



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

26th March 2021

It has been lovely seeing the sun peek out from behind the clouds this this week and the daffodils and other spring flowers coming into bloom. With lockdown (hopefully) coming to an end and spring hopefully making an appearance, it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and hear them playing together again in our beautiful grounds.

This week started with the unexpected arrival of some incredibly thoughtful 'Bags of thanks' from the PTA. We were all very touched to receive them and they certainly lifted spirits as we all head towards the end of term. I am sure parents, carers and colleagues will agree that Gosden's wonderful staff have really pulled together this year to give all of our pupils the best possible learning experience, whatever the pandemic has thrown at us... there have certainly been many twists and turns. I know that the past year has been very tough on many members of our Gosden community and I am humbled by how people have rallied around to help and support members of the school community as well as the wider community in which we all live.

It reminds us all that even the smallest of gestures can make such a big difference when times are tough. Thank you everyone and I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over the Easter holiday.

Lisa James
School Business Manager

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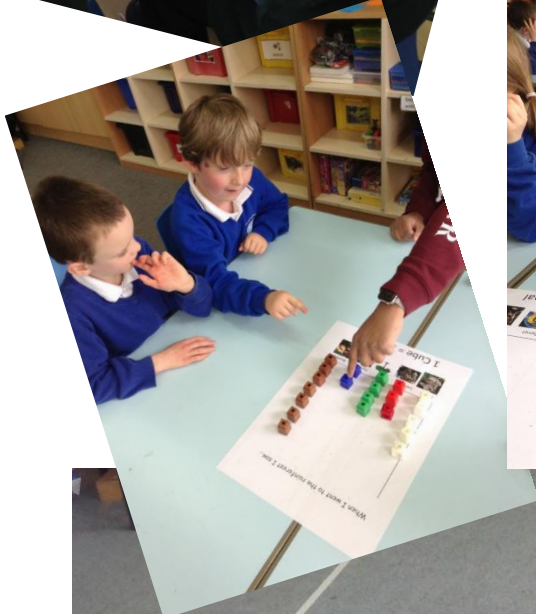
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UPDATE FROM SHREK BUBBLE

In Shrek bubble we have been learning all about the Rainforest! We found out that there are forests all over the world, some of them are temperate and some are tropical. We also discovered that even though only a small part of our planet is covered in these forests, half of the world's plants, animals and insects are found there!

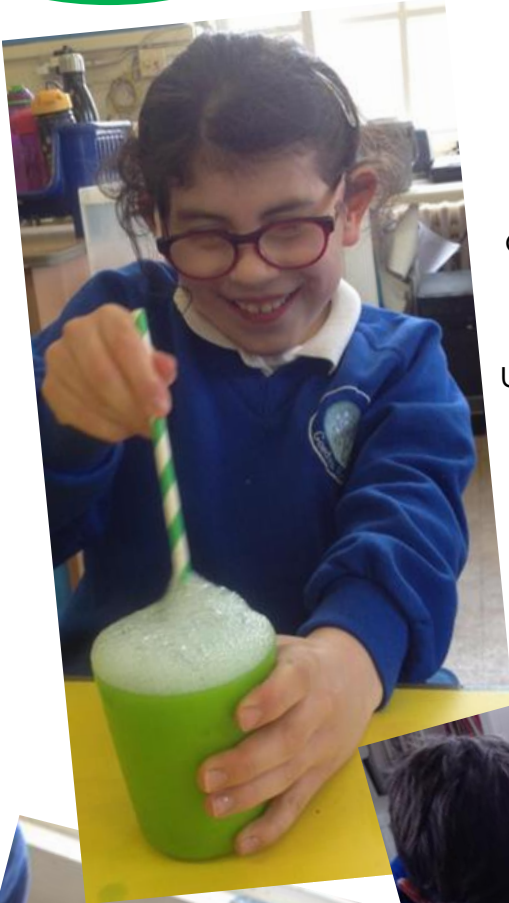
It has been fascinating to learn about the four layers of the rainforest, and the different species that can be found living in each one of them. It seems so beautiful, that the adults took a trip there after school, and came back and showed off what we had seen. All of us saw different things, so of course we had to represent what we saw in a colourful graph!



UPDATE FROM SHREK BUBBLE

We also decided to celebrate British Science week and complete a different experiment each day. We thought about our prediction and discussed in groups what we thought would happen. The best part came next with us testing each experiment carefully and being amazed each time we saw a result. After our experiments, we evaluated our learning and checked to see if our predictions were correct (they usually were!)

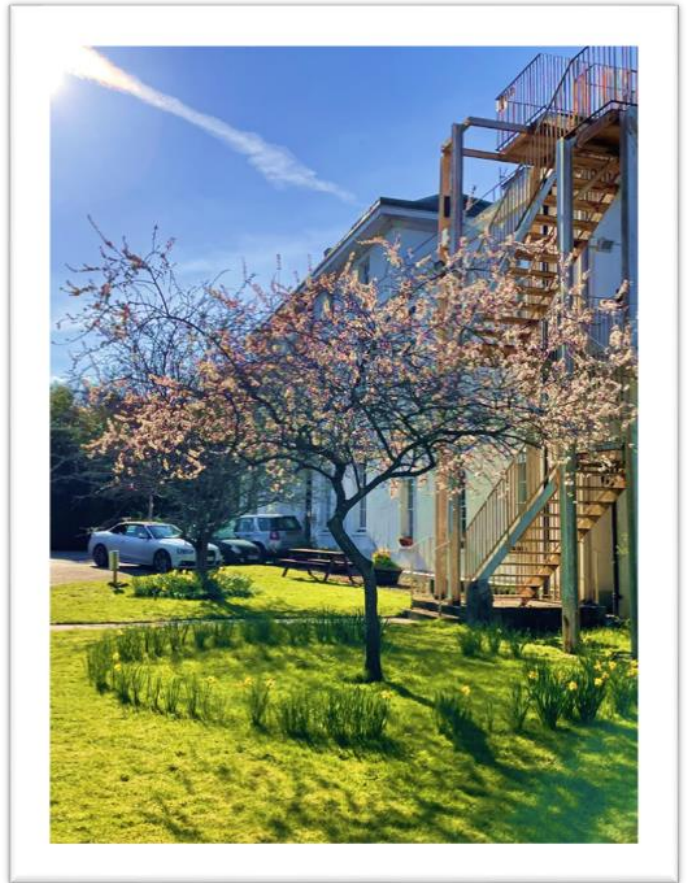
It was great fun and we enjoyed becoming scientists. We grew our own rainbows seeing ink spread, made fizzing potions to see gas bubble reactions, created our own lava lamps to see oil and water react, made a gooey slime to look at change of state and created bubbles using paint, washing up liquid and water to make artwork from the bubbles (it looked like honeycomb!) Everyone was very focused and loved to see what happened.



UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

Welcome SPRING 2021!

A photo of the beautiful cherry blossom on the second official day of Spring 😊 - reflects the team sentiments at the moment – optimistic and full of hope - just like this spring sunshine!



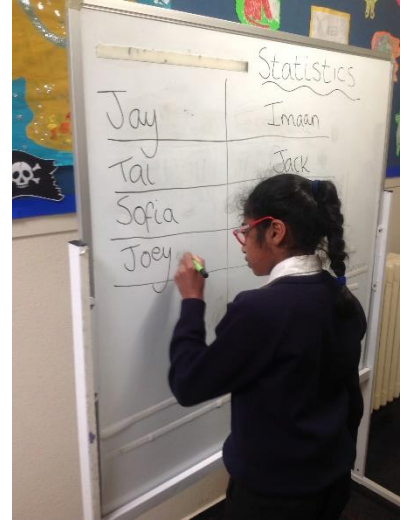
As much as we enjoyed our smaller intimate groups during lockdown, it could never replace the excited squeals and chatter we hear around the playground, since the children came back. Like the rest of the school, we are all delighted to be back together as a bubble. Students have shown tremendous resilience and strength of character in adapting to the busy timetables, while reconnecting with their friends and adults who they hadn't seen or interacted with in a while.

Not only of their work in lessons and good friendships on the playground, but we are also extremely proud of how well they have taken to the lateral flow testing for Covid-19, without making a huge fuss, to ensure they keep themselves and their friends safe and well. We have had an amazing couple of weeks since.

A few examples of the outstanding work the children have produced over the last few weeks follow.

UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

English and Maths lessons have been divided into smaller groups, to help us practice our phonics and master our numeracy skills, especially, fractions, capacity and statistics.



A collage we completed as a bubble



UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

Creative Arts

In creative arts we have been learning all about street art and how artists use it to send important social and political messages. We learnt about Banksy, the most famous street artist of modern times and looked several of his famous artworks. We then created our own street art.



UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

In DT, we have been working closely with Mrs P on creating an exciting sculpture. It will be a masterpiece! Watch this space!

Here's a sneak preview of what we've been doing. Can you guess what it might be?



Last week, in our science lesson, we sowed seeds to germinate to help us learn all about the life cycle of a plant. This week, we had a lot of fun creating our own discs to illustrate this.



UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

Focus week and World Book Day
Focus week in early March, which included World Book Day celebration, got off to a fantastic start when students entered the world of wizardry and created their own Hogwarts at Gosden! Potions with Prof. Wilson and spells under Prof. Head's intense scrutiny became the order of the day as our budding wizards and witches took to the challenge of developing their own!



Reading week would not be the same without story telling sessions. Students recreated the magic of 100 acres in AA Milne's unrivalled classic about Pooh and his friends during a walk around Gosden's extensive nature walk – eating jam sandwiches, designing and sending cards to their friends, while enjoying a story-telling session in the forest school areas.



Pooh and friends
By A A Milne



UPDATE FROM SAPPHIRE BUBBLE

Imagination and creativity took further flight with Peter Pan as students designed their own Neverland, complete with a dolphin aqua park, a mini seaside village, MacDonal'd's and a beauty salon!



Peter Pan
By J M Barrie

Danger in the Doughnut Diner



If that wasn't enough, the brave hearts and the not so brave saw themselves tackle an obstacle course in true Bear Grylls, while learning all about the adventures in the wild African safari.



Bear Grylls Adventures



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS LOGO COMPETITION

Celebrating 100 Years in Education

Well done to everyone who entered the logo competition, there were some fantastic ideas and designs. All of the staff got to vote and we are delighted for the winners.



WINNER: Thea - Year 11



RUNNER UP: Harry – Parks Class



Highly Commended special mentions also go to:

Joseph – Woodpeckers



Lucie – Simmonds



Jessica – Hawking



Lily-Rose - Hawking



HOME COVID TESTING UPDATE

Covid Home Testing Kits

Thank you to the secondary students that are now testing at home twice a week.

Please continue to test over the Easter holidays, more kits will be sent home with the students early next week to cover this period.

Please also keep reporting the results to us following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/z2bNLS03TM>

KEEP SURREY SAFE

SYMPTOM-FREE TESTING
for households and bubbles of school pupils, and of staff

BOOK • COLLECT • ORDER surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting

STAY AT HOME • PROTECT THE NHS • SAVE LIVES

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Anyone who is in the same household, childcare bubble or support bubble as a school or nursery pupil or someone who works in a school, nursery or college, is eligible for twice weekly symptom-free testing.

Please note, children and young people will continue to be tested via their school or college testing scheme. School and college staff can access home testing kits via their workplace.

Please read 'How to get a test in Surrey' and full details; [COVID-19 Testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and of staff](#).

GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE



Easter Sponsored Walk

Over Easter we're also organising a sponsored walk for our children and their families to get involved with. The idea is to get some fresh air over the holidays and clock up as many steps as you can. Sponsorship Forms will be sent out in book bags before Easter, and we ask that all donations are returned to school in a sealed envelope marked 'Gosden PTA' by 30th April 2021, or alternatively directly to our bank account (details at the end of this message) using the reference 'WALK'.

We have some great Easter hampers as follows:
2 for those who clock up the most steps overall
1 x for the person who raises the most money

Virtual Balloon Race

For only £3 you can personalise your own online hot air balloon, give it a name and pitch it against other balloons in our Gosden House Virtual Balloon Race. You'll be able to see the balloons in flight as the race happens and experience nail biting moments as the leaderboard changes.

Prizes are on offer for the top 3 balloons, as well as for the last place contender, including vouchers for Dominos Pizza and Sarah's Pop Up Gifts shop, who sell fantastic home accessories and gifts.

<https://www.balloonrace.com/Gosdenpta>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



School is always willing to provide advice or support and extra help

You can call and speak to Annie Welch, our Home School Link Worker.
Tel: 07864 721931

Web Page Information:

[School Web Site](#)

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-anddomestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-forvictims-of-domestic-abuse>

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



Surrey and Borders Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Adult Services Mental Health Crisis Line

The helpline is for people living in Surrey experiencing a mental health crisis.
Telephone: 0800 915 4644
(24 hours, 7 days a week)

If you have speech or hearing difficulties, you can contact the helpline through:

- SMS: 07717 989024
- Next Generation text service: Dial 18001 0800 915 4644 from your text phone or smart app

The [Crisis Helpline](#) is staffed by professionals who are experienced in working with people with mental health issues and is managed according to the NHS Code of Confidentiality which respects individuals' personal information. However, the service has a duty to respond when someone's thoughts, intentions and actions indicate a specific and significant risk of harm to self or others particularly children). Such cases will be followed up and the relevant service or authorities will be contacted. In an emergency please call 999 or go to Accident and Emergency (A&E) – many of which have psychiatric liaison services. You can find local A&E services at [NHS Choices](#).

Out of hours crisis support for children with a mental health need.

Out of hours crisis support for children, young people and their families has been increased in response to Coronavirus. Children, aged 11 and over, and their families can continue to call our Extended Hope Service for crisis support between 5pm-11pm, 7 days a week. Calls to this service are handled by the Emergency Duty Team and we have now put in place a triage worker to provide an immediate response to anyone calling this number: 01483 517898. In addition, our Mental Health Crisis Helpline is now providing telephone support to children, young people and their families between 11pm and 9am, seven days a week, to ensure they always have access to out of hours crisis support. During normal working hours people can talk to their GP or go to A&E for support and children, aged 10-18, can contact one of the CYP Havens.

Due to public health advice the CYP Havens are currently closed. Instead we are running a virtual service for young people to access support by phone. This service is available every day of the week including bank holidays

"A safe place to get support when I am feeling distressed and worried about how I am feeling"



Call: 01483 519436

Monday to Friday, 4pm-8.30pm. Saturday and Sunday, 12pm-6pm