



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Last week we held our 'Wild Learning' week, where both pupils and adults became brave Explorers and Wonderers. Throughout the school learners took part in lots of purposeful, hands on and exciting learning activities both inside and outside the classroom.

The aim was for our learners to be able to take a greater lead in their learning, make choices about what they wanted to learn and how they wanted to learn. By the end of the week, we had used so many of our Learning Habits and Learning Muscles and were able to really start to talk together about how we learn and what we need to help us learn. The week was the first exciting step in us really building true learning power in our learners so that we can provide them with the skills to become confident, resilient and lifelong learners in a world that is full of so many challenges.

It was such a pleasure to join classes and be a part of their learning processes, whether it was with learners building rockets and refining and adapting their designs based on their shared observations and finding the answers to some of the their own questions previously posed in Science like 'How do astronauts go to toilet in space?', or joining learners who had developed their own business plans and presented their proposals to the dragons ( of which I was one) in the 'Dragons Den', or learners faced with the dilemma of how they could together to help toy animals escape from giant blocks of ice (they blamed Elsa for this !) – there was something different going on around every corner and the buzz of children talking about and taking charge of their learning together was contagious!!

*Emily*

Pictures on next page...

Emily Mainwaring, Deputy Head

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



# WILD LEARNING WEEK



# 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

19<sup>th</sup> November: Mufti Day for Children in Need

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 remember to complete the Parents Questionnaire, which closes on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Merrist Wood Open Evening is on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm - 7pm.

# ANIMAL CARE UPDATE

## CAN YOU HELP OUR ANIMALS?

We are looking to expand our animal care offering and would love to find a sponsor or supporter who can help us.

So if you know of a company or individual that might be interested in sponsoring our animals and our students with their animal care studies, please ask them to get in contact.

Also do you have any spare equipment that you would like to donate to our animals?

We would love to receive... hutches, hides, tunnels, tubes, toys, mirrors... anything that our rabbits, pigs, chickens or guinea pigs can live in or play with.



# GOSDEN'S STRICTLY STARS

Did you spot some familiar Gosden faces on the Strictly Results Show on Sunday?



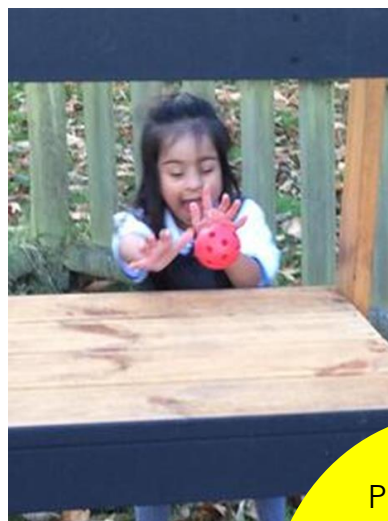
Well done to Jack & Imaan in Gordy Class, our very own Strictly Stars



# UPDATE FROM ROBINS & OWLS

The Early Years team worked together during focus week. Here is a sneak peek of what the Robins and Owls got up to during wild learning week.

We started the week watching Rube Goldberg's crazy connections video as a whole school. Our challenge was to create our own crazy connection. When given the challenge to make a ball move from one side of the field to the other without touching it the children soon started problem solving and working together to find a solution. As you can see, the final connections looked amazing.



# UPDATE FROM ROBINS & OWLS

Later on, in the week, we had a visitor to the classroom and we found all of our toy animals frozen. The children realised that Elsa had come to our classroom and frozen all of the toys; it was our mission to rescue them! They demonstrated excellent teamwork, observing and problem solving skills.

At the end of the week, we read a story about digging holes and decided to dig our own holes in the forest school. We walked over there and were ready to start digging and looking for fantastic things but – Oh no! – We had ‘forgotten’ our tools. Soon the children were finding natural resources around them to help them dig, working together, building and questioning. We found insects, worms and treasure abound we even made our own leaf art installation in the trees. All showed amazing creativity.

This week has really shown the strengths of the children in both classes and they are excited that they have ‘made their brains even stronger!’



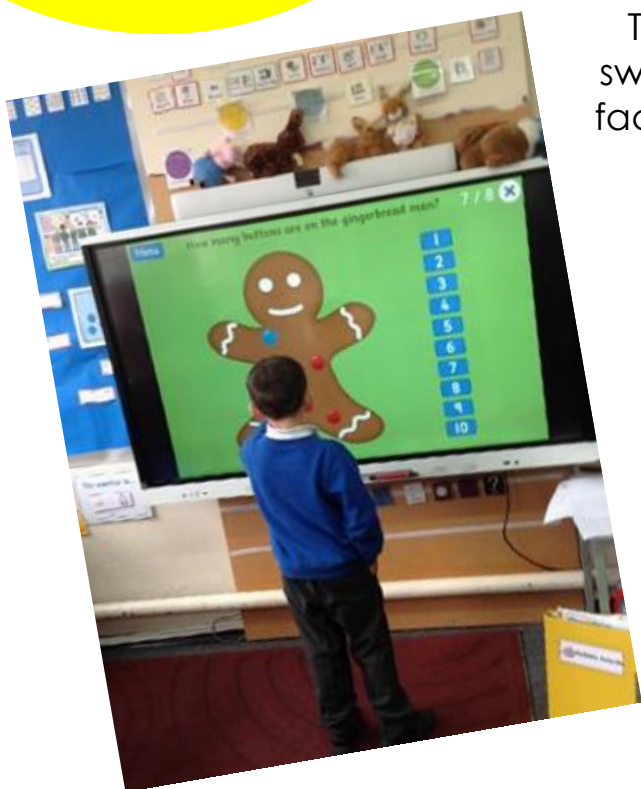
# UPDATE FROM RABBITS

This week Rabbit class have spent time exploring number, pattern and their senses. They have all used a range of Learning Habits, including noticing, learning together and exploring.

Rabbits also had their school photographs taken and took the role of models very willingly, so we look forward to seeing the pictures.

There was also great progress in the swimming pool, with some putting their face and head under the water for the first time. What an achievement.

The 'wild learning' from last week continues!



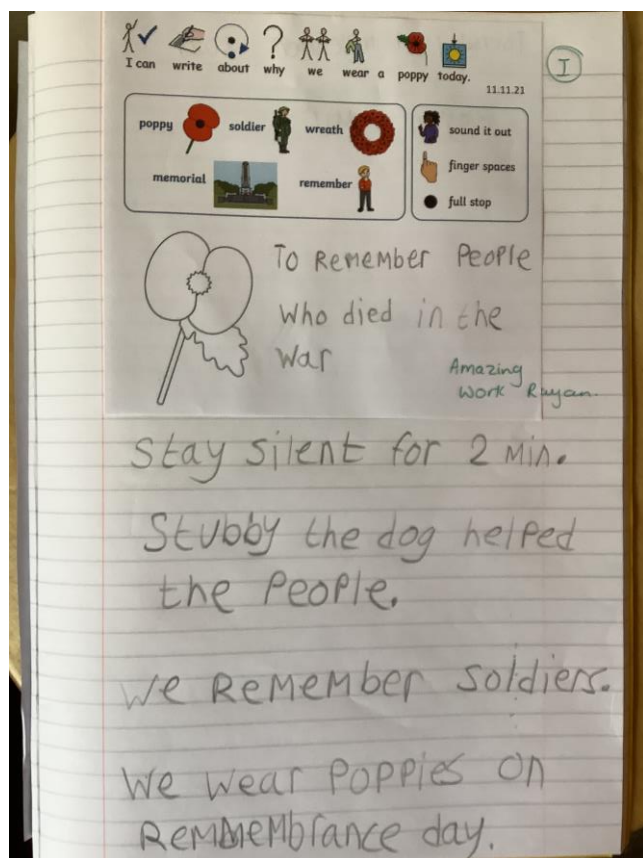
# UPDATE FROM SIMMONDS

As part of Gosden House "Wild Learning" week, Simmonds Class took lots of their learning outside. The children made a giant pictogram in Maths using lots of natural materials they found on their playground. There were lots of big brown leaves, but they only found 1 feather and a few green leaves on the ground. We went foraging for food to see if we could survive in the grounds of the school, we only found 9 blackberries! Simmonds said they would be very hungry.



# UPDATE FROM SIMMONDS

This week we have also been remembering those who lost their lives in the wars. When asked why we wore Poppies at this time of year, Lexie said "Remember dead people." We learnt about how animals were used to help the soldiers in WW1 and WW2 and that people wear purple poppies to remember animals that died in the wars. On Thursday we made poppies to wear with pride at our special Remembrance assembly for the 2 minutes silence.



# UPDATE FROM GORDY

It's been a fun filled return back to school for Gordy class. Our lessons have been taken over by wild learning activities focused on exploring the outdoors and solving problems. We discussed what the world would be like without insects and realised that lots of animals and plants would not be able to survive without our 6-legged friends. To help them get through the upcoming winter, we all worked together to build a cosy Bug Hotel!



We then headed out around the grounds of the school on an investigative autumn walk, picking up different natural items that we found along the way. Back in the classroom, we wrote some descriptive sentences and analysed the shapes and textures of the different objects we had found.



# UPDATE FROM GORDY

## Wild Learning

The class solved the problem of the birds eating the apples in the orchard. They worked together and made two scarecrows. They used different materials and ideas. They worked well as a team and had a super afternoon. Lots of great learning took place!

We have also been trying out different ways to make crazy connections, following our assembly at the start of the week. We tried using books, dominoes, trains and shapes and we had a lot of fun seeing things fall over one another!

When our lessons are over, we have enjoyed catching up with friends and finding out what they were up to over half term.

We all enjoy playing games and socialising with one another. We are lucky that we are all good friends in the class and that we all get on so well together.



# 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.

Micaela – Parks  
Mahla – Parks  
Harry E – Parks  
Skye – Parks  
Oliver – Parks  
Melissa – Parks  
Ryan - Hawking  
Leo – Simmonds  
Jacob – Simmonds  
Tia – Simmonds  
Eloise – Simmonds  
Alexie – Simmonds  
Jordan - Gordy  
Josh – Gordy  
Jamie – Gordy  
Brooke – Year 11  
Harvey – Year 11  
Kayleigh – Year 11  
Adam – Year 11



# ODD SOCKS DAY

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**ODD SOCKS DAY**  
**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-bullying week will kick off with Odd Sock Day on Monday and we ask all children to wear odd socks on this day which celebrates that everyone is different and unique and how wonderful it is that we aren't all the same!

**ONE  
KIND  
WORD**

**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**

Let kindness fuel kindness  
this Anti-Bullying Week.

**ANTI-BULLYING  
WEEK 2021**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November**



**ODD SOCKS  
DAY 2021**



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **What do you need to do?**

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

# GOSDEN HOUSE PTA UPDATE



Thank you to everyone for all their donations towards class hampers for our Christmas Fair.

## MORE FANTASTIC TOTALS

Pizza and Cookie Dough Kits raised £71

Smarties Challenge raised just over £300

The winning class will be announced soon.

**Thank you for your support!**



It's your last chance to order your Christmas Puddings TODAY (12<sup>th</sup> Nov)

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

The next **muffi day** for the PTA is on **Friday 26th November**. Your child

can come to school in muffi for donations towards our bottle and tombola stall. (Any bottles of wine, spirits or soft drinks and any boxes or bars of chocolates)

If bringing donations via transport, please ensure any bottles are handed to your escort.

## Father Christmas Pre Bookable slots are now open

Please follow the links below to secure you slot.

**Primary:**

<https://forms.gle/2LY9exEdMC3h7mPa9>

**Secondary:**

<https://forms.gle/bxncz5BztMfKKJXb8>



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**

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# 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.commonsemmedia.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-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"*



**CYP  
HAVEN**

**Call: 01483 519436**

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