



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

8th October 2021

Guest editors wanted! Are you tiring of reading the head teacher's opinions every fortnight? Want to publish some of your own? Please let Clare in the office know and she will very kindly offer you a guest editor spot in the world renowned Gosden Newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Harvest appeal, the PTA's Phil a Bag and today's Hello Yellow. All very good causes, as things don't seem to be going to well out there at the moment (may the buses keep their diesel tanks filled!). We are signposting our children and young people to support, but I want to also remind you that if you need help or signposting, our pastoral support team is still in place. Please just ask, or refer to the end of the newsletter for contacts and agencies.

I notice we have a new TV craze in the playground, which parents are expressing concern about. <https://www.common sense media.org/> is a really helpful site for sensible advice about apps, games and other media.

Please look after yourselves and each other, and remember to have a bit of fun along the way. We are lucky to have our daily reminders from our children! Wear Yellow, share a bit of sunshine.

*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!

20<sup>th</sup> October: Rev'd Andy Davis to visit us for Harvest Assembly

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.

# HELLO YELLOW DAY

# YOUNGMINDS

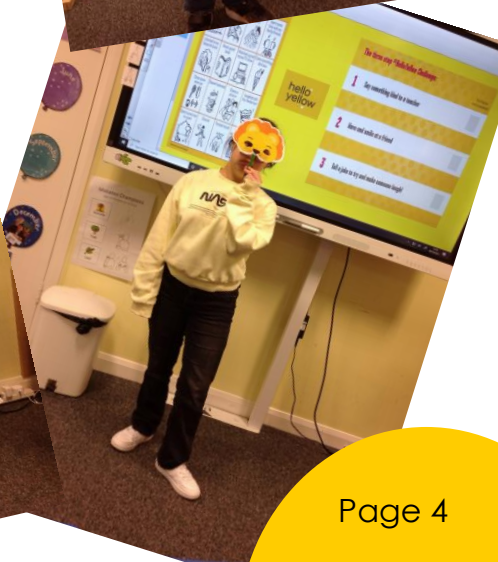
fighting for young people's mental health

Today we joined thousands of schools, offices and communities by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to help the work of Young Minds.

Here are a few pictures from the day... full report by Mrs Downman to follow in the next newsletter.



# HELLO YELLOW DAY



# DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October we celebrated Dare to Be Different Day and raised funds for the PTA.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Here are the Simmonds team who are definitely daring to be different...



# UPDATE FROM BADGERS

We can't believe that we are almost six weeks into the new school term! Badger class have settled in really well and have enjoyed getting to know each other better and making friends with our new class mates.

Our topic this term is 'Fire' with a focus on fire safety and volcanoes. In Science, we have been learning about the three things that a fire needs to burn and explored what happens when you cover a candle and take away the air. We have been fascinated that the earth is made up of different layers and have followed the recent volcanic disturbance on the Spanish island of La Palma with great interest, watching the volcanic eruption and tracking the lava flowing over the island towards the sea.

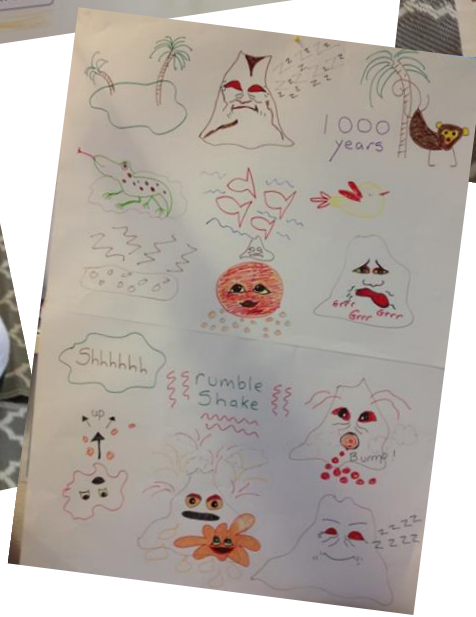
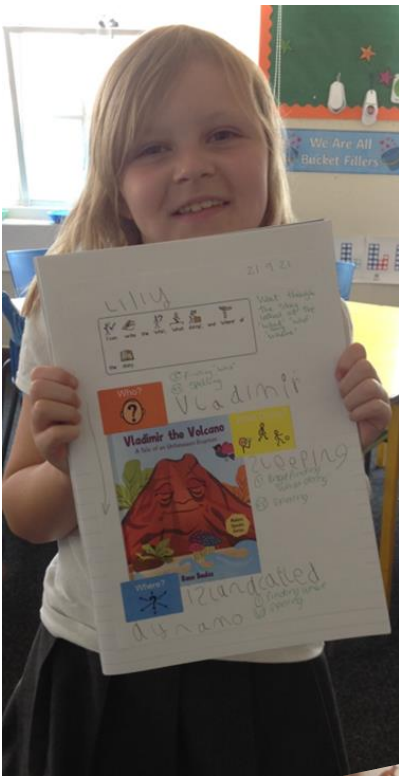
The class team are so proud of all of the Badgers, what a fantastic start to the school year!



# UPDATE FROM FOXES

We have settled back so well into class this year and have enjoyed being back at school with our friends! In Fox class, we have been exploring the topic of Volcanoes! In our Literacy learning, we have been reading the story of Vladimir the Volcano that tells us the story of how volcanoes erupt!

We have been doing some amazing work through our book and using our Colourful Semantics. We have created story maps, identified the characters, actions and places and even retold the story using different actions! Our learning has been so positive and focused and we all have different achievements to share! Here are a few examples of our fabulous learning that we are looking forward to continuing. We have been working so hard and love showing off our knowledge of volcanoes!



# UPDATE FROM PARKS & HAWKING

It's a new term! The new Year 7s are finding their feet in Secondary and seem to be settling in gradually, not without a fair few hiccups along the way. We are, as always, learning a lot of new stuff. Here are some of the highlights:



## Our World

Parks and Hawking have been learning how to use a timeline. They have been able to see how long ago it was that the Ancient Greeks were in their prime and compare it to the rise of Ancient Rome and also, where we are today.

We rolled the timeline out along the length of the classroom and the learners had to find different time periods, using the skills they have learned.

We decided that the Ice Age was SO long ago, that it would probably have taken us to the other side of the sports field!

## Science

We have been learning all about moon, the moon landings, what causes a lunar eclipse.

It has been fun and exciting! We coloured in our own rocket ships to send to moon!





# UPDATE FROM PARKS & HAWKING

## Religious Education

This term we are learning all about Hinduism, a religion believed to be the oldest at more than 4000 years and over 33 million different gods. The highlight so far was our visit to the Hindu Centre in Aldershot. It is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, one of the three main gods, the other two being Brahma and Vishnu.

We learnt a little about the importance of taking our shoes off before entering the premises, the significance of the various objects used by devotees in the temple and the rituals involved in a puja.



## Forest School

We have been exploring our environment during Forest School, learning about the changing seasons, making our own weather chart and nature art using things we found during our walk around the school grounds.



# UPDATE FROM PARKS & HAWKING

## PE

This term we have been learning some trampolining skills - to jump safely and land safely – with bent knees on our feet, with our arms by our sides and facing forwards when landing sitting down. Some of us had a go at doing half turns too.



## Food Technology

Food tech for the Year 9s has been exciting as we have learnt all about staying safe and cooking healthily while trying out some traditional recipes. So far, we've made some delicious jacket potatoes, sausage rolls and macaroni cheese!



# 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.

Harry F – Hawking

Syke – Parks

Lulu – Parks

Harry S – Parks

Zack – Year 11

Melissa – Parks

Rebecca - Hawking

Amr – Hawking

Miles – Hawking

Daisy – Hawking

Aicha – Simmonds

Jude – Simmonds

Tai – Parks

Harry E - Parks



# GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE

## We Need Your Help



We are looking for class reps for Robins, Badgers, Squirrels, Year 10 and Year 11. Class reps are a vital part of communication between their class and the PTA. You do not have to attend meetings to be a class rep and do as much or as little as you want. Please do get in touch [gosdenpta@gmail.com](mailto:gosdenpta@gmail.com)

## 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>



Grab your Christmas Puddings early for guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

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

Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned their contact forms - if you haven't returned them, please return them by half term so we can add you onto our contact list.

Follow us on Facebook @GosdenPTA

# 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)

# 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**