



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

17th June 2022

Welcome back to the newsletter, thanks to our new Admin Assistant Imogen. Much has happened since the last one, including chaos with cancelled Transport for several of our children. Please may I say a huge Thank You to the parents, family members, staff and others who have joined the effort to get our children in. It has been enormously frustrating that some children have missed yet more school, after all the disruption of pandemic. But so encouraging how quickly the school community rallied to get transport in place. Well done to those who were instrumental in contacting MPs, Councillors, Senior Surrey Officers etc. We are still not there with all the routes, 8 weeks into term.

This week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 11's. Every year they astound me by suddenly growing up into young adults over the Spring, and they turned up at Prom last night like celebrities. I am so proud of this group: They have stormed their exams and are now showing us what they're made of in work experience. It will be sad to see them leave us next week, but they are ready to make the leap into Post-16.

There is a lot going on between now and the end of term, I am printing the school calendar anew every day. There is a big circle around the 3rd July: PTA Summer Fair! A huge amount of work goes into planning, on top of all the activity which the PTA lead. Outside work I can barely keep on top of cleaning my house and walking the dog, so huge respect to all of you who manage busy families and manage to give back to our lovely school community too. See you at the Fair!

Cindy

Cindy O'Sullivan, Head Teacher

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



UPDATE FROM RABBITS

Rabbit Class visited Bramley library before half term. We went to help Liz and her team during our 'Voices for Change' focus week. We were asked if we could make bunting for their 'Drop in and Draw' event. The children were very excited to think that their creation would be noticed by everyone visiting the library.

The class explored and voted on their favourite design to paint. They could explain that the Jubilee colours are red, white and blue as they remembered this from our 'Around the World' topic. They created their own bunting and decorated it with glitter. Discussions followed about how we could piece the bunting together and of the date for collection.



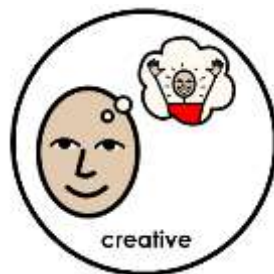
Our Jubilee bunting on display at Bramley library

The children were so excited to be part of something that would help Bramley library and be seen by so many people during the Queen's Jubilee year.

Rabbit class really did learn together. Liz has just sent us a photo of the bunting in the library, she says that it will stay up in the library for a while. If you get a chance, please do visit and have a look!

UPDATE FROM RABBITS

Rabbits painting their Jubilee bunting



UPDATE FROM SQUIRRELS

Squirrel Class had an exciting start to the new half term with a fun-packed trip to Aldershot Stadium for the 'Kids' Day Out' event.

Throughout the day, we all took part in a variety of fun activities, including fairground rides. A particular highlight was going on the spinney cups and seeing Mr Wilson feeling quite sick afterwards! We all loved the high inflatable slide and whizzed down it with gusto. At the end of the day, we were treated with an ice cream from the Mr Whippy van.



UPDATE FROM SQUIRRELS

This half term we were introduced to two wonderful new books in Literacy which have also influenced our learning in other subject areas. The book, *The Bog Baby* retells the story of two little girls who find an imaginary 'Bog Baby' down in Bluebell wood. We used our imaginations to create our own Bog Baby habitats and design our creatures. We will be using this book as a basis to explore our school grounds and carry out practical outdoor learning activities.



Our second book is 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', the story of a plastic bag floating in the ocean that the other sea creatures believe to be a jellyfish. A truly heart-warming tale of how we can protect our environment. As part of our focus on creating a safer and greener planet, we will be using recycled materials to carry out a DT and Art project.

In Drama, we are excited to be looking at miming and are busy working on a silent scene.

Carrying on from focus week last term, we continued looking at social action change. We tidied up our play area, recycled old toys and stored others away appropriately in our shed. As a whole class, we enjoyed the responsibility of demonstrating our new free play toys to the rest of primary.

UPDATE FROM SIMMONDS

Just before half term, KS3 played their one and only football match this term. We had so many keen players for our match against St Dominic's that we were able to field 2 teams.

Both teams played a strong St Dominic's side, who were very good at scoring goals but did not dominate Gosden. The third game we mixed the two teams together and although we still lost we did manage to get the ball past St Dominic's Goal Keeper with an excellent strike from Jude.



The team were disappointed not to score more goals but agreed that they all did their best and that they had fun, which is the most important thing.

The remaining pupils from Hawkings, Parks and Simmonds who were not in the team, enjoyed watching and cheering on their friends, led by our cheer captain, Jacob. It was lovely to watch live and competitive sport against another school at Gosden again after such a long break.

The KS3 football team consisted of Tai, Ryan, Joseph, Oliver, Skye, Zach, Leo, Jude, Shannon, Lexie, Daisy, Amr and all three Harry's.

UPDATE FROM YEAR 11

Year 11 are now just one week away from leaving and have plenty of celebrations to look forward to. In the lead up to their final week they have had been out on work experience. **Everyone has been amazing!**

We have had students being shop assistants at The Co-op - working hard stacking shelves and keeping the shop clean. They have even been helping customers who are lost and can't find what they are looking for! We are incredibly proud of how they are doing.

A few students have been working in various schools with younger children helping out as Teaching Assistants; one of our students is in a school where the class are all deaf and she is helping the children by using her knowledge of sign language. Another student has been working as a barista in a local coffee shop.



Our animal loving children have been experiencing what it is like to work on a farm; they have had jobs such as grooming horses, cleaning enclosures, playing with goats. Some Year 11s have been working around the grounds at other schools, helping out the site supervisors.

YEAR 11 PROM

**Oh what a night!
Up in Hoebridge on a Thursday Night!
Having prom all dressed up right
What a feeling, what a night!**

This week Year 11 had their prom. Everyone looked fantastic in their fancy get up, and it was great to see everyone out enjoying themselves.

We all had a 2 course meal; roast chicken and a brownie for pudding. Food was delicious and once we had eaten it was time to move over to the dancefloor. As expected, Gosden House owned the dancefloor! Tearing up the dancefloor meant that the children needed breaks from dancing; these breakers tended to be over in the photo booth!

It was definitely a night to remember and it was a great celebration for the Year 11s to end their Gosden tenure.



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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.

Zachary (2) – Parks

Harry (2) – Parks

Sofia – Parks

Lulu – Parks

Harry E – Parks

Mahia – Parks

Oliver – Parks

JJ – Parks

Melissa (2) – Parks

Jordan – Simmonds

Tia – Simmonds

Eloise – Simmonds

William - Simmonds



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Tai – Hawking
Summer – Hawking
Daisy – Hawking
Lily-Rose – Hawking
Joseph – Hawking
Rebecca – Hawking
Alisha-Paige – Hawking
Amr – Hawking
Joanne – Hawking
Ryan – Hawking
Harry (2) – Hawking
Adam – Year 11



SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM UPDATE



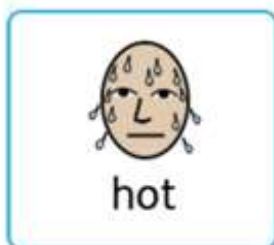
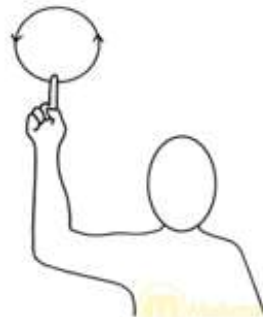
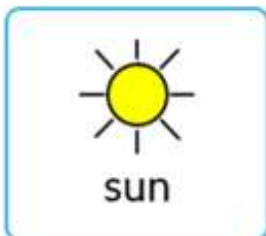
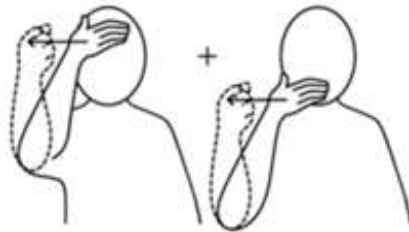
Speech & Language Therapy Team



★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 20th June 2022

This week's champions are:
Jess, Smithy & Jay – year 10



FREE BUS PASS

Our Year 11 students have been working really hard at their placements for the last 2 weeks and I have been thinking about next steps and a link was very kindly sent through by a parent about a free bus pass. I contacted Surrey County Council to check how this can be done and they sent me a link.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/tickets-and-discounts/disabledpeople>

The screenshot shows the Surrey County Council website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Surrey logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Free bus passes for disabled people". The main content area includes a brief description: "A free bus pass allows Surrey residents (aged 5 - older persons eligible age) with eligible disabilities to travel on buses free of charge." It also states: "It's valid between 9.30am and 11pm from Monday to Friday, and at any time on weekends and public holidays." To the right of the main content, there is a "See also" section with three links: "Free bus passes for older people", "Free bus passes explained", and "Our privacy notices". Below that is a "Useful links" section. On the far right, there is a vertical "Feedback" button.

I also have the link below that tells you about the 7 categories of eligibility:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/tickets-and-discounts/7-categories-of-disability-to-be-eligible-for-a-bus-pass>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any help or support.

Sandra Tidbury
Aspirations Adviser
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FAMILY LEARNING



Online parenting support courses

June and July 2022

FREE



FREE online courses for parents and carers, who are looking for some parenting ideas and strategies to support their children and teenagers.

Scan the QR code or click on the link for more information and to enrol

➤ **Understanding Children's Behaviour**

Thursday 23rd June-14th July 1pm-2.30pm enrol [here](#)



➤ **Help your Teenager Manage Anxiety**

Wednesday 22nd June- 6th July 1pm-2.30pm enrol [here](#)



➤ **Help your Child Manage Anxiety**

Thursday 14th June- 7th July 7.30pm-9pm enrol [here](#)



➤ **Explore Behaviour Strategies- 2 courses available**

1. Thursday 30th June & 7th July 10-11.30am enrol [here](#)

2. Thursday 14th July & 21st July 7.30pm-9pm



New one off workshops also available [here](#) including Saturdays and evenings. Choose from 'Building Children's Resilience', 'Developing Children's Self-Esteem', 'Encouraging Early Reading Strategies', and 'Help your child Manage Anxiety'.

Email family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk or Tel 07800717806 for further information

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-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