



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

15th July 2022

Here we are again, the last newsletter of the year, and so much to celebrate.

Isn't it interesting that we are having to adapt our events again, this time thanks to heat! Very frustrating, but we have nevertheless found creative ways to celebrate the achievements of our children and young people.

Gosfest was a "blended virtual" success, and the pupils loved it. We had a wonderful art exhibition, displaying the exceptional art which has been exhibited in theatres and train stations locally. Then we had performances from Years 3, 4 and 10 with Rocksteady (bubbled as it was indoors), and a singalong hit from Lou Diamond by School Band. And we enjoyed watching some of the films which have been made as part of the arts offer this year. These are on the website and really great to watch. Please do take the time to do so. We can't upload all the films, as some feature children so we cannot share.

Year 6 had their graduation event this week. As ever it was all about the children, and allowed them to showcase how confident and proud they are of their learning and development. The children and their families are a credit to the Gosden community, and our graduates are ready to step up into Secondary.

I know that many of you attended the PTA Summer Fair a couple of weeks ago. I love this event, it is one of the chances families have to come together and enjoy relaxed time. For our families that is so important, and again many thanks to the PTA for providing that care and support to our community.

We are sad to be saying thank you and goodbye to some of our wonderful Gosden staff: Louise, Divi and Mrs Pohorely are retiring after long and distinguished careers at Gosden. The school will not be same without them, they have given so much and always with love for the children. We are sad also to be bidding farewell to Mrs Head, Nina and Lisa, who are moving onto exciting jobs elsewhere. Again, we will be sorry to see them go, they are part of the Gosden fabric.

I know we are experiencing a heatwave, but hopefully it will have settled by the end of next week, and you can all enjoy a lovely summer holiday, spending some quality time together. My advice: Avoid airports!

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 ROBINS

As we near the end of the school year, it has been wonderful to look back at all of the amazing achievements of our Robin Class. It has been a pleasure to watch each and every child grow both academically and personally. They have settled into the school beautifully, and have made friends in every class!

This half-term, we have been learning around our topic of 'Under the Sea'. It has been so much fun to learn about the creatures that live in the sea. All of the Robins have become artists! We have painted, printed, collaged, rolled and imagined, creating a fantastic diorama that has blown everyone away!



The Robins loved our Diversity Week celebrations, and were so invested in the stories that we had shared. Everyone shared their own uniqueness, and were super proud of the colours of their own shadows! More recently, we have spoken lots about how to keep ourself safe and healthy. We have discussed the importance of wearing sun-cream and drinking lots of water to stay hydrated in the heat. We have also learned how to take care of our teeth.



We hope everyone has a fantastic, safe and restful summer holiday, and we'll see you all in September!

UPDATE FROM BADGERS

Badger Class have had a jam-packed and fun summer term learning about 'The Green Planet' and 'The Blue Planet'.

Through our topic, The Green Planet, we learned about common plants and trees and what they needed to stay alive and thrive. The topic lent itself to plenty of outdoor opportunities, we planned, planted and laboured in our little allotment and grew a variety of flowering plants and vegetables.



The highlight of the topic was a trip to RHS Wisley to explore the green houses and flower beds, demonstrating our expert knowledge of local plants. No trip to Wisley would be complete without a trip to the adventure playground, you can see from the photos that we had a fantastic time.



This half term has flown by and it has been delightful to witness how Badger Class have grown in confidence and maturity. Through the topic, The Blue Planet, the class have tackled some challenging topics such as the Water Cycle and protecting our water ways and oceans from oil and plastic pollution. They are budding environmentalists, creating fabulous banners and staging a playground protest: 'Stop Polluting our Oceans.' We also visited the Tillingbourne River in Chilworth and were fortunate to be joined by the Wey River Trust who helped us to conduct a river study.

We even caught some little bull fish and mini-beasts.

UPDATE FROM BADGERS



We have been reading a beautiful book called *Rhythm of the Rain*, a story linked to the water cycle. Through this text, the children have written poetry and recently researched and created a fact file about a marine animal of their choice. Badger Class were delighted to see their work 'published' as a non-fiction book and placed in the library for all to enjoy. Amazing !

As the end of term approaches, it is a time to reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved in this academic year.

As we sang and rocked out with *Rock Steady*, we 'got a feeling' that our class are the BFB's... Brilliant Fun Badgers !



UPDATE FROM WOODPECKERS

We have had an amazing time in Year 6!

Last week we had a fantastic trip to the beach. Luckily it was not too hot but it was warm enough for us to go in the sea and splash our teachers!

We all had fun in the sand, burying one another and seeing how far down we could dig as we hunted for treasure. Sadly all we found was a rubber slug!



Recently we have made the most of the weather and explored our learning in many different ways. We learnt about capacity, and as part of this we had a paddling pool outside. We enjoyed exploring with all the different containers and asked thoughtful questions to develop our learning.



We learnt a new game involving Rock, Paper, Scissors, and had to listen carefully to the instructions and then tried to explain clearly to our friends how to play. It was lots of fun.



UPDATE FROM WOODPECKERS

Nina has been teaching us Drama every Wednesday afternoon. We got creative and put on a silent movie called 'The Restaurant'. Our acting skills were so good that it was shared with the whole school at 'Gosfest'.



We were so lucky to be able to celebrate the end of our time at primary school with our Year 6 Graduation Assembly. We shared some of our amazing learning and treated our parents to a song, written specially for the occasion. We are all so proud of how much we have achieved and all agree that we have loved being in Woodpecker Class



UPDATE FROM PARKS, GORDY & SIMMONDS

On Wednesday, Sapphire Bubble descended on Shalford Mill, kindly hosted by Mrs Pohorely.

The weather was hot, but thankfully overcast, so everyone was able to access their inner Bear Grylls and do some intrepid exploring down the river.

There were water fights, ice pops, lost shoes, rope swings, birthday girls and cake.

A splendid time was had by all.

Many thanks to Mrs Pohoreley for such a great day.



UPDATE FROM SIMMONDS

Simmonds Class have been experimenting with different flavours this term, making their own ice pops and using their 'getting ready' learning muscle to design their own ice-cream flavours.

As an end of term treat, we took a trip to a local ice cream shop to learn how ice-cream is made and sample some of their flavours. We tried three different ice creams and three sorbets.

The children brought their own money to buy a drink and practised their money handling skills to use the correct coins. At the end of the trip we took a tally of the teacher and children's favourite flavours, and created a bar chart to interpret in our Maths lesson.



UPDATE FROM GORDY

Gordy class has been busy over the last half term. In Science we have been learning all about the human body. We started off with our skeleton and wondered how we could survive without bones! We then looked at our muscles and learnt that they need healthy food and oxygen from the air to keep them going. We have also investigated different bodily systems, including digestion, breathing and circulation. This gave us the opportunity to use our "being brave" learning muscle in various experiments! We tested how our heart rate changes from sitting quietly to walking or running.



In English we enjoyed learning about different shops and what to say when we go shopping. We used our "learning together muscle" to act out visits to the butchers, bakers and a clothes shop. We also spent some time learning the Gosden Prayer and enjoy using it at lunchtime and in assembly. Meanwhile, in Maths we have been practising measuring skills, using scales, rulers and measuring jugs to find out the quantities of different objects.



During the term it was time for Hani to leave as she graduated along with the rest of Year 11. We were all very proud of the incredible progress that Hani made while she was with us and liked hearing about her evening at the Year 11 prom. We will all miss her great sense of humour and practical jokes, although at least I will no longer have to wonder where my water bottle has got to...!



We all wish her lots and lots of luck for the future.

UPDATE FROM GORDY

Vocational Days

We have enjoyed 'getting out and about' again this term.

Visiting Robert's Fruit Farm was a great hit. Robert showed us a new way to pick strawberries from the plant. It was quick and effective and we soon filled 3+ punnets!

We enjoyed learning and working together. Robert remarked on how well behaved and polite the students were.



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.

Jay Baum – Year 10
Joanna - Hawkings



SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM UPDATE

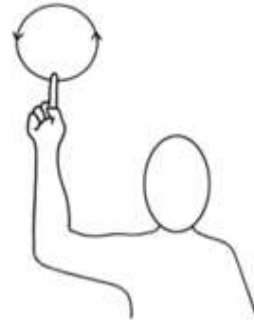
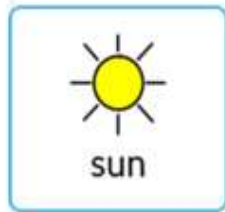


Speech & Language Therapy Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 18th July 2022
(Theme: Summer Holidays)

This week's champions are:
Tai, Lily-Rose & Summer – Parks/Hawking Classes





Surrey and Borders Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



Call for Parents/Families and Carers!

Would you like to help develop a service for mental health support in specialist schools across Surrey?

Our team (two clinical psychologists and an emotional wellbeing assistant) is based within Surrey and Borders NHS Partnership Trust.

We are currently designing a service to support the Mental health and wellbeing needs of Specialist Schools.

We want to hear what you think are the main priorities for emotional wellbeing and mental health for your child and your needs as a parent.

Join us for a conversation, introduced by Family Voice, on Wednesday 20th July, 12pm-1pm via MSTeams

There will also be an optional follow up meeting to let you know how your feedback was used.

For more information, or to be sent a meeting invite, please email FamilyfeedbackMHSTss@sabp.nhs.uk



Please note: The above email address is an administrative email for the purpose of arranging this meeting and is not a point of clinical contact, if you have any concerns which require assistance please contact local services.

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RESTORE2mini Training - A **FREE Course for Carers delivered by Surrey Choices to help you recognise when someone you care for may be unwell.**



A 2020 report by Lives and Deaths of People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People (LeDeR) found that some causes of death in people with a learning disability were from conditions that could have been treated or prevented.

This course aims to reduce avoidable deaths by educating those who care for people to recognise the soft signs of deterioration when someone they care for may be unwell, and learn how to communicate with healthcare professionals so that they understand and can provide the help they need.

The course is 90 minutes and can be held online or in face-to-face workshops.

They will be run daytime, evenings and weekends from June 2022.



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"



**CYP
HAVEN**

Call: 01483 519436

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Wednesday 20th July	1.30pm End of Term
Monday 5th September	First day of Autumn Term
Monday 24th October	Half-Term starts
Friday 28th October	Half-Term ends
Wednesday 16th November	INSET – school open for staff only
Friday 16th December	Last day of Autumn term – early finish at 1.30pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT GOSDEN



VOLUNTEER DRIVER

**Are you local to Bramley or Shalford?
Can you spare a few hours each
week to become part of our school
community as a volunteer minibus
driver?**

Most journeys are very local taking various classes to swimming lessons and offsite learning opportunities, but there will also be occasional trips further afield for days out. All trips will take place during the school day (9am – 3pm) and will be term time only. This is a voluntary role but we will reimburse travel expenses.

It is essential that you have a clean D1 driving licence with a minimum of two years' driving experience, or have passed a minibus driving test. D1 is a category on your driving licence that permits you to drive vehicles of between 9 & 16 seats. If you passed your test before 1st January 1997, you will automatically have category D1 on your licence.

We would also require you to be DBS checked, which we will organise for you.

If you are interested in becoming a valued member of our school community please arrange to contact us on 01483 892008 (term time only), or email comms@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Gosden House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).