

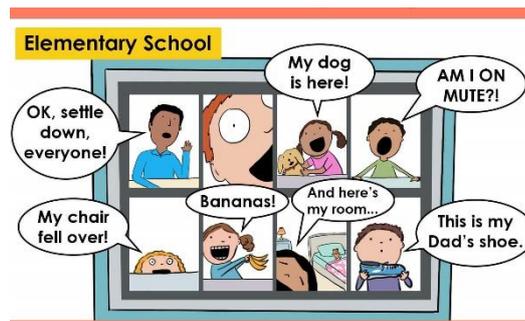


Newsletter

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you are safe and well. We are all settling down into a routine here at school and we can see how well the children at home are engaging with the remote learning that is being set by their teachers. When I walk around the school I can see the children here actively engaged, together with children at home, all learning together with their teachers - it is an amazing achievement. Thank you once again for all of your efforts at home to support your children's learning – it is greatly appreciated!



Parent Meetings

I know that the teachers are organising parent meetings to talk with you about how it is all going and to gather feedback from parents. The meetings will also help you with the school's expectations of the children and the amount of time they should be working on their independent learning. Please check your child's Google Classroom to find out when your meeting is scheduled.



Laptops and Connectivity

We have some laptops and chromebooks available for you to borrow if you do not have enough devices at home for your children to learn. Please contact the school if you would like to borrow one of these devices. Additionally, we have a limited number of dongles to support you with your connectivity. Again, please contact the office if you would like to borrow one of these.

Miss Pietrus – Maternity Leave

You may know that Miss Pietrus will be heading off on maternity leave from 25th January. We are pleased to welcome Ms Eldred, who has joined us to cover the period of time that Miss Pietrus is away. Ms Eldred is already busy on the Nursery's Google classroom and is looking forward to being present on-site when the current restrictions are removed.

Coronavirus testing for staff

You may have heard in the news that staff in school are being offered the opportunity to undertake regular lateral flow tests to check that they are well and are ok to be in school. This will start in the next week or two. We will be testing ourselves twice a week and will continue to be in school a long as our results are negative. Please note that a positive test result may mean that a bubble at school may need to close at short notice – we will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case.



Great Learning

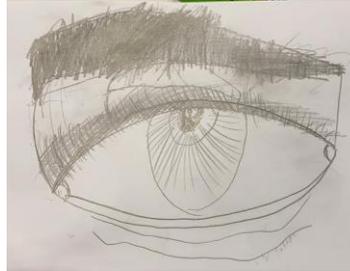
Here is a range of learning that has been going on in school and at home this week. Well done to all of the children for their effort and enthusiasm!



Year 2 made smoothies with Mr Hampson this afternoon. They smelled and tasted delicious! The smoothies, that is.



Year 4 were learning cross-hatching and used the technique to draw an eye.



Reception were learning a new technique called duck feet printing to paint the backdrop to their Gruffalo theatre.



Have a wonderful weekend.
Simon Wattam, Head Teacher

FOGGS update

Thanks

Thank-you to everyone who bought a tree, collected or donated raffle prizes and everyone who bought tickets. We hope all the winners enjoyed their prizes! Together we raised over £800.

This will go towards the school's top fundraising priority: to provide resources to all children who need them to access their home learning.

This is in addition to the many generous donations of equipment and money that have been flooding into school since the Chromebook appeal was launched.

Thanks also to everyone who took part in the festive trail and sent in winter themed artwork, which you can find on our Instagram and Facebook pages – goosefriends.

Social get-togethers

Over the next couple of weeks we are arranging a social get-together on Zoom for each class. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to chat and catch up – think of it as a virtual school gate. Dates and times and log-in info are being shared via WhatsApp so if you are not already a member of your class group email us on info@goosegreenpta.org and we link you up with your class rep.

Coming soon

Spring quiz night

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.