



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

21st October 2021

What have we learned recently? The importance of staying healthy! I am currently over 850 miles into my 2021 "Walk 1000 Miles" challenge. Our half-marathoners might snigger, but I know that the Gosden community recognise that we support and celebrate everyone's challenges and achievements!

While there are days when going out for a walk is not at all appealing, putting my boots on and walking my daily 2.74 miles never fails to give me a boost, both physically and mentally. So will the spa reward at the end of the challenge of course.

I want to draw your attention to the Surrey services for emotional wellbeing and mental health. The Healthy Surrey site has an excellent menu of services <https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/mental-wellbeing> for children and adults. You will also find Mindworks Surrey from that page <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/i-am-parentfamily-membercarer> with advice and support for you and your child. If you look very carefully through the Healthy Surrey links you will even find one of our students.

And so I wish you a healthy and happy half term, refreshed and ready for Learning Power on our return.

*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!

15<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Sock Day & Anti Bullying Week

16<sup>th</sup> November: Rocksteady sessions

17<sup>th</sup> November:

HM Lord Lieutenant & High Sheriff of Surrey to visit for Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> November: School Council Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> December: PTA Xmas Fair

7<sup>th</sup> December: Primary Presentation

10<sup>th</sup> December: Xmas Jumper Day

15<sup>th</sup> December: Gosden X-Factor & Xmas Lunch

16<sup>th</sup> December: Xmas Parties

17<sup>th</sup> December: Santa to visit

## NOTICES:

- Please return any reading books you have borrowed from the school that you still have at home.
- Merrist Wood Open Evening is on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm - 7pm.

# GOOD NEWS HEADLINES

From 2020 - 2021 End of Year  
Assessment and Data

## **Our vision:**

A visibly powerful learning culture within the classroom that develops creative, curious and independent learners

## **Gosden is a learning school**

Although the impact of the National Lockdown is undeniable, our progress demonstrates the preservation of learning that has been maintained for all pupils at Gosden House across the academic year of 2020-2021. We would like to thank families for their partnership and support throughout this year to make this possible.

Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) progress is outstanding throughout the school. We are proud of our PSHE curriculum and believe it is our third core subject.

Our progress remains outstanding for Literacy and Numeracy.

All of our pupils have their own individualised next steps in learning as we continue to reduce barriers and support pupils to succeed

We have enthusiastic Learning Development Teams for:  
Literacy  
Numeracy  
Creative and Curious  
Happy and Healthy (PSHE)

Three year 9 pupils sat their Functional Skills Numeracy exam a year early, we are so proud of them. Our Gifted and Talented classes are successfully running in Key Stage 3 supporting our more able pupils to reach their full potential.

We continue to focus on writing, allowing pupils to record in methods to suit them and have heavily invested in new ICT equipment to support this. We are also working closely with the Occupational Therapists to support in progress in handwriting.

# UPDATE FROM SQUIRRELS

Is it really half term already? This half term has gone by in the flash of eye and our wonderful Squirrels have taken to being in Year 5 like ducks to water.



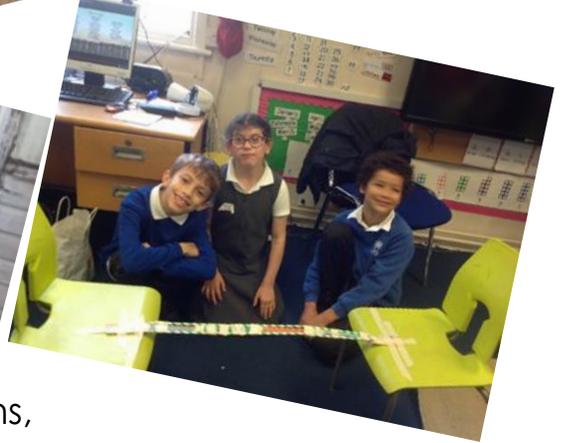
We have learnt so much and had endless amounts of fun already. Here is a small snippet of some of the learning and activities we have engaged in so far:

One highlight has been harvesting last year's crops planted by the then Year 6 class. We also prepared our raised beds ready for sowing and planting more fruit and vegetables next term. We then researched and prepared recipes to cook and used some of our amazing crops for the ingredients. We made carrot soup, humus and fruit salad. Delicious!



This half term, much of our learning has been based around different stories. These texts have included Funny Bones, The Runaway Pea, The Bee Who Spoke and Here Come the Aliens. These stories have offered a variety of experiences for collaborative learning and other hands on experiences such as debating and arguing our opinion in our Literacy Lessons. We have also incorporated many of these texts into our Maths and Science learning.

# UPDATE FROM SQUIRRELS



As part of our Creative and Curious lessons, we made autumn wreaths after watching the video 'We are Going on a Leaf Hunt' and completed a piece of pumpkin inspired artwork. We have also used a range of styles and techniques to complete two pieces of Egyptian inspired art including transforming ourselves into Pharaohs using photography. During our Science lessons, we have enjoyed carrying out different experiments to investigate light and its properties. We also learnt new words to help us describe materials, including transparent and opaque.



Other high points to our week in Squirrels are our weekly PE sessions with Sam and our Makaton session run by Mr Wilson who is kindly passing on his expertise in this area to all of us!



It has been a super first half term in Year 5. The Squirrel Team are so proud of all the children and their amazing learning.

# UPDATE FROM WOODPECKERS

Woodpecker Class have had an amazing start to their final year of primary school. They have impressed us with their enthusiasm and their desire to learn new things.

Swimming has been a real highlight as we head off to Cranleigh Leisure Centre each week. After so long without swimming lessons, the children took to it like...a duck to water! They are all trying really hard and practising their strokes and building up their swimming stamina.

We have been learning about Ancient Egypt this term and are loving seeing how our mummified apples are doing! We have created lots of artwork with pyramids, sarcophagi and in the style of Egyptian artist Alaa Awad.



We have been finding out all about Woodpeckers so that we can have a good understanding of our class name-and now we know why Woodpeckers do not get headaches! Ask us if you see us! We have been out stick hunting inspired by the book 'Stanley's Stick' and using our imagination and exciting adjectives to describe our own creative uses for sticks.



# UPDATE FROM WOODPECKERS



In maths, we have been learning how to tell the time and have played some fun games to help us-although we did end up with a few marbles rolling away across the floor. We are confident with o'clock times and are getting more confident with half past and quarter past and to times.



It has been great having Kiwi the dog coming in to join our class on Thursdays. She loves listening to our stories and going for walks.

We are all really looking forward to coming back after half term for our Wild Learning focus week.

# UPDATE FROM YEAR 11

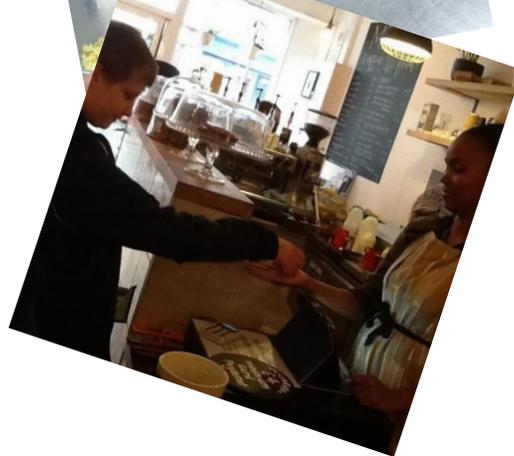
## College

Some of our Year 11s have been going to Farnborough College on a Friday Morning.

We are studying catering and we are loving it. So far we have made; Mac 'n'

Cheese, Pizza, Cookies, Cheese and Spinach Pastries andddd Chocolate Pizza!

All the children have been amazing at college and they are loving the opportunity of independence after our lesson. We have plenty of time spare after catering to get lunch and we do so at the college canteen. The children go up to the kiosk by themselves, using their money school to order what they would like to eat (usually chicken nuggets and chips). We have great chats around the table drinking a Latte. College is always great fun! We are very lucky for this opportunity and we always look forward to going!



## Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop group have been starting to set up their new business, they have been designing logos and coming up for a name for the café. The shop is now called the 'Boogie Café'. They have always been trailing menus and testing what would interest the staff to buy. Interestingly, Sausage and Mash was tried, the general reaction from staff was a positive; however I don't think the children enjoyed the work that had to go into providing Sausage and Mash so I'll be surprised if it stays on the menu. Everyone involved in the Boogie Café is doing really well and the café is looking very promising, I know the staff can't wait for it to open.

# UPDATE FROM YEAR 11

## Food Tech

The children in Food Tech have been working hard; serving up recipes such as; cheese on toast, homemade coleslaw, rice salad, bread rolls, 4 different styles of egg and finally braised chicken and rice. All dishes have looked delicious and I am hoping one day they'll make something and share it!



## KS4 English

In KS4 English, we have been having great fun working on our speaking and listening project. The task: Design, create and present your own chocolate bar. We split into 2 groups and will present our idea to the other.

One's group design: Dino Bites

Dino Bites include a yummy selection of malteser, brownie and Oreo bits. These ingredients have been that been crushed up to make a new flavour combination. Alongside the best of both worlds with milk and white chocolate. The bars are Dino themed as they are shaped like a dinosaur for that roaring effect.

The Other: Nachocolate.

A sensational combination, turning Nacho into a sweet treat. The tortilla chips are topped with melted milk chocolate and served with 3 dips. We have decided to make lemon whipped cream to replace the sour cream, mint cheesecake dip to replace guacamole and rather than a tomato salsa we have made a cheery salsa. I believe Cadburys have been missing a trick with this and we are going to email them our idea... watch this space, we will have a couple of chocolate entrepreneurs before too long.

# UPDATE FROM YEAR 11

## Animal Care

The Animals at Gosden are living happily and healthily and they have the Animal Care crew to thank for that. Thursday mornings the children work very hard to ensure the animals are all looked after. Animal care is always good fun! Except when attacked by the hose pipe. Everyone works really hard in animal care and they do an outstanding job!



## DT

In DT, Year 11 have been working on a new project... They are making their own clocks. Using whatever materials they like they are able to create any design they fancy. They have been given the freedom to create a clock. The children have been using lots of new tools to begin their project. These clocks are beginning to look very good and I am excited to see the final products.



## PE

This term in PE, we have been learning Tag Rugby. It's great to see everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves. Now we have learnt the skills of the game, matches are always competitive and played in high spirit; could have a few potential stars in the making.

# ASPIRATIONS ADVISOR UPDATE



Year 11 have been very busy this half term, not only with their learning but also with their preparation for Work Experience. They have all had their 1:1 tutorial and from that I have been able to network and explore their ideas.

We are 99% complete going into half term with only a few more things to arrange before their visits and then their “interviews” take place.

Work experience has been abit tricky to organise since Covid-19 but our young people have been very patient with me especially when I am answering their excited questions with “I am really sorry but they haven’t got back to me yet”. I have seen so much resilience with some of our students when they are having to change their ideas and think about other opportunities that they perhaps weren’t as interested in.

After half term we will be visiting their placements – some of these will be a radio station, a working farm, a supermarket, a coffee shop and a deaf primary unit at a local Primary school. All very exciting.

So, all that remains to say is enjoy the half term break and we can look forward to their visits and “sealing the deal!”

*Sandra*

# 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.

Rayan – Simmonds  
Shannon - Simmonds  
Hani - Gordy  
Summer - Hawking  
Lilly-Rose - Hawking  
Lucie - Simmonds  
Janet – Year 10  
Jessica – Year 10  
Jack – Year 10  
William - Simmonds



# ODD SOCKS DAY



Dear Parents/Carers,

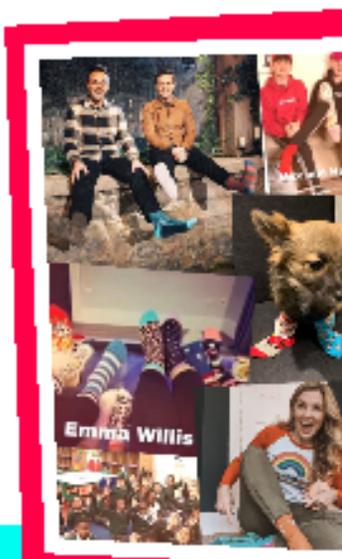
## WOOHOO... MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



## WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @AndyOddSock and @abaonline on Twitter. Or @andyandtheoddssocks and @antibullyingalliance on Instagram.

Monday  
**15**  
November

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

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# GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE



## FANTASTIC TOTALS

We have some great news to share with you! From events that we have held this term we have raised:

Golf Day - £1,200

Dare to be Different - £128

Rag Bag Collection - £100

**Thank you for your support!**

**Coming Soon**  
Virtual Book Fair

Visit [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) | Collect from your teacher | Take home & enjoy!

It's not long until your schools' Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair. Thousands of books at £2.50 each, brand new!

Start browsing today at [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) - More details with how to order with free delivery will be announced near the start of your fair

We have an exciting event happening soon across the whole school...a Virtual Book Fair!

This is a great opportunity to buy books at fantastic prices, there are 1000's at only £2.50 including many top titles from Baby books through to teen books. There's many great non-fiction books too.

All orders placed during our book fair will be delivered to school for free and school will be able to earn a free book for every five £2.50 books purchased by you.

Do not order yet (or you'll be charged for delivery), but you can have a look at the amazing titles at [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)

Our Book Fair will run from 3rd November to 9th November so why not start thinking about Christmas shopping too!

We will send out details on how to order nearer the time and a reminder when it goes live

# GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE



# SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Over half term please help us raise some money by doing acts of kindness in return for filling your smarties tube with 20ps or £1, perhaps the odd note or two as well.

Don't forget to order your Doughies Pizza and Cookie Dough Kits

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/gosden>



Your child can come to school in mufti for donations towards class hampers and our sweetie jar stall (wrapped sweets or chocolates no nuts please)

Please check with your class rep what hamper donations to bring in on the day.

Grab your Christmas Puddings early for guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

<https://forms.office.com/r/33InTesRLg>



Have a lovely half term from your PTA Team

Follow us on Facebook @GosdenPTA

PRIMARY PUPILS VISIT - 12.00 - 1.30PM

SECONDARY PUPILS VISIT - 2.00PM - 3.30PM



Gosden House PTA  
**Christmas Fair**

- HOME MADE CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS GIFTS - LOCAL JEWELLERY - JAZZY JARS - CHOCOLATE & BOTTLE TOMBOLA - RAFFLE - HOT CHOCOLATE CONES - REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING MULLED WINE & HOT CHOCOLATE - TEDDY STALL
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE - LUCKY DIPS - FACE PAINTING & MUCH MORE
- OH AND OF COURSE FATHER CHRISTMAS!

**SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER**

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL FRONT LAWN

# COVID 19 UPDATE

## Covid Home Testing Kits

Thank you to the secondary students that are keeping our school community safe by 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>



## Vaccine Information

Useful resource designed by young people for young people - learn more about the vaccine, get answers to questions and when ready, organise getting the jab locally.



[www.everythingcovid.info](http://www.everythingcovid.info)

# USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



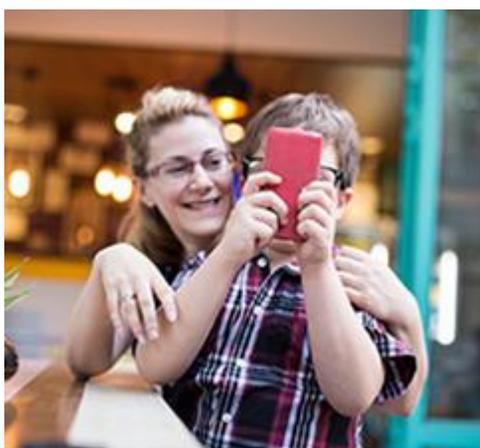
## SURREY ADULT LEARNING



Surrey Adult Learning have their last few October workshops with spaces and their November offer listed on their website. Please do have a look and take advantage of this fantastic free resource. Spaces are limited so you are encouraged to sign up early.

Link here to browse the courses:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning) for more information.



### **There's a viral scare online. What should I do?**

What to do if your child has seen, or been involved in, a viral scare or suicide challenge? Understandably you may be distressed or angry if you hear that your child has seen, or been involved in, a viral scare/suicide challenge.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/theres-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do/>

# 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>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

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-for-victims-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**