

Gooderstone Gazette

Collective Worship Theme:

Creation



Stars & Wows

Owls

Star of the Week is **Freddie** for listening well and following instructions.

Wow of the Week is **Rosie S**, for having such a positive attitude to learning.

Skylarks

Star of the Week is **George**, for always being resilient.

Wow of the Week is **Ivy**, for participating lots in maths meeting and knowing her number bonds to 10 really well!

Kestrels

Star of the Week is **Priyah** for being kind and hardworking.

Wow of the Week is **Larry** for his hard work on No Plan Day.

Team Points

1. Newton 87
 2. Curie 63
 3. Einstein 62
- Congratulations

NEWTON!

You have a non uniform day
Monday 16th October!

*What have we
been up to?*

Owls & Goslings

This week, we really enjoyed our No Plan Day where the children chose to learn all about being a nurse and doctor. We learnt how to call an ambulance and what information it is good to know when calling. We investigated body parts and looked at X-Rays. We were also very lucky to have Mrs Rudd visit us, who is a member of St Johns. She taught the children how to put on bandages and how to put someone in the recovery position.

Skylarks

This week, we have been using lots of DT skills! We practiced chopping vegetables and made pumpkin soup for Harvest festival. We also designed our own Victorian toys on Purple Mash and then made rolling dog toys. Later in the week we looked at other ways toys can move and experimented with cams and axles to begin making automaton toys. We have been very resilient using our practical problem solving skills!

Kestrels

This week, we had our No Plan Day where the children decided they would like to learn about Ancient Egypt. We found out that the pyramids are octagonal pyramids, the people who built the pyramids were not slaves and the Egyptians performed complex dentistry such as braces using wire. We also have nearly completed our sequels to Farther! Some really hard work by Kestrels this week.





FRIENDS OF GOODERSTONE



The Friends would like to say a heartfelt thank you to those parents and staff members who attended the AGM on Monday afternoon.

We would like to share with you the results of the Committee elections and introduce our new Committee Members:

Chair – Mrs Hermione O'Rourke

Vice Chair – Mr Callum Clark

Treasurer – Mrs Pippa Cross

Secretary – Mrs Toni Clark

As always, we welcome everyone to join and take part with the Friends and we look forward to organising events for 2023 / 2024 and providing crucial funds for the school.

If you would like to join, please add on Facebook, email or speak with Mrs O'Rourke in the office!

Email! - friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com

Facebook!: [The Friends of Gooderstone Primary School](#) | [Facebook](#)

Gooderstone Eco Council!

Do you love our planet?
Are you passionate about the environment?
If so, get involved and join
Gooderstone's Eco Council Today!

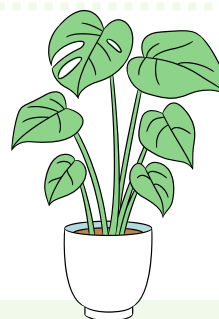
Please write a short letter about why you would like to be an ECO Councillor or make an ECO poster/picture and give to Mrs Groom by Friday 6th October.

We look forward to seeing your applications.

First meeting will be held: Tuesday 17th October 3pm School Hall / Kitchen

Plant Request

If you have any houseplants that you no longer want or need we would be happy to rehome them in school! No plant is too big or too small, we will happily take them all. Many studies have shown that having greenery in inside spaces can have a calming effect and help to reduce stress and anxiety. As part of our ongoing 'Hygge Approach' we would like to make our school a greener place to be.



Information

Music Lessons!

Mrs Whistler teaches a variety of musical instruments. If you would like your child(s) to attend Music lessons, kindly provided by Mrs Whistler- please speak with the office for a letter or Mrs Whistler whistlermusic@yahoo.com directly for further information.

Class Email Addresses

Parents & Carers can contact their child/rens teacher via the class email.

Owls & Goslings: owls@gooderstone.dneat.org

Skylarks: skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org

Kestrels: kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org

Individual & Sibling Photos- 20th October

We would like to include Siblings who do not attend the school and nursery children who may not attend Fridays, to come for their photos at 9am and complete first.

Please let the office know if this is something you would like to do.

Harvest!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest festival and provided donations for **Meadow House Care Home in Swaffham.**

The Meadow House team send their biggest thanks for the donations, this is greatly appreciated and we were warmly welcomed when we dropped it off on Thursday.

Hattie, Lilly & Ruby did a fantastic job of representing the school!





Polite Reminders



Parking / Arriving / Exiting School premises

Please be courteous when parking, arriving & exiting the school grounds, by doing so as **quickly and quietly as possible**. This will alleviate issues due to excess parking & traffic. Please do not park on driveways or the gravel area opposite the church, these are private residential and pub property /spaces.

Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We have been asked to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated. Please look at the [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) as well as well as the [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. We are sharing these resources with you to increase awareness and encourage you to get your children vaccinated.

Coughs & Colds

Please encourage and politely remind all children to wash their hands regularly, cough or sneeze into their elbow/ tissue and dispose of any used tissues in the bin. If your child(ren) is poorly and cannot attend school/ nursery, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Illness & Sickness

We are experiencing high volumes of sickness & diarrhoea within the school. Please encourage and remind all children to wash their hands regularly, with warm - hot water and soap.

If your child(ren) is poorly and cannot attend school/ nursery, please notify the office as soon as possible, via the Iris App, email or phone call. Please note a sickness or diarrhoea bug, must be 48 hours since last sickness before your child / ren returns to school.

Flu Vaccine / Immunisation - Reception to YR6

An email has been sent to Parents & Carers regarding the electronic consent link & FAQ's for this years Flu Immunisation program. Please follow the link in the email & attachment. Any queries please contact the Vaccination Team directly.

Upcoming Events

18th October: EDP Reception Photos Published

20th October 9am: Siblings Welcome for photos!

20th October : Individual & Sibling Photos

20th October 2.30pm: Owls & Goslings Gathering!

23rd October: Half Term

3rd November 9am: October Celebration Assembly - Parents Welcome

24th November: Flu Vaccination / Immunisation Recep-YR6

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.

SENDCo Kenko

Family Voice UK Norfolk September 23023 Newsletter-
please click the link to view!

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Get in touch and have a coffee and a chat if you have any concerns about your child at school

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Reading



Reading is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. Not only do we plan our English curriculum around exciting and challenging books, we also link other areas of the curriculum to any stories or non-fiction texts which are relevant. At Gooderstone we share a love of books with the children and actively encourage the children to share their favourite stories, comics, non-fiction texts and poems with us and with their peers.

Any support from home with this would be fantastic. Reading with your child as much as possible will help to build their vocabulary, knowledge of the world and maybe, unlock new interests for them. It helps with all areas of the English curriculum and will increase their confidence in choosing books and trying out new genres. If you need any support with choosing some good books for your child, ask the class teacher.

If you would like to volunteer to read with the children at school, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

Let Every Light Shine

