



Newsletter

27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Fantastic Learning

I love walking around the school, talking with children about what they have been learning and sharing with them the fantastic things that they have made or what is in their books. What is clear is that they are really enjoying the topics that they have been studying and that they are making great progress in their learning.



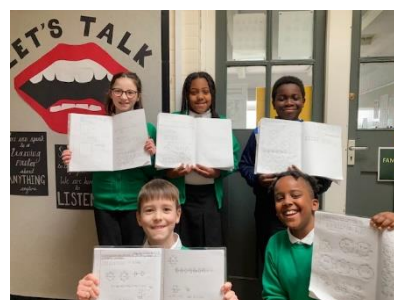
Some brilliant examples this week come from Year 1, who have been bringing in their Antarctic creations; note the super-creative learning that has been printed onto a jumper!



These Year 5 children told me about how they solved a (very complicated!) mathematical problem involving chalk, shapes and children. I was really impressed by their methodical thinking and their orderly presentation in order to communicate what they had found. Well done!



Reception made some fruity kebabs this morning and then enjoyed the fruit of their labours at milk time this afternoon.



These Reception children also shared their writing with me, listing the things they would eat if they were a *Ravenous Beast* (including smelly clothes – yuk!)



Year 4 have been writing as Egyptologists entering the cursed tomb of an ancient pharaoh...

And finally, I just love these two feats of engineering – Mayan temples recreated in cardboard and Lego.



Winter Jumpers

Don't forget that our Winter jumper day is on *Friday 11th December*. We are doing things differently this year – please don't go out and buy a jumper from the shops – we will be providing time at school for children to upcycle an old top into a wintry fashion item! To do this, we need some help... Can you donate:

- Buttons
- Tinsel
- Fabric scraps
- Pom poms
- Cotton wool



Any of the above would be gratefully received! Don't forget that you will need to provide the old top which will be upcycled in the children's Art classes during the week beginning 7th December.

Rap Therapy

We are extremely excited to have started a new initiative to support children in their learning. Charlotte, a musician and actor (she's been in *Killing Eve*, no less), works for a company called Rap Therapy and they specialise in innovative workshops that use rap as a therapeutic tool to train young people to be creative and to positively express themselves. This week was an introductory session, with next week's workshop due to be filmed by ITV! Huge thanks to the *Southwark Neighbourhood Fund* and *Comic Relief*, both of which have provided funds to support this initiative.



Miss Naomi's Tongue Twister

Have a look for my next Tongue Twister Challenge – numero dieciseis.

Make sure you clearly say all of the words and I would like a quicky-quick pace!

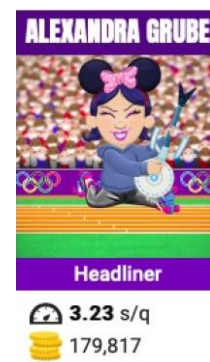
<https://youtu.be/YEoWvMRBPKc>

Times Table Rockstars

A special mention for Eva in Year 5 who worked really hard to gain points for Honey Badger in the Times Tables Rockstars competition recently. I've seen the stats and they are mightily impressive – Eva was the individual with the most points in the whole school by quite a margin. Well done Eva!!

Values Points Winners

The Values Points winners for this week are Ayla for **trust**, Becky for **positivity** and Hadiyah for **aspiration**. Well done to you for living the school's values!



Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be found at goosegreenprimaryschool.org/school-information/policies Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.

FOGGS update

Laptop fundraising and donation!

Every day next week, a parent volunteer will be at the school gate at drop off and pick up, for you to hand over any old but working laptops you may be able to donate, or to make a cash donation of any amount you can. Every pound will go towards helping the school buy laptops that will benefit every pupil at Goose Green at some point either in school, or on loan for home learning. Thank you so much in advance!



Christmas Trees



Are you thinking about buying a real Christmas tree this year? If so, order yours from East Dulwich Flowers (the florist by the roundabout) and help raise funds for the School. For every tree ordered the School will receive a donation of £2.50. You can order online or over the phone, and prices start from £25. Don't forget to mention Goose Green Primary School when you order!

FOGGS quiz night



Thank you for all those attending the FOGGS Festive Quiz on Thursday. A fun night was had by all.

Thanks to Gavin Silvey for being a great quiz master and congratulations to the winners of some brilliant prizes.

A pizza family feast donated by *Firezza* and Cook Vouchers donated by *Cook*.

Have a great weekend – I will see you on Monday.

Simon Wattam
Head Teacher