



MINI NEWS

Message from Cindy

In trying to sum up the world we are trying to navigate at the moment, I'm struggling to find an analogy! Stormy seas, shifting sands, or perhaps a video game? Schools are still in the middle of the social storm and we find ourselves trying to meet the needs and demands of the Government, the DfE, PHE, the media (all of those different entities), unions, then of course staff, parents and children. I'm sorry to put children at the end of that list, but I wonder where they do sit in all of this.

In offering provision which keeps every stakeholder and opinion-holder happy, I'll be honest, I gave up long ago. What I have found helpful is to bring decisions right back to what our children, families and staff need the most, and how can we keep everyone as safe as possible? The entire existence of our senior leaders has come to a constant balancing of risk (along with lots of exciting new things, like cleaning products, masking tape and rubbish bins) as we navigate this period. And then of course the rug can be pulled from under our feet at any time.

I remain astonished and moved by the resilience and dogged positivity of every single member of the entire Gosden family. Every day I am reading and observing the most wonderful stories – this will be a bold chapter in the Gosden biography. I would love to offer a guest editorial spot in our weekly newsletter. Instead of me writing my "Thought for the week" (I'm not much of a raconteur), I wondered if there are other members of the Gosden community who would like to publish a piece for the front page for us? It would be great to hear the perspective of parents/carers, children/young people and staff. If you would like to write an editorial for the newsletter, please contact:

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PRIMARY MINI NEWS

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT CLASSES EACH WEEK

SQUIRREL CLASS

Squirrels have been enjoying playing indoors and outdoors this week.



We've also been set different challenges, including creating an adventure for our teddy bears, finding out all the different things we can do in one minute and learning how to press flowers.



BADGER CLASS

Mrs McGee and the Badgers have set sail on the high seas to begin their pirate adventures! Pia has already turned her family into pirates and has given them pirate names. There will be lots of learning adventures ahead!



RABBIT CLASS

Rabbits Class had a great half term. Emily spent lots of time playing on her new water slide and Theo tried some new food for the first time and loved it!



It has been fabulous to see the Rabbit class on Teams. They have really enjoyed their challenges. Before half term they were busy making nature letters and words, Rizwan managed to write his entire name! This week the focus has been on the colour blue. James managed to find 46 blue things in and around his home, he even managed to write the number!



SECONDARY MINI NEW

Simmonds News:

A relaxing half term was had by all, a few students camped in their garden, whilst others kept cool by splashing about in their paddling pools. The Simmonds students continue to work hard with their learning at home and enjoy completing their daily challenge. Keep cool, well, safe and alert, love The Simmonds Team xx

Parks News:

Parks class have continued to enjoy our morning catch-ups, today we welcomed a new member to the group, Marcia's puppy Jasper. We saw the mess he has made in her garden! We also enjoyed sharing things we have been up to; some of us have been fishing and growing vegetables in our garden.

HAUKING CLASS FUNNY JOKES

<p><u>Jack G</u></p> <p>What do you call a deer with 1 bad eye? A bad idea</p>	<p><u>Kayleigh</u></p> <p>Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil? Because it's pointless</p>
<p><u>Jess</u></p> <p>Why did the spacemen split up? They needed space</p>	<p><u>Rebecca</u></p> <p>How does a penguin keep in touch with his mates? With an Ice phone</p>
<p>What's a cat's favourite food? Micecream</p>	<p>What do you call a chicken looking as a salad? Chicken Caesar salad</p>
<p><u>Brooke</u></p> <p>What is red and bad for your teeth? A brick</p>	<p><u>Jack B</u></p> <p>Knock, knock Who's there? Dr Dr who?</p>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GOSDEN?

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT WITH UPPER SECONDARY TEAM

Written by Sabeer

"We got glasses, vegetable oil, food colouring and Alka Seltzer tablets. We thought the water would float on the top of the oil, but it didn't. It went straight to the bottom! Then I added 20 drops of blue food colour to me and Georgina's glass and Charlotte and Elle added red to their glass. Then we all dropped an Alka Seltzer tablet into the glass and it was like a volcano! We learned that water is denser than oil. I didn't think it was. It was an amazing experiment."



SCRUNCHIES!

Secondary girls have enjoyed learning how to make hair scrunchies this week, we really enjoyed making them and are deciding what to do next.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT GOSDEN?

PRIMARY GROUPS

We have been really busy at Gosden House school this week exploring our lovely grounds.

We have made lots of creations:



Using natural materials.



Gosden Gallery

Josh and his Sister with their
lovely rainbow



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.