



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Last week, Year 11 took their Learning Muscles and Toolkits away with them on residential. We had a brilliant two nights stay and completed a variety of activities such as: paddle boarding, rifle shooting, axe throwing, archery, the giant swing, trapeze, silent disco and a quiz night.

The staff were so impressed with the determination and bravery shown by each of the learners to step out of their comfort zones and give everything a go. It was fantastic to see them grow in confidence, build on friendships and challenge themselves.

We are looking forward to continuing to celebrate their Gosden journey over the next four weeks.



*Sophia*

Sophia Phillips,  
Year 11 Class Teacher



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half Term

**w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Gosden Value Week

**18<sup>th</sup> June** – Taster Lunch Service

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Leavers

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Coffee Morning – 10am – 11am

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – GOSFEST and Meet the Teacher

**15<sup>th</sup> July** – PTA Coffee Morning – 10am – 11am

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – 1.30pm End of Summer term

## **RECENT PARENTMAILS**

Year 9 Business Sale

Trip to River Wey and Dapdune Wharf

Food for Life Taster Lunch

West Wittering Beach Trip

## **REMINDER**

We have a number of items in the Lost Property Box, none of them are named. Please make sure that you name **all** water bottles, school uniform, coats and sunhats as we are unable to return unnamed items. Below is a link to a website that produces sticky name tags. You can also buy special fabric pens.

[Name Tags and Labels | Free Delivery over £20 \(easy2name.com\)](https://www.easy2name.com)

# Please read our Healthy Packed Lunch Guide



## Healthy Packed Lunch Guide

Our aim is to make sure that children who bring in a packed lunch, have food which is just as healthy and nutritious as food served in school and regulated by national standards. This guide applies to all parents providing a packed lunch for their child/ren.

Children should bring their packed lunch in a suitable lunch box or container with lid. Soups and other hot foods should be brought in a thermo flask.



Packed lunches should include:

- At least, one portion of fruit, veg or salad a day
- Meat, fish or other sources of non-dairy protein—in a wrap or sandwich



- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or sardines at least once every 3 weeks
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, noodles, pitta bread
- Dairy products such as milk, cheese, yogurt or fromage frais
- Pretzels, crackers and cheese, vegetable sticks or breadsticks
- A low sugar option, such as malt loaf, banana loaf or sugar-free jelly
- A drink of water, no other drinks are permitted

Packed lunches should NOT include:

- Sweets or chocolate bars
- Salty crisps, ready meals or instant noodles
- Meat and pastry products such as sausage rolls
- Fruit juice, squash or fizzy drinks



Please do not pack nuts or nut products, because of the danger to other children with allergies—WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL



SNACKS

Children are asked to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. This could be a piece of fruit or a savoury snack low in sugar such as a rice cake. We do also provide a piece of fruit a day for the Primary years.

You are welcome to include a 'special treat' in your child's lunch box—once a week, on a Friday

YAY!



On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May the School Council invited two Governors to join them for a working lunch. Members of the School Council generated questions they wanted to ask and then the representatives took them to the meeting. The adults were very impressed with how the children set up the table and hosted the event. We were very proud of them.



Pat and Liz (our school Governors) commented...! The pupils were fantastic, and hosted so well - what came across so clearly was the great pride they have in their school - they wanted to show us everything!



It was fun. Thank you for listening to us - *Ryan*

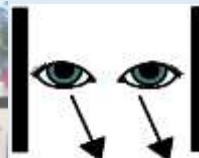
It was nice to meet them and talk to them about our questions - *Donna*

It was inspirational to see the Governors - *Chance*

The School Council are hoping to invite more Governors in next term



This half term, Fox class have had lots of fun with our 'Green Planet' topic. We have been using our '**Noticing**' and '**Exploring**' Learning Habits to investigate plants. We examined Gosden's green areas and identified lots of different plants. We learnt the life cycle of a plant, the parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. We enjoyed growing our own plants in different places and carrying out experiments to learn more about them.



# FOXES

Over the past week, our Maths lessons have focused on doubling. To help with our understanding we have tried doubling in lots of different ways. We spent time outside doubling daisies, learning that we double a number by adding on the same amount. We also made 'Double Domino' cookies, created beautiful butterflies doubling the dots, as well as using mirrors, water squirters and dice to help our learning. We used our '**Noticing**' learning habit and '**Explaining**' as we talked about the number sentences we can make when we double an amount. After gaining this understanding some of us were able to apply this to a tricky problem solving activity involving a beanstalk that doubles in height every day.



In our Literacy lessons this half term, we have been learning about fairytales whilst following the travels of the 'Jolly Postman'. Our '**Creative**' Learning Habit has been used to the full when writing newspaper articles about the Big Bad Wolf, sending letters to Goldilocks, creating a shopping catalogue for witches and much more. One of our highlights was writing our own fairytale book where we were the main characters. We were so excited about these stories that we shared them with Year 10. They made fantastic use of their '**Listening**' Learning Habit whilst we read to them



7W have had an amazing start to the Summer Term. We have been stretching our Learning Muscles and collecting lots of Life Tools for our Gosden Toolkits. We have started our new Our World topic – Climate Change. We have looked at what is meant by Climate Change and how it can affect the planet. We learnt about the last Ice Age and how humans and animals had to adapt to survive. We have also been thinking about Biodiversity and what we can do to improve our school environment. We planted some wild flower seeds to encourage more butterflies and bees.



A particular highlight of the term has been our trip to Knowle Park. We had an amazing time walking through the fields, completing art work in the outdoor amphitheatre and having fun with our friends on the swings and slides.





7S have been busy this half term, from growing vegetables in the allotment to creating their own book to celebrate Gosden Values Week.

We began the term planting potatoes and carrots. So far, the potatoes have large green leaves compared to the carrots which we are finding difficult to find! Our class regularly visit the allotment to water and care for our plants and have even watered other classes beds as part of our citizenship, caring for others and thinking about our healthy relationship toolbox.



We have been learning about looking after our environment and have become 'rubbish detectives' which took us on a journey around the building taking pictures of bins. After learning about what items could be recycled, we wanted to check everyone was recycling as much as they could. The findings from our inspection were that we were doing an amazing job and we need to let all our adults know what can and can't be recycled. Our learning then went outdoors as we did a litter pick around the school grounds. We also thought about ways to save energy and created posters to make others aware of how we can save the planet which links to our Climate Change topic this term.

During Our World we have looked at natural disasters which have occurred due to global warming and that has made us think really carefully about how we look after the planet. We know how important it is to think about how much water and electricity we use so we can be good global citizens.

This week we have been creating our own book based on the book 'It's ok to be different' by Todd Parr. After reading the book we decided to create our own 'It's ok to...' quotes. We have had all sorts of creations such as 'it's ok to not know how to ride a bike', 'it's ok to be a quiet person', 'it's ok to be yourself' and lots more. We will share our creation on Friday at the This Is Me Gosden Celebration on Friday.





Throughout the year, Year 11 have taken part in a social enterprise project with a local coffee shop, The Forge. With some of the money raised, the class wanted to purchase some outdoor games now that the weather is getting better. We bought a Swingball, a giant Jenga and a giant Connect Four. This week, we have enjoyed setting them up and trying them out.





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Some of our Year 10 students have flexed their **Being Brave** learning muscles this week, as they sat their Entry Level English Reading and Writing exams.

They have all been very mature, despite feeling a little anxious and have tried their best so we are very proud of them!

After half term they will be sitting their Entry Level Maths papers so hopefully they will feel a little less nervous having been in the “exam room” this week and seen the procedure.

It is really beneficial for the learners to understand that working hard every day will help them to prepare, not just for Year 11, but for their pathway moving forward beyond Gosden.





# WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 'Gosden Toolbox' and successfully collecting 10 'Life Tools'.

Developing these 'Life Tools' will help them now and also prepare them for their exciting future pathways.

Year 7W  
Jessica  
Alex P

Year 8  
Owen  
Casper

Year 7S  
Donna  
Alex

Year 9  
Eloise

Year 11  
Summer  
Shannon

Chance  
Esmee  
Sophie x 2



# INCLUSIVE fit.DANCE CLUB

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For children 5-16 with disabilities/additional needs  
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*"A brilliant dance school...That's what I call inclusion"*  
(Synergy Dance parents)

**\*\*FIRST CLASS FREE\*\***

**THURSDAYS 16:45-17:45**

**The Edge Leisure Centre**

**Haslemere GU27 1QB**

**Weekly 23 May - 18 July (no class 30 May)**

**\*parent/carer must remain on site during sessions**

**£8 per session, paid termly**

**\*Flexible payments on request**

**\*Session fee support on request**

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[synergydanceoutreach.co.uk](http://synergydanceoutreach.co.uk)



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National Autistic Society  
Family Support and  
Clubs for Children and  
Young

People <https://nassurreybranch.org/nas-clubs-for-children/>

**Family Learning - 'Help I have a Fussy Eater!' Workshop on 4 Jun 2024**

4pm to 5:30pm

This is a FREE online workshop for parents/carers of children over the age of 5, to learn strategies and techniques to encourage your child to enjoy certain foods that perhaps have previously been refused.

See <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/overview?id=43652> for more information.

**'Sport In Mind'** are a great charity who want to improve the lives of people experiencing mental health problems through sport and physical activity. Their sessions in Surrey are free to join. You can drop in, no need to sign up. They are open to all abilities and led by friendly coaches. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the free sessions in Surrey.

**Every Mind Matters-** The NHS's Every Mind Matters has some very helpful videos aimed at young people, especially on self-care tips to help manage emotional well-being.

Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/youth-mental-health/>

For mental health support in Surrey, please see the information below . Our Pastoral Team can be reached by emailing or calling [pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) or 07864721931.



**Mindworks** - Providing children, young people, families and carers with information about services, advice and resources.

Website: <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

24/7 crisis line: 0800 915 4644

The Samaritans logo consists of the word "SAMARITANS" in white, uppercase letters, centered within a solid green rectangular box.

**SAMARITANS**

**Samaritans** offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal. It doesn't matter who you are, how you feel, or what has happened. If you feel that things are getting to you, get in touch.

Website: <http://www.samaritans.org/>

Telephone: 116 123 (free to call)

Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)



Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on Thursday. It was lovely to meet some of our Gosden Community. We look forward to welcoming more of you at the Coffee Mornings in the second half of the Summer term.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

## **FUTURE COFFEE MORNINGS**

Friday 28th of June 10am -11:30am  
Monday 15th of July 10am – 11:30am



Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
(Theme: Medical)

This week's champions are:  
★ Kelsie, Jess & Wilson – 7W ★



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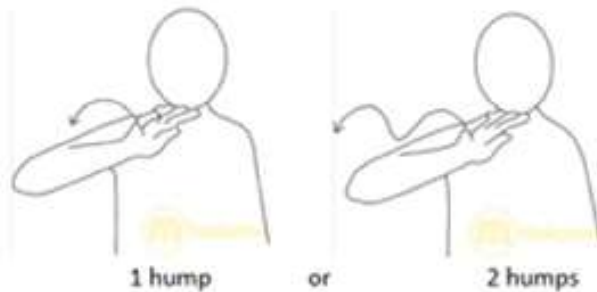
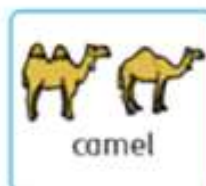
★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
(Theme: animals)

This week's champions are:

★ Emily and Lily – Woodpeckers ★





If you would like to make a donation to the school you can do so via the Gosden Children First charity page by clicking on this link <https://wonderful.org/charities/1049925>

You are able to donate directly or to a particular fundraising page that you would like to support.

