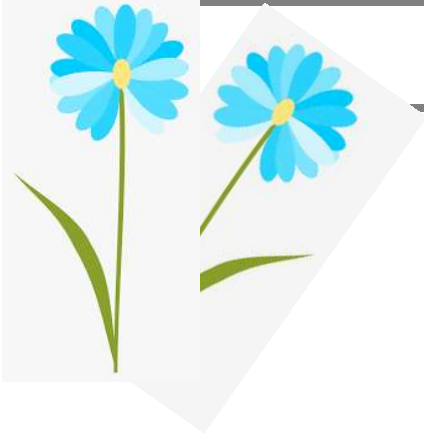




MINI NEWS



Message from Cindy,

Yesterday was Thank a Teacher Day and so many children, young people and families did just that. Of course at Gosden that includes teachers, teaching assistants and pastoral support and it was so sweet to see the letters, cards and messages to all our wonderful staff.

Those of us who work in schools, and particularly special schools, are motivated entirely by the children and young people we work with. It's a tough job at times, but the current situation is beyond anyone's experience. To not have in-person contact with the children means that school staff are not enjoying the daily relationship, humour, and triumphs which makes our job so very rewarding.

Your lovely messages have really given our staff a boost. Thank you for your support, and have a lovely half term "break".



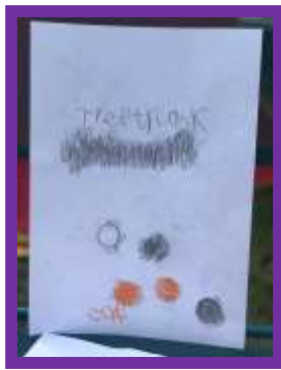
Cindy

PRIMARY MINI NEWS

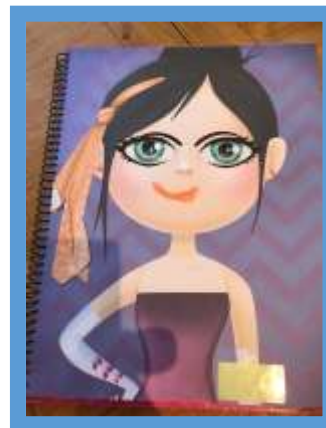
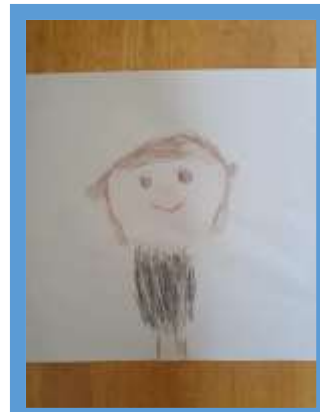
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT CLASSES EACH WEEK

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week Squirrels have been busy in the garden making rubbings of different textures.



We shared funny photos of ourselves and drew self-portraits.



We also continued with our measurement theme by investigating length. Towards the end of the week we enjoyed having a story time together and had fun with our Friday sing-along time with Marion.

BADGER CLASS

Badger class have been completing fun challenges on the theme of nature and growing. We have loved seeing the work that they have been sharing on the daily Teams chats. We saw some amazing ice sculptures that the children hung from trees. But, guess what had happened to them by the end of the day! We decorated stones and created plants and flowers out of Lego and recycled materials. The children made some wonderful wind mobiles to go outside - can you spot who sneaked on to Pia's mobile! We renamed them 'Monkey Mobiles'!!



RABBIT CLASS

Rabbit Class have been busy catching up with each other on Teams and completing daily activities. Their activities have included matching.



They have also been hunting for objects of the same colour. Can you guess the colour?



FOX CLASS

This week Foxes have been completing some great challenges at home during lockdown, including making nature art like this leaf caterpillar and seeing who can build the tallest tower out of different objects!



SECONDARY MINI NEW

Simmonds News:

We are pleased to share that everybody remains fit and well. We are all enjoying a daily walk and sharing the things we see. The students are completing the daily challenges and have identified a number of 3D shapes, kept a record of the weather, listed objects found with 3 letters and drawn coin pictures. Well done!

Lucie's butterflies are flying free. We wonder where they are - shame we couldn't tag them! Jamie is keeping us updated with hedgehog visits and cooking and gardening continue to be popular pastimes. Keep well, stay safe and alert x



Parks News:

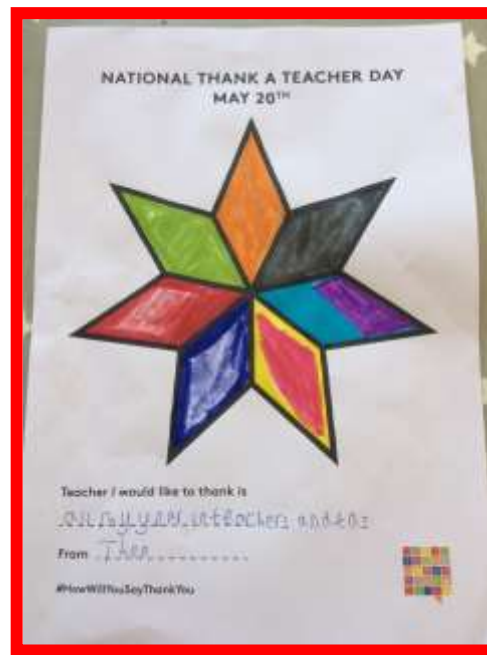
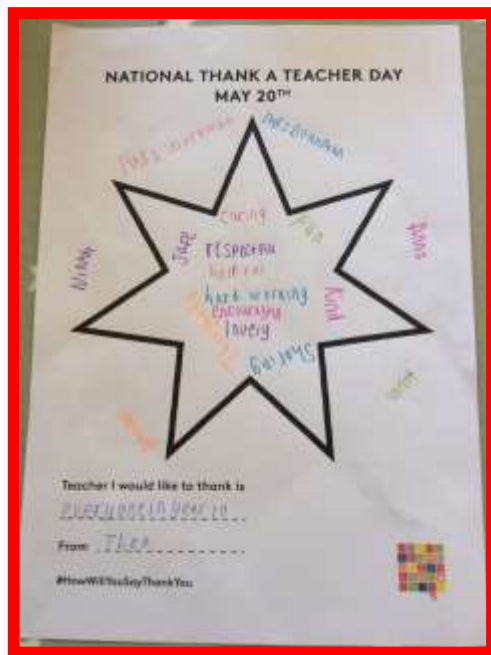
Parks class have spent the week focussing on reflection, gratitude and bucket filling. We have thought about some of the good things that have happened during this time and how we want to keep some of these things in place, such as going for walks or spending time with our families. We have done a quiz about some memories we have from school and we had a laugh thinking about them. We have also talked about our habits and tried to change one small habit a day to help fill the buckets of people we live with, be that by telling them we are thankful or by doing a job so they don't have to.

We have also enjoyed some guest appearances on our Microsoft Teams chats from some animals and a very impressive Audi Car that Brandon made out of Lego!



YEAR 10 Work From Home:

Thank a Teacher Day by Thea



Year 10 Challenge - plan and make a savoury meal

Mrs Workman set this task and Thea rose to the challenge. Thea made lunch for her family on Monday. She found a recipe for cheese and tomato tarts and created a menu with a list of toppings, so her family could choose what to have on their own tarts.



Thea has been very busy in the kitchen and is brushing up on her life skills. Thea also made some scones (with raspberry jam!) and some savoury cheese scones (warm with butter) which were delicious! **Well done Thea!**



YEAR 11

Year 11 continue to be amazing and now with an updated Microsoft Teams, we can see 6 smiling faces on our screens every morning. Each of the girls are focussing on resilience and positivity at this time despite the overwhelming anxieties around leaving the Gosden family for new beginnings.

Amelie has sipped “champagne” as she helped to celebrate her parents’ wedding anniversary and Gemma has helped to keep the loneliness away for “nanny Kath” as well as sing happy birthday to her Grandad in the driveway. Cata has even made cheese!!!! A kit from Amazon. Who knew????



In between Education City and life skills within the home, the girls have been working hard on pages of their Yearbooks. Mrs G called Jayme and told her about Maria’s “most likely to” idea for her - Maria said Jayme would most likely become a lawyer - because she is good at arguing!! Jayme found that hilarious! Amelie is “most likely to” become the 5th member of Little Mix and Maria thought Beth would be the first to get married and have children. We thought Cata would become a Latin dancer (she has apparently danced the flamenco on stage!) and Maria a famous musician. Maria said that she thought Jeannie would become a farmer and Hannah a cake decorator and we all said Claire would definitely be on stage (maybe BGT or X-Factor)! Amelie decided that Gemma would become a Spice Girl so we named her hair-bow Spice! We are also having a selfie page so they have been busy posing today!



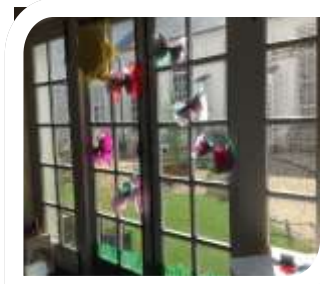
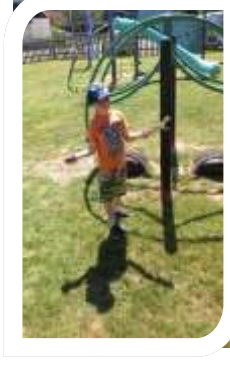
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GOSDEN?

HAVING FUN IN THE SUN

Hello everybody!

Owls have taken Summer as a topic and have made a very summery display in the corridor with colourful butterflies, a bright sun, and swishy grass. We have left a task for the Gonzo team. We've hidden some magic stones around Gosden. We've left some clues in our pictures. We wish you all a happy and safe half term!

Zack, Lucy, Chloe, and Austin



TEAM KERMIT

"Upper Secondary" with Mrs Downman, Mrs Gidley and Germana (from week commencing 11 May)



For the previous two weeks we were very busy in 'upper secondary'.

We loved cooking and made apple crumble, donuts and cookies.

For the Olympics preparations we made and iced donuts.



As part of the VE celebrations we made bunting.

We took part in the Design of the Day Book Front Cover.

Charlotte also taught Mrs Downman some fun card games.

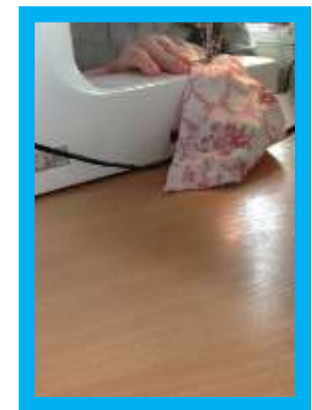
We carried on with our Team chats.

This week Sabeer and Thea did a Tik Tok Mash Up together.

Charlotte has been using the sewing machine and is a natural.

We also made sure that we did our Education City work every day.

We have been watering the poly tunnel and doing some weeding





Roll up, roll up! Come one and all to the Gosden circus!

The children enjoyed some questionable magic performed by Sam the Magic Man and tested their strength and bravery by lifting 1 ton and diving through the ring of fire. They also showed skill and accuracy when hooking for ducks and soaking teachers through the face in the hole. After all the action and amazement, the children earned enough tickets to buy some popcorn at the stand and enjoyed playing with their balloons in the sun.



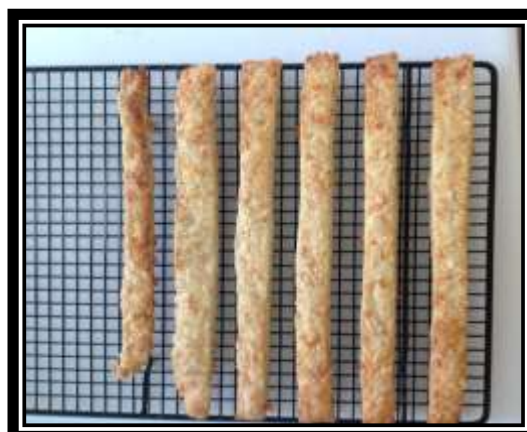
Mini Victoria Sponge

Esther and Harry spent Monday afternoon as mini chefs, they made the most AMAZING mini Victoria Sponges



Cheese Straws

Esther and Harry E spent Wednesday afternoon as mini chefs too, they made these delicious cheese straws!



Gosden Gallery

JACK USING CHOPSTICKS!



Pizza and cake making – YUM!



SUPPORT

Remember to check our website for all support and help during this time:

<https://gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/>

If you need to make contact with us during school hours, we have set up a special email address which will link to certain members of the Senior Leadership Team and our Home/School Link Worker, Annie Welch who will try to answer queries or signpost to help.

parenthelp@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Pastoral Mobile: 07864 721931 –

Please add to your contacts Additional support Health:

The School Nursing Service are aiming to continue to support us with advice if necessary, so contact us in the ways above (during school hours) and we'll aim to help.

To support your child with their mental health and wellbeing there is some good guidance on the Young Minds website here Adults may find support here Social Care: For any child or family worries for which you may need additional support or advice you can request it by contacting the

Surrey Children's Single Point of Access Team on 0300 470 9100 and press1 and then option required.