



Gosden House School

News Updates

21 October 2020

Cindy's Message

Miracles do happen and somehow we have made it through the first half of the Autumn term without any closures. Hooray! And furthermore, it seems that the testing issues have been sorted out. We can thank Surrey for that, as they put in local solutions specifically in order to keep schools open. We have in fact done so well that last Monday EVERY CHILD in Primary was at school! That is a real cause for celebration and shows a genuine community effort. Secondary attendance is also high, and it's great to see every student in school. Thank you so much.

I know I need to thank families also for managing their own worries in order to help children manage theirs. You have all prioritised school and as a result we have been able to get back to normal quickly. Learning has been an absolute priority and it is astonishing how quickly all of our pupils adapted to the busy life of the classroom again. They are so happy to be back with their friends, and I think we all appreciate the everyday challenges of school life that much more now.

Having said all that, we need to give all the staff a huge shout-out, as they got everything running in no time flat, along with all the new initiatives, safety procedures, home learning packs etc. They have worked hard for their half term break this term.

Well done to everyone in the Gosden community, please enjoy your Autumn break.

Cindy



WEBSITE NEWS

We are very pleased to update you, following on from our last newsletter, on the arrival of your new class pages.

Please follow the link to the main Class Pages front cover and then select and click on your own class. These pages have your at home timetables, some great Activity sheets, other useful resources and fantastic videos. Do also have a look at other classes if you wish to see some other resources.

Remember there are Updates to view on the front page of the website, and our Google Calendar too. Inside the Current Parent Resources tab navigation are also pages you might find useful, like forms, term dates etc.

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Class Pages Main Menu Link:

click here  [Gosden House Class Pages Main Menu](#)

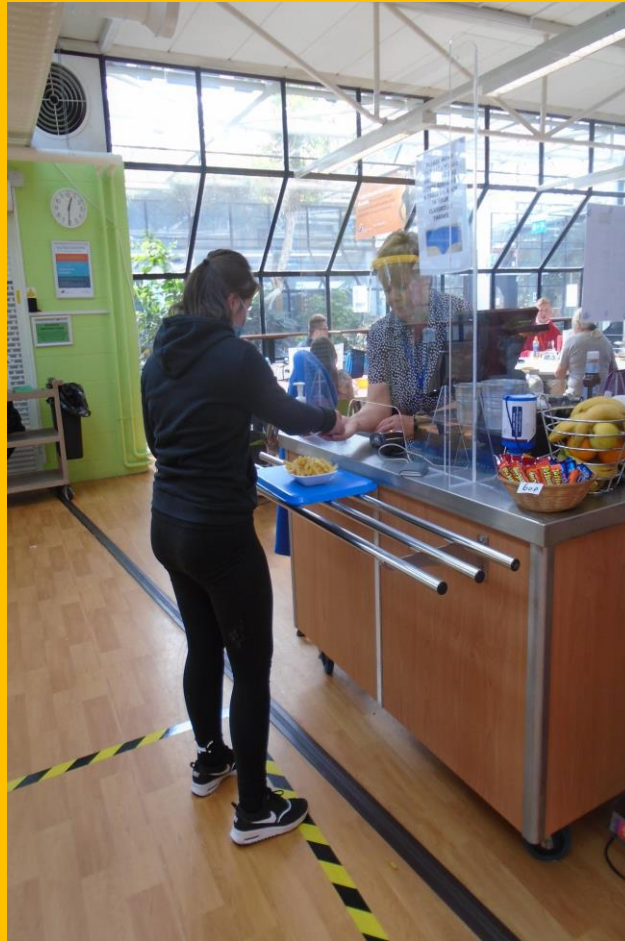
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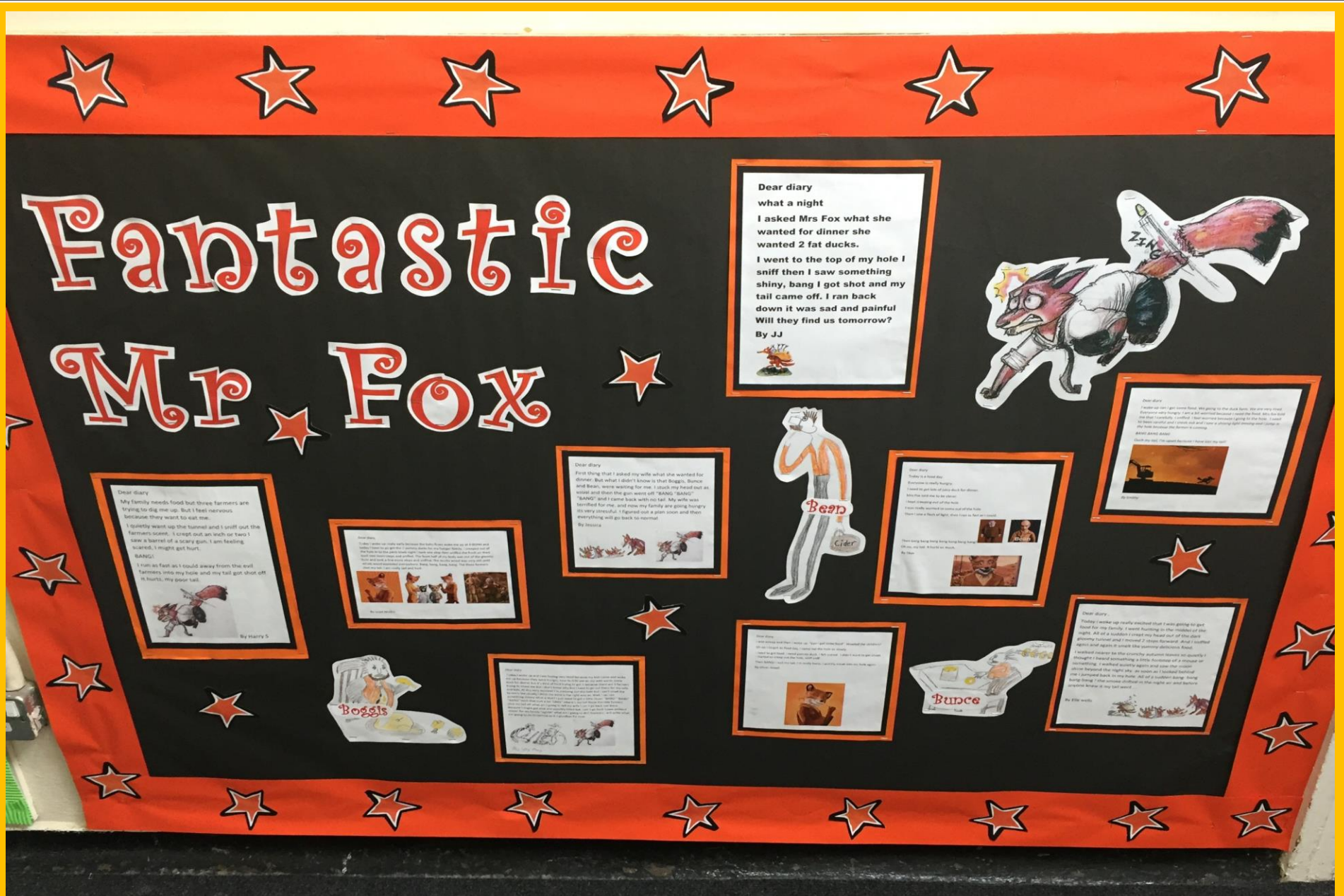
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PHOTO MONTAGE

Our Fantastic Friday Farnborough College Students



Sapphire Bubble brilliant Fantastic Mr Fox English display



Hello Yellow Fundraising News

Gosden participated in the Hello Yellow fundraiser on Friday 9th October this year. All students wore yellow and contributed a gold coin donation to Young Minds. We raised over £136 and every class celebrated differently by carrying out a range of activities that all promoted healthy mental health for children/young adults.

Thank you all very much for helping us to raise this money for a very worthwhile charity.



PTA NEWS

Dear Gosden House Parents, Carers, and Gosden Community,

On behalf of the PTA team, we wish a happy autumn term to you all!

We hope you are well and staying safe during this crazy year! If you are new, we welcome you and look forward to meeting you soon; whatever that looks like with Zoom the new way to keep in touch. We already find ourselves at Half Term and the end of October.

The PTA's primary role is fundraising for our outstanding school to support it to purchase additional resources to help our children's development. This year has, of course, been a particular challenge, coupled with budget cut-backs of recent years, leaving the funds we usually raise for the school low.

We have all sorely missed our:

- Spring quiz and bingo night
- Summer BBQ and fair
- Raffles and auctions
- Autumn event
- Socialising as one big family

Given the challenges, we are planning a quiz night via Zoom on **Saturday 14th November**. We really hope you will join us for this fun event and ask you to pop it on your calendars. A fun evening no babysitters to book or travel while raising some funds for the school and our children.

As a PTA we are still planning other events that we can offer to parents and children. We are looking at what could work with the difficulties of social gatherings. We ask you to watch this space!

We wanted to draw attention to the "Your School Lottery" as another fundraising opportunity for all:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gosden-house-school>

Our next PTA meeting also on Zoom will be in the evening on **Wednesday 4th November** and would love you to join us. We look forward to you joining us and we are always open to ideas and feedback.

Many thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please feel free to get in touch with us at any time!

Warmest wishes to you all,

The Gosden House PTA team

The Get Set Education Programme

Get Set is the official Team GB and Paralympics GB free education programme inspiring young people across the UK for over 10 years.

**Have a look at the fantastic things to get involved in and to do at home:
follow the link below**

[The Get Set Challenge](#)

School are always willing to provide advice or support:

You can call and speak to Annie Welch, our Home School Link Worker.

[Contact Pages Gosden House School](#)

Keeping Children Safe Online

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

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 press 1 and then option required.

For support and advice around domestic abuse, mental health or safety in the home:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-forvictims-of-domestic-abuse>

<https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/domestic-abuse>