



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

9th July 2021

Welcome to our last newsletter of the school year: A bumper issue! As we are struggling (for the first time!) with bubble closures and managing more cases, we are simultaneously celebrating Gosden and our wonderful community. It is such a shame we have had to cancel and adapt so many events, and that our parent community have been left out of so much. I urge you to have a good peruse of the website, as we are trying very hard to still share all the fabulous things we have been doing and learning, so everyone is still involved. We love the Arts and we love an audience, so please have a look.

Reports are coming home today, and this year they are a proper celebration of collaborative education. I very much hope we can welcome everyone back in person next term, but despite that, at no point have we felt at all distant from our families. Your care for the school, individually and through the PTA, has really meant a lot to us all. I know other schools are not always so lucky, so I do mean it when I say Thank You for your support for our children and school community.

We are celebrating our centenary during a time of hardship, perhaps not so different to the social conditions 100 years ago.

When we come back in September we will be in bubbles, with the same Covid measures in place as we do now. I sincerely hope that we will be in a position during Autumn to welcome everybody back in person. For now, it's nearly Summer holidays, so please enjoy them, whatever they might look like for you this year.

Cindy

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for updates and useful information: [Home Page](#) [Class Pages](#)



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



Lights, Camera, Action...

Last week the whole school took part in a 1920's Catwalk Fashion Show and enjoyed strutting their stuff on the red carpet. This was followed a demonstration of the Charleston by our talented Gosden dancers.



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All students had a tour of the amazing Art Display set up in the school hall.



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A big thank you to
Janine Nelson for
making us an amazing
centenary cake... we
all enjoyed eating it!



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CELEBRATIONS

Our Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Team worked with students to celebrate 100 years with an amazing weaving activity with their bubble groups.

They created a scene of Gosden House School, surrounded by animals, flowers and trees made by each class. The building is overlooked by Lady Sitwell, the Lady of the House!

100 years ago weaving was a popular occupation used by Occupational Therapists to support soldiers after the war



SAY HELLO & WAVE GOODBYE

We are looking forward to new staff joining us in September...

Kerry Bircher – Badgers Teacher
Catherine Kneller – Woodpeckers Teacher
Helen Coyte – Simmonds Teacher
Julie Doubtfire – Teaching Assistant
Sarah Allaway – Finance Assistant

We are also delighted that Julie Clarke has been promoted to Assistant Head Teacher

And sadly we are also saying goodbye to few staff...

Helen Marshall in Year 11 is retiring
Meghan Reddick in Robins is moving on to a new school
Callum Burnip & Amy Currie in Woodpeckers are going off to Uni
Brigitte Suggitt & Theresa Reeves in Simmonds and Jane Dobinson in Hawking are also leaving us at the end of term

...we wish them all well in their onward adventures, you will all be missed.

And of course, we also say goodbye to our amazing Deputy Head Teacher, Fiona Williams. Fiona has worked at Gosden for over 30 years and it will feel very different without her... we will all miss her very much!



ROBINS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

We have had a FANTASTIC year. Back in September, we started our first topic 'All About Me' so we could learn about our new classmates. We shared photos of our families and drew self-portraits. Our next topic was 'Animals' and we learnt about safari animals, farm animals and more using lots of different stories. Two of our favourites were 'Who's in the Shed?' and 'Rhino's Great Big Itch.' Everyone dressed up for Halloween and for our part in the Christmas play we performed the nativity.

After Christmas, we learnt how amazing our parents really are when they embraced lockdown and supported their child's learning. We can't thank our parents enough for everything they did during lockdown. When school returned to face-to-face learning, we focused on our topic 'Traditional Tales' and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Three Little Pigs! Ask any of us to tell the story and I am sure we will give it a go. Finally, during the Summer term, we learnt about 'People Who Help Us' and 'Minibeasts'. We have loved going on bug hunts around the grounds at Gosden.



OWLS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

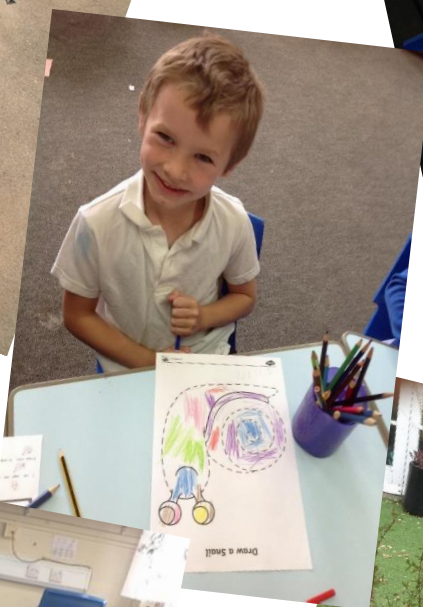
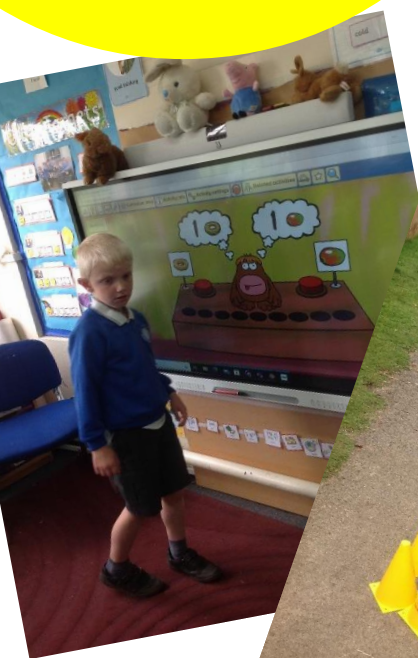
Well what a year it has been in Owl class. This year our learners have adapted to so many changes and made us so proud with their resilience, determination and enthusiasm for their learning. That is not to mention the determination and amazing support shown by their families during the period of home learning – thank you for working in such excellent collaboration to continue teaching and learning at home.

Some highlights of the year include, building our own class spaceship and visiting the moon, becoming detectives and going on a bug hunt learning about all of the Minibeasts in the environment, creating a seaside in our classroom complete with our own ice cream van – writing menus and counting out amounts to buy ice creams. More recently, we have enjoyed learning about our school 100 years ago and making our own 1920s clothing and accessories to wear at the fashion show. Most importantly myself and the team have loved getting to know the children in Owl class, their likes and dislikes and how they learn the best. It has been a pleasure teaching them this year!



RABBITS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

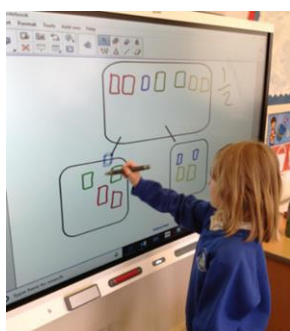
Rabbit class have had a fabulous year at Gosden. At various times of the year they have danced, sung, dressed up, had parties, hunted for minibeasts, hunted for Easter eggs, seen Father Christmas, followed trails and been on bear hunts. They have also learned so much along the way, from the seaside to plants in the environment and from minibeasts to how to make a jam sandwich. We are so proud of you Rabbit Class and will miss the class next year. Thank you for all of these wonderful times and more!



BADGERS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

As we approach the end of the academic year, it has been a joy to look back on the year that we have had. Despite all of the time trying to connect on Microsoft Teams and reminding each other to turn our microphones on (Shrek Bubble are the reigning champions of remote learning), we have had an absolute blast.

In a year packed full of change, we've had so much fun learning. Badger Class have innovated stories, plotted graphs, smashed sports day events, grown their own rainbows and petted some police dogs. We've learnt about healthy eating, and tried food from all over the world. We've sung songs, acted on stages, practiced our catwalk and celebrated festivals by throwing powdered paint all over the classroom. Most importantly though, the Badgers have been kind friends, overcome challenges and had a tonne of laughs. The Badger Team are so excited to see you all continue to learn and grow, and we wish you all the very best of luck as you head off into Foxes.



FOXES HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Wow, an end to a crazy and eventful year is in sight! It has been a whirlwind in Shrek bubble with magical potions, colourful semantics, dancing fruit and exploding powder paint. We have all worked incredibly hard and focused on so many different learning activities this year. With our expertise in home learning, we have become brilliant distance learners and are getting used to different ways of learning. Our learning journey has taken us on such an adventure this year from becoming knights and fighting in the castles, to exploring different countries around the world and lastly, becoming heroes of the school!

It has been a pleasure to teach Fox class and they will be missed as they move on to Squirrels. We can't wait to hear about the next step in their learning adventure.



SQUIRRELS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

It has been an unusual year and we are so proud of the way Squirrels have adapted and shown amazing resilience whether learning at home or school. Thank you to all our families who supported Squirrels with home learning.

The main highlights of the year involve our topic work and we particularly enjoyed our Italy and Roman Empire unit. Whilst learning about the Roman Empire,

We went on a mini archaeological dig, made mosaics and created soap sculptures. We also pretended to be Michelangelo painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and became Roman soldiers ready for battle with our shields and helmets.



Our most recent topic of Feathers and Fins has also been a big hit with bird watching, mini beast hunting, and witnessing the lifecycle of our classroom caterpillars.

During the past few weeks, we have been focusing on Gosden's Centenary celebrations. We were fascinated by the memoirs of Violet, Gosden's oldest student and enjoyed researching historic Bramley and listening to a visiting historian. Another highlight has been taking part in the 1920s fashion show and Charleston dance workshops. What talented Squirrels we have!



Despite the restrictions this year, we have still enjoyed a variety of trips out. These have included walks in the local area, including along Bramley disused railway line, Winkworth Arboretum and the Chantry. Our favourite excursion was a recent trip to the beach, and we're looking forward to going fruit picking before the end of term.



WOODPECKERS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

One of our biggest and most obvious highlights was being able to return to school and being reunited with classmates and teachers after a long period of home learning. We all named this as a very happy moment in year and something we all felt strongly should appear as a high point for us all.

We have loved all of our Teaching Assistants this year and feel extremely lucky to have had Callum, Amy and Agnes working with us. Not only have they supported us in the classroom with our learning but also they have taken the time to play with us outside and ensure we are all always smiling and enjoying our time at school. They have taken the time to get to know us all individually have kept things light hearted and fun. Woodpeckers have loved tending to our allotment and seeing our vegetables grow and the independence and these sessions have given us. Kiwi the dog has made a big impression and we miss her greatly. Although we moaned our way through lots of the rehearsals, we have secretly loved every moment of rehearsing our performance for Gosfest alongside Squirrels class. Farewell to life as a primary pupil and hello to adventure!



PARKS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



100 years of Gosden School

Learning about the history
1920s tea party
Fashion show and learning
the Charleston Dance

PSHE

Learning about road safety and first aid
Changes to our body as we grow up,
puberty and being a teenager
Staying safe and consent
Teenage pregnancy and healthy
relationships

Our World

Learning about the Greeks
and Romans
How the stones for
Stonehenge were taken
Greek theatre and making
masks



Sports Day

Running and Target throws

DT

Making our own clocks
Making a sculpture to
mark 100 years of Gosden
as a school



Maths and English

Working in smaller groups
Fun games and role play
using our reading,
speaking and number skills

Apple day

Playing various
games with
apples
Pressing apples
to make our own
juice

Science

Learning why parachutes fly
What gravity is
How our body makes poo
Why brushing our teeth is
important and what foods rot
our teeth

PE

Fun dance routines
with Wilson
Learning various
basketball skills

Forest school

Toasting
marshmallows on fire
Learning about the
sounds of nature
Nature walks and
mindfulness
meditation

Lockdown

Adult support and story time
during home schooling
Book week at school, making
potions, adventure challenge
and eating doughnuts



HAWKING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In **D.T.**, we made our own wind chimes and clocks. At Christmas, we made Christmas decorations to put on our Christmas trees at home.



Sports Day - We were in groups- Green, Red, Purple, Black, Grey and Blue. In these groups, we did running, javelin, throwing. Then, at the end of the day, we did fun races.



Book Week – We did a Bear Grylls assault course outside and we all got covered with mud. On World Book Day we all dressed up as book characters. We created our own map and found treasure.



Christmas Party – It was fun. We had food and music. The food was really yummy. We wore our own clothes.



Police Dogs - I liked it when PC Madgewick came into school with the police dogs because they can sniff out drugs. They were spaniels.

1920's Week - We had a tea party, making our own cakes, sandwiches, headbands and ties. Also, we researched our own 1920s characters and listened to the history of Gosden House School.

SIMMONDS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Harvesting
Apples



A view from the
classroom –
everybody
joining in a whole
class game of
'Bulldog!'



Writing home!



Book
day!



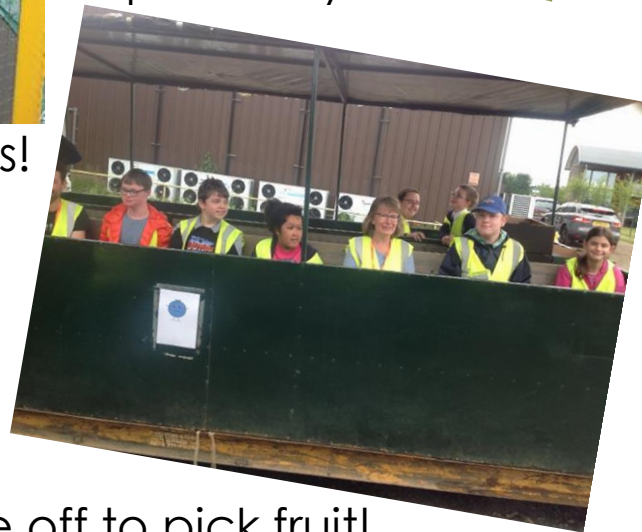
The trampoline arrives!



Sports Day!



Fun at
the park!



We are off to pick fruit!

The pupils in Simmonds Class have worked hard and grown in confidence this year. They are a great bunch and the staff team wish them a super, happy holiday!

YEAR 10 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Year 10 have had a brilliant year working together to become an amazing learning team that supports one another. We have had the pleasure of welcoming Leon to our class this year and we did it in true Gosden fashion, with a big smiling friendly face!

The most enjoyable part of the year for our class has been taking part in their chosen exam options, doing the wonderful vocational courses that Gosden House School has to offer.

Adam, Archie H and Archie A have been working tirelessly using all of their creative skills in Arts Award to produce a stop motion film set in space, it is all about three astronauts who are travelling the length and breadth of the galaxy to find stones that will protect the world from the evil corona virus!



Kayleigh, Eleanor, Esther and Leon have been working hard in all weather conditions to keep the fluffiest residents at Gosden House School all clean, happy and healthy in their Animal Care lessons, as well as learning about what we can do to help the world become a more environmentally friendly place to live for future generations.

Brandon, Zack, Brooke, Ellie and Harvey have been learning how the hospitality industry works during their Coffee Shop lessons, whilst simultaneously keeping all of the lovely staff at Gosden going with hot and cold drinks and delicious sweet and savoury treats, all hand made with care.

Esther, Brooke, Brandon and Leon have been learning vital life skills in their Food lessons, creating delightful meals, cakes and desserts, and taking ownership of their food hygiene by learning how to stay safe, clean and tidy while cooking too.

Zack, Adam, Ellie, Harvey, Archie A and Archie H are our sports leaders, recently they have been busy practising their netball and leadership skills in preparation for our Staff vs. Students Netball match on July 8th as a final project to show off everything they have learned this year.

Kayleigh and Eleanor have spent the year getting green thumbs in their Horticulture lessons, by growing lots of plants and vegetables to sell in the garden shop. They have been very successful making enough money to get a lovely spitting frog water feature. A huge thank you goes out to all of the amazing staff, parents and carers at Gosden for supporting the garden shop and there is even more amazing produce to come this year and in the new Autumn term!



We have enjoyed all of the festivities that have come along with our centenary celebration this year, especially History Week, learning the Charleston and dressing up for the Fashion Show!

It is so exciting for our Year 10's to now be the top of the school and becoming role models for the rest of our learners, we are sure they will continue to make Gosden House School proud as Year 11's.

YEAR 11 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Over in The Lighthouse, Year 11 have been busy making their last year count, and we are so proud of their hard work, especially in the last term.

The class celebrated their time at Gosden in a wonderful leaver's assembly last Tuesday, where parents and carers came together with staff and students to celebrate the class's achievements.

The year 11s were all incredibly proud of their high success rates in both the English and maths exams they have recently sat.



Cara, Chanel, Shannon and Georgina have all worked incredibly hard to earn their Animal Care Certificate and have all demonstrated a wonderful ability to connect with, and care for the animals here- especially with the new Guinea Pig arrivals!

In addition to this, we have also celebrated their incredible work in their chosen vocational exam courses - with Charlotte's Arts Award work displayed across The Lighthouse and Nikki, Thea, Brooke and Sabeer's excellent culinary skills showcased weekly, earning themselves Food Studies awards.



We enjoyed celebrating their hard work with a couple of trips to end the term. Congratulations to all of year 11 for making this year a wonderful year of learning.

GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE

Gosden is a 'Doughnut Eating' School



What a lot of doughnuts!!! Many thanks to everyone who ordered Krispy Kreme doughnuts, as a school we consumed over 700 doughnuts last weekend and raised over £267.00

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets which will be drawn next week. There are some amazing hampers to be won.



We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us – [click link here](#)

**THANK YOU TO ALL PTA, PARENTS, CARERS & STAFF
THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THE PTA THIS YEAR.**

GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE

NEWS FLASH
GOLF DAY
PRICE DROP

PTA DIARY OF EVENTS FOR NEXT TERM

Water Bottle Fundraising –
Early Sept

Golf Day – 17th September
(details below)

Rags to Riches Clothing
Collection – 1st October
(date TBC)

Smarties Challenge –
October Half Term

Gosden House School Charity Golf Day **Venue: Bramley Golf Club** **Date: 17th of September at 10am**

£380 for a team of 4 or £95
per person.

£500 for a team plus a hole
sponsorship (signage on
hole, flyers and mention at
post golf meal, promotion
on pre-event
communications)

We are looking for hole
sponsors so if anyone knows
any companies that would like
to sponsor a hole - £50

Price includes:

- Pre golf bacon roll & coffee
- 18 holes of golf on the stunning
Bramley course, first T is 11am
- Two course meal at the
clubhouse followed by prize
giving

To register your interest or if you
have any questions please email
Kim at gosdenpta@gmail.com or
call 07850 263849.

This event is proudly
sponsored by Bramley Blinds.



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 summer holidays – we will be sending students home with more kits to cover the holidays next week.

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

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

KEEP SURREY SAFE

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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](#).

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"



**CYP
HAVEN**

Call: 01483 519436

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