



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

24th September 2021

I am writing this piece on the Autumn equinox, having spent the past week involved in a number of events involving fundraising and supporting our school and other charities.

Autumn is the term of festivals, most of them related to gathering and giving thanks: Sukkot, Harvest and later the festivals of light: Diwali and Bonfire Night. We will be collecting donations for Harvest, so please send in food, which will be donated to the Godalming Food Bank through the Bramley Parish Church.

Last week saw the PTA's Golf Day at the Bramley Golf Club, which was a very jolly affair, and we are so pleased with the efforts made by the PTA to organise and promote the event. It is hard to run such a successful PTA for a school lacking a local base so to speak, which makes the achievements of the group so much more laudable. Please do get involved or support in any way you can.

At the first Tea Under the Trees event on Thursday the local community came in to reconnect with the school and were anxious to support in every way possible. I've said it before, we are a very special community indeed!

The start of the school year has been as joyous as ever, with a strong focus on Wild Learning! Many of us got really good at that over the lockdowns, so we want to capitalise on that passion for learning and embed it into our core practice. I hope that you will be seeing plenty of creative, messy, sociable learning on Evisense. You will see how much the children and young people enjoy their learning: It is relevant, fun and all about them.

As one of our Woodpecker pupils asserted to visitors yesterday, Gosden is the Best School in the WORLD.

Cindy

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term.

Please see below a few important dates for your diary... this list will continue to grow!

30th September:

Harvest Collection (see page 6 for details)

6th October:

Rev'd Andy Davis to visit us for Harvest Assembly

8th October: Hello Yellow Day (see page 5 for details)

15th November: Odd Sock Day & Anti Bullying Week

17th November:

HM Lord Lieutenant of Surrey to visit for Assembly

17th November: School Council Meeting

5th December: PTA Xmas Fair

7th December: Primary Presentation

10th December: Xmas Jumper Day

15th December: Xmas Lunch

16th December: Xmas Parties

17th December: Santa to visit

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



CENTENARY FILM

As we were unable to share many of our amazing Centenary events with you all in person, we have made this wonderful film. We hope you enjoy watching everything we got up to - all done in a very 1920's style!

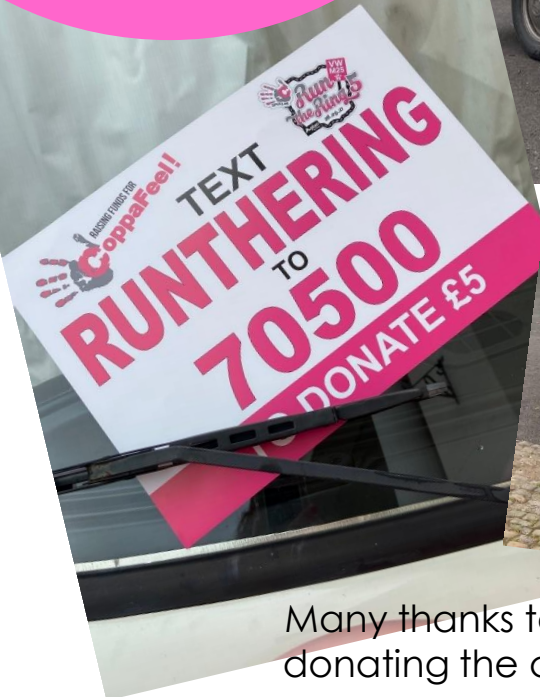
<https://gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/centenary-film/>

TEA UNDER THE TREES

Last week we were joined by visitors from the local community who came along to join us for an afternoon of Tea Under The Trees for the last of our centenary celebrations. Many thanks to the Y10 & Y11 teams who did a fantastic job of baking cakes and serving drinks. Our visitors enjoyed visiting the plant stall and getting to know more about the history of Gosden from our Governor, Liz Sutherland.



CHARITY NEWS UPDATE



Many thanks to Mela Carter for donating the amazing balloons

CoppaFeel!

Mrs O'Sullivan & Angus will be driving her camper van covered in balloons around the M25 to raise money for Breast Cancer awareness – text RUNTHERING to 70500 to donate

GREAT SOUTH RUN

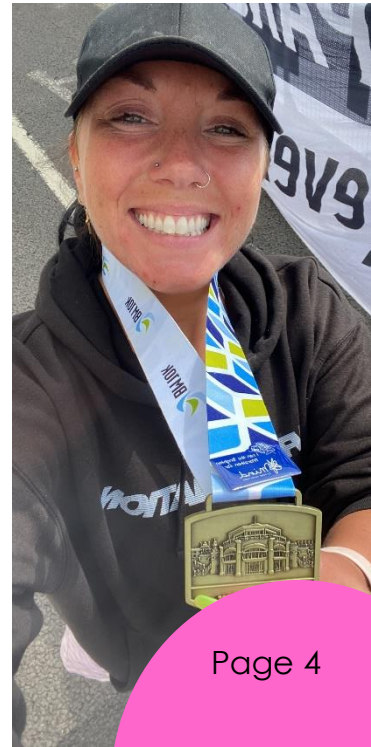
Charlie's mum in Foxes is running the Great South Run on Sunday 17th October to raise funds for the school...

please click link below to sponsor

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindsay-rt>



On 12th September Charlotte Willis (Teaching Assistant in Gordy Class) ran the Brighton 10K and raised £1500 for Mind mental health charity



HELLO
YELLOW
DAY

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

**Hello Yellow Day takes place on
Friday 8th October.**

We will be joining thousands of schools, offices and communities on Friday 8 October by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to help the work of Young Minds.

The KS4 Community Action groups will be organising lots of fundraising activities which will include students bringing in a gold coin donation to enable them to wear yellow on the day.

Dig out the neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat – let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health!



HARVEST COLLECTION

We are asking donating to the Bramley Church Harvest appeal, supporting Godalming Food Bank.

If you wish to donate, please do so before 30th September, box in the Reception area inside the front door. Non perishable goods only please.

Useful items include:

Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, Lentils, beans and pulses, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice

Food banks will also provide essential non-food items like toiletries and hygiene products where they can.



ROTARY CLUB CLEARING TEAM

FREE Gardening Equipment for Schools



For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to continuing growing. We will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

Download the My Morrisons app* or log into your online account today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Gosden House School.

Simply scan your digital My Morrisons or physical card in store, or link your My Morrisons card to your online account to get Grow Tokens every time you shop.



ROTARY CLUB CLEARING TEAM

We are very grateful to the Rotary Club who regularly come along to carry out work on site.

If you fancy joining them in the future please contact philram1963@hushmail.com

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

Clearing August 21st 2021



Our strongest show to date with 16 volunteers (and 2 dogs) on with task of freeing apple trees. Incredible what can be achieved with some more muscle. Another 2 sessions and we're probably done!

Again the weather was perfect, overcast and not too hot - followed by a very well deserved glass at Queen Victoria Pub.

A massive thanks to our guests, Liz, Sarada, Siobhan, Steph, Mervyn, Philip, Alan, Jacob, Davide & John - and our own Anne, Jane, Andy, Don & Peter

Philip

UPDATE FROM ROBINS

It is astonishing to think that we are already nearing the halfway point of our very first half-term at school! The Robins have blown the class team away with how well they have settled into school routines, finding their pegs and sitting down on the carpet ready to start our day with the 'Hello' song. We have already begun to familiarise ourselves with our environment, and we are carefully choosing where we would like to start our learning before going off to explore each area.

The Robins have been working so hard on their careful counting skills, ensuring that we only say one number at a time. We have practised by counting our claps, dropping coins into tins and throwing beanbags into buckets! We have also been experimenting with our pre-writing shapes, drawing them in the air and creating them through a variety of sensory mediums. The class team are so proud of the Robins for all of their fantastic learning so far, and we are so excited to keep on learning more about each other through our topic of 'This is Me'! Absolute Superstars!



UPDATE FROM OWLS

Owl class have settled in really well and we are so proud of all of them. We have been getting to know each other and making new friends. Our learning focus has been 'this is me'. The children have been sharing their likes and dislikes and creating their own family trees. A few highlights include visiting the animals and realising rabbits can go for a walk on a lead just like dogs, writing about our weekend adventures, exploring art and celebrating birthdays! The children have loved having ownership over their learning – here are some photos of them getting engaged and busy during plan learn review.



UPDATE FORM RABBITS

It has been wonderful to welcome Rabbit class this term. They are having great fun learning together both in and out of the classroom. Rabbits have also been sharing, playing and making new friends too. What a great start to the year, well done Rabbit class!



UPDATE FROM SIMMONDS

Simmonds Class have made our new Teacher Miss Coyte and their new class mascot feel very welcome at Gosden House.



Miss Coyte's previous class gave her a sloth as a present for her new class and asked that they name it. Simmonds Class decided it was a boy sloth and had a vote for what they should call it and the winning name was Fudge. Simmonds then took Fudge and Miss Coyte for the grand tour of Gosden to see the amazing grounds and meet all the animals.



Simmonds Class have also enjoyed their first Volleyball lesson with Miss Coyte. We used balloons to practice having a soft touch using just their fingers to keep the balloons in the air. We then worked in pairs to pass the balloon between each other and keep it from hitting the ground.



UPDATE FROM GORDY

As Gordy class arrived on the first day of term there was a great sense of excitement but also a few nervous looks. However, we have quickly settled into our new base in the Coach House and we are already feeling very much at home.



We have been busy with a variety of activities. In English we have been learning about the inspirational actress Sarah Gordy, after whom we are named. In Maths we have been developing life skills by learning how to measure and weigh items accurately. We have also been keeping fit in PE with some demanding circuit training.

On Thursdays and Fridays we do vocational activities, including cooking, gardening and working in the coffee shop. After a long hard day we like to develop our social skills. We love playing snakes and ladders, chess and guessing games!

SECONDARY TOOLKIT

WELL DONE to the following students in completing their 'Gosden Toolbox' Sticker Sheet this so far this term and successfully collecting 10 'Life Tools'. Developing these 'Life Tools' will help them now and also prepare them for their exciting future pathways.

Oliver – Parks
Amr – Hawking
Jacob – Simmonds
Skye – Parks
Sofia – Parks
JJ – Parks
Ryan – Hawking
Tai – Parks
Adam – Year 11
Joanna – Hawking
Lily-Rose - Hawking



ASPIRATIONS ADVISOR

I would like to introduce myself – I am Sandra Tidbury, the Aspirations Adviser for the school and primarily work with KS4 (but I am very excited about meeting Year 9 very soon!)



This is a fairly new, very interesting and exciting new role at Gosden with a very “posh” title. I started getting my teeth into my new role last September but Covid had a huge negative impact as I am sure you can imagine.

I am responsible for setting up and co-ordinating the Functional Skills Exams as well as the WJEC course work based exam units. I also co-ordinate Work Experience and the College Experience that Year 11's access on a Friday.

I am now involved in the transition process for the Year 11's moving on to Post 16 and will always support our young people as well as our families. This academic year I will now be attending the Year 9 and 10 Annual Reviews which is a huge responsibility and most importantly a privilege. I will hopefully meet lots of parents and carers then and also at some of the Parents Evenings and will help and advise about next steps and future pathways to the best of my knowledge, and if I am not sure I will find out!

I am very passionate about our young people, their aspirations and possible pathways moving forward and I look forward to working with you. I am also so grateful to be working with such a great team here at Gosden! My email is s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

There is an upcoming event, a possible date for your diary

Preparing for Adulthood event – Saturday, 6th November

Family Voice Surrey and Surrey County Council have announced their Preparing for Adulthood event at East Surrey College on Saturday 6 November 2021.

This event has been designed for young people with additional needs and disabilities, and their parents or carers. The event will offer information on the options, pathways and support available in the transition to adulthood. There will be a marketplace, talks and a panel discussion with professionals.

Attendees will learn about:

- Local service providers
- Skills for adulthood
- Pathways to employment

ACTIVE LEARNING POST-16 EVENTS

OPEN EVENTS

Take control
of your ▶▶▶ learning

Explore ▶▶ new
something

@ Guildford College
Wed 6 Oct, 4-7pm and Sat 13 Nov,
9.30am-12.30pm

@ Merrist Wood College
Sat 9 Oct, 9.30am-12.30pm and
Wed 17 Nov, 4-7pm

REGISTER YOUR
PLACE NOW:



OPEN EVENTS

Take control
of your ▶▶▶ learning

Explore ▶▶ new
something

@ Farnham College
Tue 12 Oct, 4-7pm and
Sat 20 Nov, 9.30am-12.30pm

REGISTER YOUR
PLACE NOW:



UPDATE FROM SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM

We're so pleased to be back in school and we hope you all had a lovely summer holidays.

Welcome especially to our new pupils and their families – we're looking forward to getting to know you all.



The Speech and Language Therapy team is made up of Laura Nevin (Speech and Language Therapist), Jasmine August (Speech and Language Therapist) and Jenny Glaister (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant). Sadly, one of our previous therapists Sarah Coughlan left at the end of last term as she has a new job in London, and we are hoping that a new therapist will be joining us soon.

At Gosden, we provide a range of support for pupils, depending on their level of need and the provision specified in their EHCP. Speech, language and communication support is embedded into the curriculum and throughout the learning day to support all pupils. We work closely with school staff to ensure all children receive the support they need.

Each class will also complete two blocks of class group sessions during the school year, focused on developing their speech and language skills. These are run jointly with the class team and the pupils complete a range of activities targeted towards those in the class.

Depending on your child's EHCP, they may also attend some individual sessions with a member of the Speech and Language Therapy team. We will be in touch if your child is due to receive individual sessions at the start of each half term.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions by emailing us at salt@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

GUIDE TO PARENTAL INTERNET CONTROLS

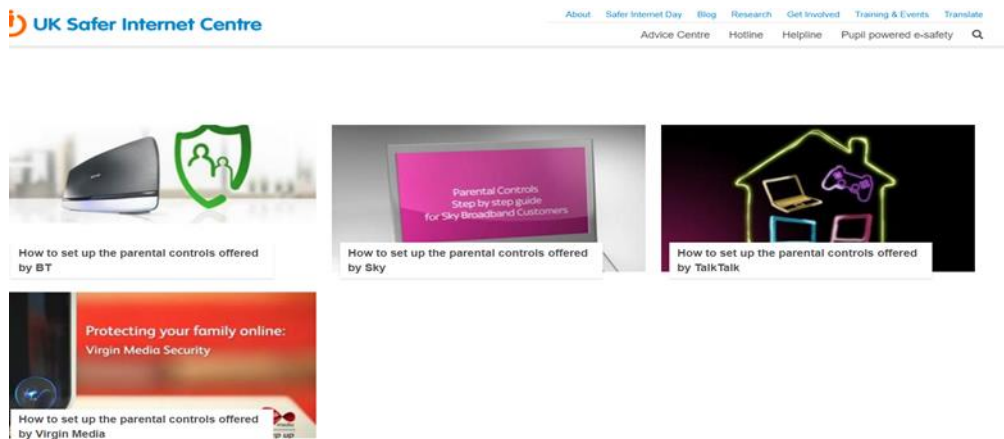
Parental controls are a useful tool that can help you to keep your child safe when using the internet; however, the most important thing to do is to speak to your child about how to use the internet safely.

Your internet provider:

Your internet provider can block websites for you so that they are not accessible on your children's devices.

You can use the safer internet website to find a guide for a range of internet providers or you can ring your internet provider directly

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>



Mobile Phones:

How to put parental controls on different kinds of mobile phones. The internet matters website has a range of guides detailing step-by-step instructions on how to set up parental controls for different kinds of devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>



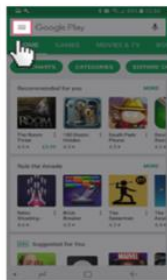
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Android Phones

Launch the Google "Play Store" application on your handset.



Tap the menu button.



From the pop out menu scroll down and tap "Settings".



In the "Settings" section scroll down and tap on "Parental controls".



Enable parental controls by tapping on the radio button.



You will be now prompted to create a PIN.



You will now be able to set restrictions on internet, music, apps and games. Use your pin again to re-enter and alter your settings where needs be.

If you follow the link and click on the device that your child has it will show you how to set up parental controls for each device.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

The apple guide shows you how to limit screen time, lock the device so they can only access the app they are currently using (i.e. a learning game) for a set period of time, stop pop ups and how to put internet controls on.

The NSPCC also have some excellent resources about how to set up and use parental controls

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

If you need any further assistance or advice, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Charlotte Almond (e – safety coordinator)

calmond@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE

We have a jam-packed term
with PTA events.

Dates for your Diary

1st October - Dare to be Different & Rag Bag
Clothing Collection (parents will receive bags
this Friday)

October half term - Smarties Challenge

Save the date - 5th December Christmas Fair

Ways to Help Us

For our golf day that
we held we have a
crowdfunding page
for everyone that
doesn't play golf
that might want to
donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gosdenptagolf>

<https://gosdenhouse.school.octopus.energy>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY friday 1st October 2021

Wear Mufti
Colour your hair 
Wear fancy dress
(no masks or facepaint please)
Wear nail varnish
Bring a toy to school

**A MINIMUM OF 2
DARES = £1
ANY EXTRA DARES ON
TOP ARE 50P EACH UP
TO A MAXIMUM OF
£2.50**

Please send in your child's money in a named envelope to the school office marked "Dare PTA" by Wednesday 29th September 2021. If you are paying via bank transfer please transfer to 40-47-08 a/c 02482940 ref Dare & your child's class.

HOME COVID TESTING UPDATE

Covid Home Testing Kits

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

Please continue to test at home and let us know if you require any more test kits to be sent home.

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

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>

There is new service available from Surrey

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>



Providing children, young people, families and carers with information about services, advice and resources. Includes how to ask for help in a crisis via the 24/7 crisis line.

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