Thursday – Taekwondo, Mr Foulter (Recep-Yr6)

Lunch Time

~~Wednesday – Lego, Mrs Skilton (Everyone) Full~~

Thursday – Games, Mrs Chisman (Everyone)

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. Spring 2 Clubs will run until the end of term.



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 Puffin book of Fantastic First Poems

Skylarks: Tales of Wisdom and Wonder

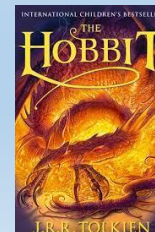
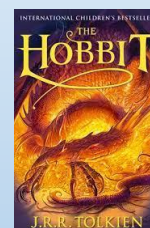
Kestrels: The Hobbit

Class Reader:

Owls: Billy The Bird

Skylarks: The Iron Man

Kestrels: The Hobbit



Diary Dates

Sharing Assembly: Every Friday morning, the classes will get together to share their learning and celebrate the stars and wows of the week.

Monday 14th March:- Skylarks – Non School Uniform Day - For collecting the most kindness counters.

Friday 18th March:- Red Nose Day.

*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