



# Gooderstone Gazette

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Autumn Issue 7

## Collective Worship Story:

“As the month they had been waiting for arrived, the Jews gathered to celebrate and turn their sorrow into joy.” – Esther 9:22

## Writer of the week!

### Owls & Goslings

Writer of the week is, **Elsie**, for writing independently in the classroom.

### Skylarks

Writer of the week is, **Tilly**, for independent editing.

### Kestrels

Writer of the week is, **Samantha** for trying exceptionally hard with her writing this week, especially while editing.



Einstein: 61  
Newton: 52  
Curie: 39

# What have we been up to?

## This week in Owls & Goslings,

We have enjoyed discovering the continent of Africa this week. We found it on the world map and compared its size to England. We made binoculars and enjoyed an African safari, spotting tigers, giraffes, zebras and Gazelles. We have also written a tourist information leaflet about Africa, including a map and a labelled diagram of one of the animals. In maths we have been discovering shapes and creating artwork based on these shapes. We also went on a shape hunt around the school and were surprised to find so many circles and triangles.

## This week in Skylarks,

We have been finding out about black history month and what the flag represents. We learnt about Maggie Aderin-Pocock and her achievements as a black woman in Science. We made satellites to help us learn about how she helps to design satellites. We thought about what sat navs help us with in our lives. In our literacy leaves learning we have enjoyed reading more of the Spider and the Fly and going on a bug hunt!

**This week in Kestrels,** we had a fantastic time at our gathering making chromatography flowers and seed bombs. Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who attended. We also continued our work on Malorie Blackman for Black History Month and have nearly finished our collages to stop crimes in Art. We started our new Maths work this week with a starter called ‘Write it; Think it; Draw it’ where the children have to use written methods, mental methods and drawing methods to calculate accurately.



# Upcoming Events

- **\*Rescheduled\* 16th October 3.30pm:** The Friends of Gooderstone Annual General Meeting - Owls Classroom
- **18th October 9am:** Celebration Assembly- All welcome, Skylarks sharing
- **18th October 2:30pm- 3:15pm:** Kestrels Gathering
- **24th October:** Cake Thursday (replacing Friday)!
- **25th October:** School closed for Half term
- Half Term Friday 25th October - Monday 4th November
- **\*Rescheduled\* 11th November 9am:** Individual & Sibling Photos - Tempest

## SENDCo

SENDCo Information and Support - Mrs Tinkley SENDCo

If you have any concerns about your child and would like to talk to Mrs Tinkley, please do not hesitate to contact her via email or telephone the school.

[Family Voice - September 2024](#)

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## Tuck Shop

School Council have decided to restart Tuck Shop after half term.

The food items will all be under 50p for the children to purchase. There will be toast, fruit and sometimes a themed treat which we will inform you of beforehand.

**First tuck shop: Monday 4th November 2024**

## Leafy Learners

Here at Gooderstone we love our outdoor learning but we feel like a rebrand is in order to breathe new life into our provision. From now on Muddy Moments are no more! We are all about Leafy learners and Leafy Learning. Each week we will share with you the outdoor learning that takes place in this newsletter.





**The Friends of Gooderstone School - Annual General Meeting!  
RESCHEDULED**

**Wednesday 16th October at 3:30pm in Owls Classroom.**

Everyone is invited and we hope to see as many of you there as possible! Attending is a great way to find out more about The Friends, meet other parents and find out how you can help us to raise more money and support the school.

This year, Hermione O'Rourke is stepping down as Chair and therefore the role of Chairperson, as well as other committee roles, will be available to acquire.

It is really important that a new Chair is appointed and all committee roles are filled so that The Friends can carry on; without a full committee we will have to close the charity.

We are really hopeful that this won't happen and that other parents or friends of the school will come on board. Please speak with Hermione O'Rourke, Pippa Cross & Amy Haslam for more details, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

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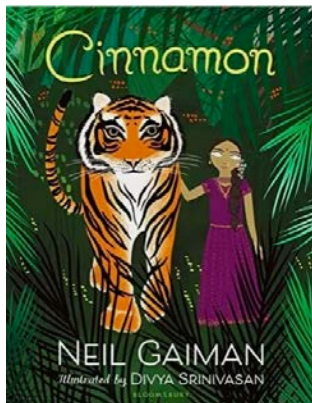
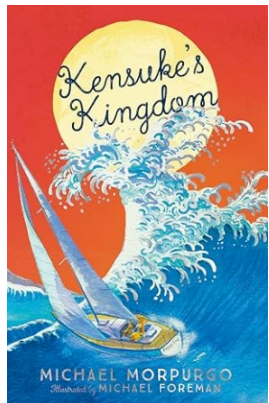
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# Reading



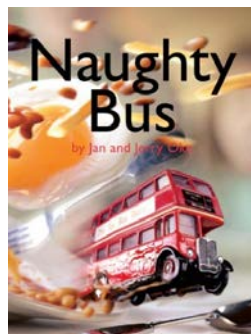
## Kestrels

Kensuke's kingdom  
English Year 3/4: Cinnamon  
English Year 5/6: The Promise



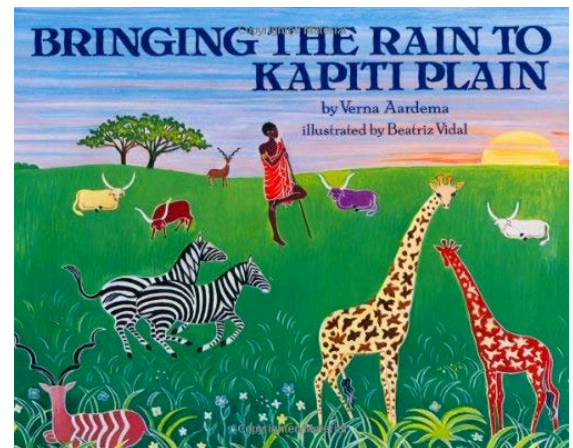
## Skylarks

The Naughty Bus  
The Spider and the Fly



## Owls & Goslings

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain



Let Every Light Shine

