



Gosden House School

News Updates

19 November 2020

Cindy's Message

As you will see from this week's news, we spent Focus Week looking at Black Lives Matter and why it is important to understand the concepts of equity and unconscious bias. Big themes for some of us, but we believe it is important for 2 reasons: Firstly, because our young people need advocates to make sure that they can have the right support and opportunities to reach their potential and their goals; secondly because our young people need to Speak Up! We need to hear everyone's voice in Surrey, and at Gosden we believe all young people need to be heard and listened to. This is part of our British Values curriculum, but it leads nicely into Anti-Bullying Week. We are encouraging our pupils to recognise when somebody needs a hand, or when they need help themselves, and to speak up! This we can stay safer, develop self-confidence and make a positive contribution to society.

Some of our pupils have been sharing their views on safety and safeguarding issues, which are being shared with the Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership. This is a group of system leaders from Health, the Local Authority, Police and Education. They will be listening and responding to our pupils, in order to make Surrey and safer place for all children and young people. As ever, I am so proud that our pupils are so confident and articulate in sharing their views with adults in influential roles.

Speaking of speaking up, the PTA have an AGM coming up and will be seeking nominees for key roles. Our PTA are the beating heart of the Gosden community, so please do get involved, get active and join in. Not only will you be supporting the children and the school, but you will also be supporting other parents and carers. I cannot speak highly enough of the dedicated band who have been running the PTA, and I hope that they will remain centrally involved (whether or not in specific roles). We are lucky to have such a passionate PTA and community.

And for those of you who might be wondering, Christmas at Gosden promises to be as magical and emotional as it always is. Please remember though to get your letters sent off to the North Pole early, Royal Mail and reindeer mail will be needing a good run at Christmas this year!

Cindy



FOCUS WEEK NEWS

This focus week we have learnt all about how brilliant it is that we are all different and that this is something to be celebrated! We have learnt how important it is to **SPEAK UP!!** When we see that something is happening that is not fair.



"People can have white, brown, black or grey skin!"

"We need to treat everyone fairly!"

"Martin Luther King Jr must have been really frustrated"

"We are all different BUT We are all friends"

I enjoyed learning about Wilma Rudolph and never give up when things are difficult

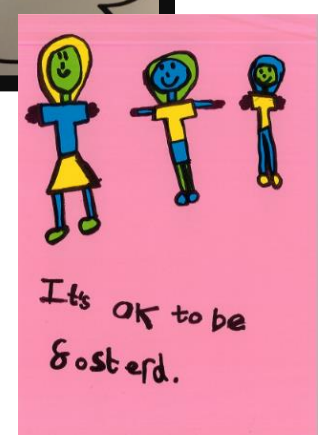
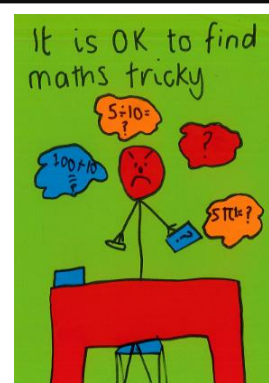
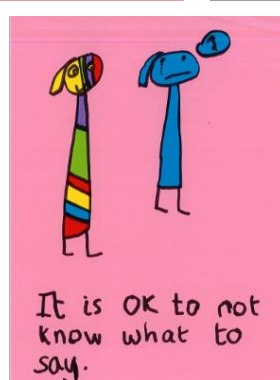
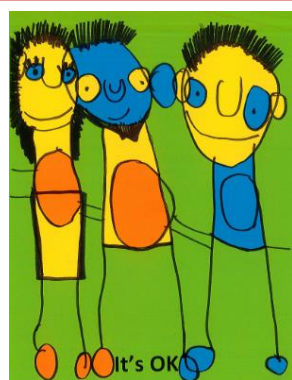
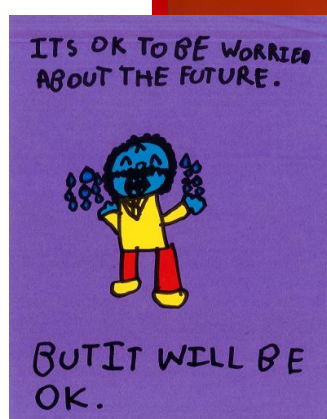
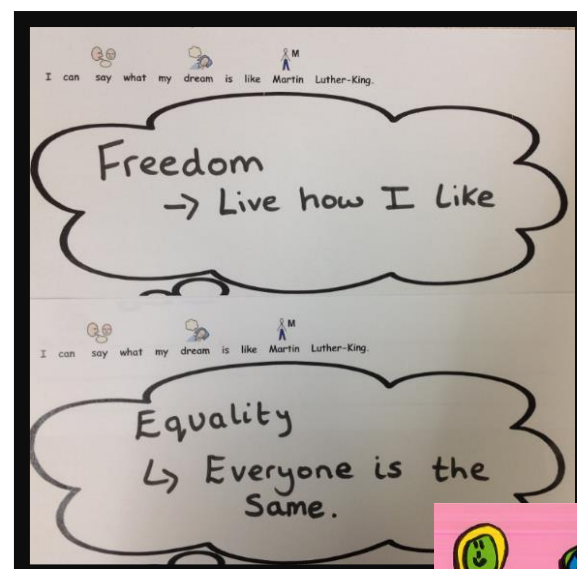
"It doesn't matter what you look like you still be nice to be a friend to them all"

"SPEAK UP!!!"

"I can tell my mates about treating black people equally"

"It's wrong to bully black people just like its wrong to bully white people"

"We understand that black lives matter does not mean that other lives do not matter!"



FOCUS WEEK NEWS


ROBIN CLASS



FOCUS WEEK NEWS

SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

We Are All Born Free Project



I have been learning about Tyler the creator in English because he is a black music artist - Skye

I have enjoyed listening to the different stories of different black people - Jack B

I enjoyed learning about Wilma Rudolph and to never give up when things are difficult - Jack G

I enjoyed learning about the ladies - Joanna

I enjoyed watching Horrible History. Learning about black lives matter - Amr

I have enjoyed all of focus week because it was all so interesting - Jessica

My favourite was "Its ok to be different" Lily-Rose

I enjoyed learning about the different countries and how people are all different - Janet



It is OK to Be Different



<p>IT'S OK TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE.</p>  <p>BUT IT WILL BE OK.</p>	<p>IT'S OK TO BE SCARED.</p> 	<p>IT'S OK TO PLAY WITH BOYS AND GIRLS.</p> 	<p>IT IS OK TO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.</p> 	<p>IT'S OK TO BE SCARED.</p> 	<p>IT IS OK TO BE DISAPPOINTED.</p> 	<p>IT IS OK TO BE WORRIED.</p> 	<p>IT IS OK TO FIND FRIENDSHIP HARD.</p> 
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SIMMONDS CLASS MONTAGE

Simmonds continue to work hard!
Look at their lovely classroom displays



Year 11

Secret Garden Sanctuary Trip

So....our adventures at the Secret Garden Sanctuary included:

- An ENORMOUS pig called Grace
- A GIANT pumpkin which even Nina couldn't lift
- A CUTE blind rabbit called Norbert
- A NASTY ferret bite for Sandra, and
- HEAVY WET RAIN

We arrived and met Hayley, who is a vulnerable adult, and who set up the farm for vulnerable adults and young people. It is a charity that receives no money unless there is significant fundraising and at this time there is none happening.

The Year 11 girls were amazing, the only people moaning about the rain were the adults! They were really interested in Hayley when she talked about the farm and its animals and were really keen to help raise money for the animals.

There are about 180 mouths to feed, all rescued birds and animals and if no money comes in they won't be able to feed them and some may have to be put down. There are many projects that need to be undertaken, an allotment, more animal grazing areas, a sensory garden and a wildlife and pond area. One of the girls suggested a trip with Frankie and the Animal Care Group to do some volunteering.

Charlotte is keen to do some weekend volunteering, so watch this space!

The trip was great and a real eye-opener and we all had loads of respect for Hayley and the volunteers who work there, trying to make a difference. One of Hayley's volunteers went to Gosden 34 years ago and is now 38, so remembers all the "old" staff (Miss Dockerill!!!!) .

Fish and chips back at Gosden and chocolate brownies and ice cream finished the day off nicely!!!



PTA NEWS

- The Gosden PTA have joined up to be part of the BIG PTA Raffle 2020 and the details can be found below: Details of the next AGM will be coming out shortly. There is a chance of winning £5,000.
[Gosden House Big PTA Raffle Webpage](#)

The Gosden PTA page is on the Website under Current Parent Resources:

[Gosden House PTA Page](#)

Gosden house PTA ~ GHS PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Wednesday December 9th
8pm
Online via zoom
link will be sent out



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Bring a little sparkle and festive cheer this year!

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- ★ Help boost PTA fundraising for Gosden house school
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

12 chances to win

Help raise funds

To buy tickets, visit: bigptaraffle.co.uk
and search for: Gosden House School

Don't delay - tickets are limited

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7th Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk



School is always willing to provide advice or support:

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

Tel: 07864 721931

Web Page Information: [Home School Link Web Page](#)

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>