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# Gooderstone Gazette

Spring Issue 15

YOUR SCHOOL,  
YOUR NEWS

Collective Worship Story:

## Passover

So Moses told the Israelites to  
celebrate the Passover

Welcome back to the spring term 2024!

## Stars & Wows

### Owls & Goslings

Star of the Week is **Lily**, for always being kind and helpful.

Wow of the Week is **Eva B**, for an amazing big write.

Writer of the week is **Rosie F**, for trying hard with her letter formation and super sentence writing.

### Skylarks

Star of the Week is **Amelia**, for showing bravery and resilience in our first school swimming lesson.

Wow of the Week is **Luna**, for impressing us with her maturity and resolving her conflicts this week.

Writer of the week is **Ben**, for improving his stamina in his big write.

### Kestrels

Star of the Week is **Lilia**, for her great attitude to school.

Wow of the Week is **Amelia**, for her fantastic improvement in confidence in maths.

Writer of the week is **Livvy**, for her improvement in her sentence structure in her Big Write.



## Team Points

1. Newton 123
2. Einstein 72
3. Curie 52

What have  
we been up  
to?

### Owls & Goslings

This week, the children were amazed to find a magic paint brush in the classroom. They used the paint brush to paint objects of their choice, and magically the objects they painted had become real over night! This is linked to our new story called 'The Magic Paintbrush', which the children are really engaged in.

### Skylarks

This week, we started our exciting history enquiry about the Victorian railway. We imagined we were passengers on the first locomotive and shared our thoughts on the experience. We started our new story 'Ocean meets Sky' and began to think about which materials would work best for making a kite in DT.

### Kestrels

This week, we used our art skills doing self-portraits with Owls. We answered Max's question in Science 'Can we see anything without any light?'. Kestrels showed excellent, scientific enquiry skills about deep sea creatures and how they see, whilst using some very advanced scientific vocabulary.

# Information

## Music Lessons!

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

## Class Email Addresses

Parents & Carers can contact their child/ren's teacher via the class email.

**Owls & Goslings:** [owls@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:owls@gooderstone.dneat.org)

**Skylarks:** [skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org)

**Kestrels:** [kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org)

## Parent Volunteers - Swimming!

We require parent volunteers to assist the teachers with general support-if you would like to help please see the office.

## Bikeability L1 Y3 + Y4

Bikeability is taking place for Y3 + 4 Friday 26th January 10am-12pm. Please remember to bring your child's bike & helmet to school on **Thursday 25th January**, the bikes can be left over night at the school safely for Fridays session.

Please make sure your child is in appropriate clothing including, waterproof coat, appropriate footwear and if cold, gloves.

## The Big Ambition - Closing date extended 19/01/2024

'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Let's make sure that the children and young people of Norfolk are represented in the results.

Click the link below to have your say!

**[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)**

## 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 the yellow lines, driveways or the gravel area opposite the church, these are private residential and pub property spaces.

# Smashing Spelling!

This half term we have started a new way of learning spellings. We have introduced new Smashing Spelling boxes where the children practise their individual spellings by learning a clue e.g. bruise: u and i bruise. They then work in pairs to speed test each other three times. When they have learnt their spelling, the flashcard gets moved to the back of their box to be tested by the teacher after a few weeks.

We are hoping that this will improve the children's confidence spelling more difficult words. This method will be demonstrated over the next term within Gooderstone Gatherings and a video will be uploaded onto the school website for you to view.



# Upcoming Events

**9th January:** Begin Swimming- Every Tuesday

**26th January:** January Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome!)

**26th January:** Bikeability L1 Y3 + Y4 10am- 12pm

**8th February 2024:** Y6 NCMP and YR NCMP/Vision and Hearing

**19th February:** Half Term

**7th March :** World Book Day - come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

**Science Week: 11th March** - come to school dressed as a mad scientist!

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



## SENDCo

Information for parents and carers

If you have any concerns or just need some advice about eating, sleeping, speech and language, mental health and child development this site has so much information to support you

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Norfolk & Waveney Autism and ADHD Support Service January 2024 Newsletter

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

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## Mrs Godbold says...

### Attitude of Gratitude

You may remember that in my letter last week I talked about the importance of having an attitude of gratitude and I shared research how fostering this positive mind-set can benefit both our mental and physical health. There are many different apps and websites available to help us learn to reframe our thinking. A really good one is <https://actionforhappiness.org/> this is a charity based website and also available is an app for phones. There is a wealth of information on the site from scientific research to calendars:

**[https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/calendar\\_download/images/jan%202024.jpg](https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/calendar_download/images/jan%202024.jpg)**

with daily practises to help us make the world a happier and more positive place.

*Let Every Light Shine*