



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

It always surprises me how quickly time goes by when you work in education. The last 8 weeks have simply disappeared in a flurry of learning and suddenly we find ourselves at half term, rapidly bounding towards Christmas!

I have been made to feel so welcome by our learners and am really proud of the way they have adapted to a new face and openly welcomed me into their community. I have seen some incredible acts of kindness, positive engagement in lessons and a real desire to take part and improve from all learners regardless of key stage.

This half term has been full of autumn colours and spooky visitors and I can't wait to see what happens in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you all for being so supportive. Have a wonderful and relaxing half term.

*Becki*

Rebecca Smale, Head Teacher



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Mufti Day – donations games, puzzles and toys for Christmas Fair**  
**w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Sock Day**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening & Careers Evening**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Mufti Day – donations of bottles and chocolates for the Christmas Fair**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – School Photographs**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Coffee Morning in the Hall**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – First Aid Day**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Gosden Christmas Craft Fair**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School trip to Pantomime**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Primary Christmas Presentation**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm – End of Term**

## RECENT PARENTMAILS

Parent Questionnaire  
 Parent Consultations Transition Event  
 Gosden House PTA Christmas Fair  
 Gosden House PTA Coffee Morning  
 Maths@Home  
 PE Uniform – Hoodie - Secondary  
 Parents Evening  
 Lost Property  
 FSM Vouchers for Half Term  
 Class trip to Brooklands Military Cemetery  
 Class trips to Cranleigh High Street and Farnham Maltings Cinema  
 Christmas Card Orders  
 Change in Financial Circumstances  
 Year 6 Residential Trip – Letter of Interest  
 Guildford House Care Home  
 Class trips to Fishbourne Palace and Aldershot Cinema  
 Godalming Band and Film Screening – The Snowman

## LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure your children's possessions are clearly marked with their name. We regularly have lost items in the office and it would be far easier to reunite them with their owners if they were named. If anyone has a lost a black, puffa, Karrimor jacket, aged 13, please contact the School Office.

The Gosden staff and students supported World Mental Health day on 10<sup>th</sup> October by wearing yellow. We raised £37 which will go to YoungMinds



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THANK YOU FOR HOLDING A **Hello Yellow** DAY

You helped show young people they're not alone with their mental health

We supported YoungMinds by raising

£ 37.00

Laura Bunt, CEO, YoungMinds

Date: October 2024



# FOXES

Come rain or shine, Fox class have been enjoying their learning outdoors over the last few weeks. We have been working with Nicola, Gosden's Outdoor Learning Lead, to take our learning of place value and shape into the Gosden grounds. The bountiful apple harvest in the orchard provided us with a fantastic opportunity to use our **Problem Solving** and **Explaining** learning habits when matching, sorting and identifying groups of apples up to 20.

Extending our learning outdoors has been great fun. Foxes have loved using their **Learning Together** and **Exploring** learning habits to create large scale shapes and take part in shape hunts and number clue trails through the fields and woods of our wonderful environment.



The abundance of natural resources from conkers to pine cones has supported our **Creative** learning habit, as we made conker abacuses, 2D shape models and natural counters to represent our numbers.



8A have been using their **'Being Brave'** muscle whilst visiting a local care home to learn about the needs of older people in the community. Some of us played card games like Uno and Snap while others did painting or tried to work out puzzles. The residents really enjoyed spending time with us and we enjoyed spending time with them. It was interesting to learn how times have changed since they were little and it was nice to be able to support others in the community.



In lessons we have been learning about the topic of "settlement." This week we found out about favelas or shanty towns, where people have few resources and have to build houses with anything that they can find in the local rubbish dump. We had a challenge to make our own shanty town houses. We used our **'Working Together'** muscle to design and build our houses. We tested if they could survive a hurricane, earthquake or flood.



We created our School Council Pledge which outlined our commitment to our new post and our agreed expectations.

To make the school better

I like helping people and being sensible to help others

To make a change



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As part of our role in the school, we felt it was important to invite David, who is the Chair of Governors, to attend our next meeting in November. We have invited other governors in for a working lunch where they will be able to try our roast dinner and answer some of our questions.

The School Council will be involved in important decision making over the next year and will be seeking ideas from classes on ways to make Gosden House even better than it is!

I want everyone to be happy whatever age they are

To help the school out and make it even better

# Upcoming Open Events



## **Brooklands Technical College**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-12.30

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Brooklands Technical College - Vocational training in further and Higher Education](#)

## **Nescot (North East Surrey College of Technology)**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

You need to register online for these dates.

[Nescot Open Events | Nescot](#)

## **Farnborough College of Technology**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

*All the Open Days for Farnborough are 4pm – 7.30pm*

[Events from 15 October – 18th June 2025 – Farnborough College of Technology \(farn-ct.ac.uk\)](#)

## **Guildford College**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am - 12.00

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Guildford College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

## **Merrist Wood College**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am -12.00

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 4.30pm – 7pm

[Merrist Wood College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact me via email on: [s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) or on the school number 01483 892008.

# 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 7

Bethany

Aalia x 1

Lilly

James x 2

Henry

Keira

Katy

Ben

George

Ruby

Bailey

Year 9

Casper

Year 8S

Safa

Phoenix x 2

Bethany

Kaylum

Year 10

Melissa

Year 8A

Esmee

Max x 2

Kai

Lily

Chance

Sopie

Donna

Year 11

Lexie



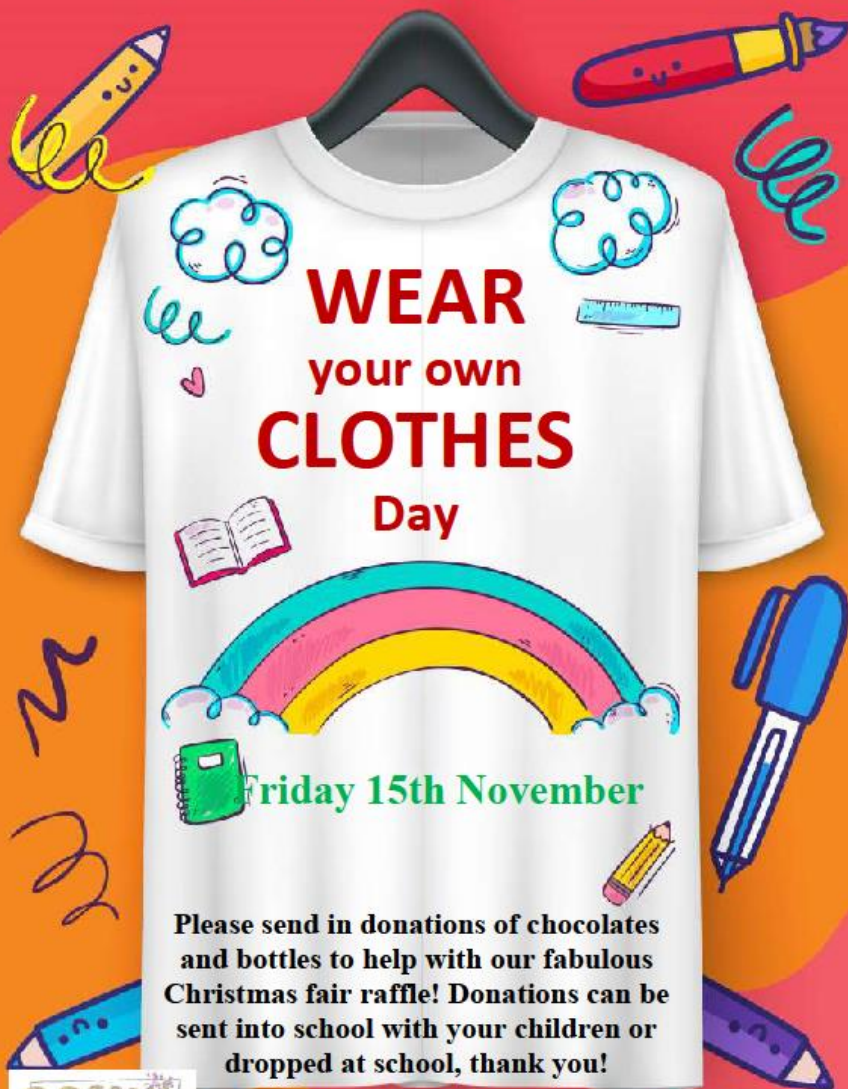




- Christmas Eve Wooden Boxes £6
- Handknitted Gonk £8
- Handmade Giant Gonk £12.50
- Giant paw patrol Christmas cracker £3
- Christmas stockings all £3.50
- Large Furry present sacks £4
- Handknitted snow men or owls £8 each
- Santa snoop alarm £3.00
- Gonk or confetti Christmas crackers (6 box) £4 or x2 for £7:50
- Packs of Christmas cards from £1 - £1.50
- Make a present stall £2
- Visit Santa £3.50, booking information coming soon!
- Lookout for the homemade Christmas wreathes and mini Christmas trees
- Bargains to be had at the nearly new clothing and bric-a-brac!
- Christmas raffle details and tickets coming soon!!
- Pin the nose on Rudolph, Guess the name of the Gosden Gonk plus lots more!!!!
- Cash on the day is preferable please 😊



Gosden House School PTA



Please send in donations of chocolates and bottles to help with our fabulous Christmas fair raffle! Donations can be sent into school with your children or dropped at school, thank you!



PTA Committee

Chairperson – Leanne Rowan

Treasurer – Dannielle McInerney-Jlassia

Secretary – Carole Traynor

The Committee hold open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved. If you would like information or have any questions, please **contact Leanne on** [PTAgosden@hotmail.com](mailto:PTAgosden@hotmail.com)



## Dates for your Diary

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

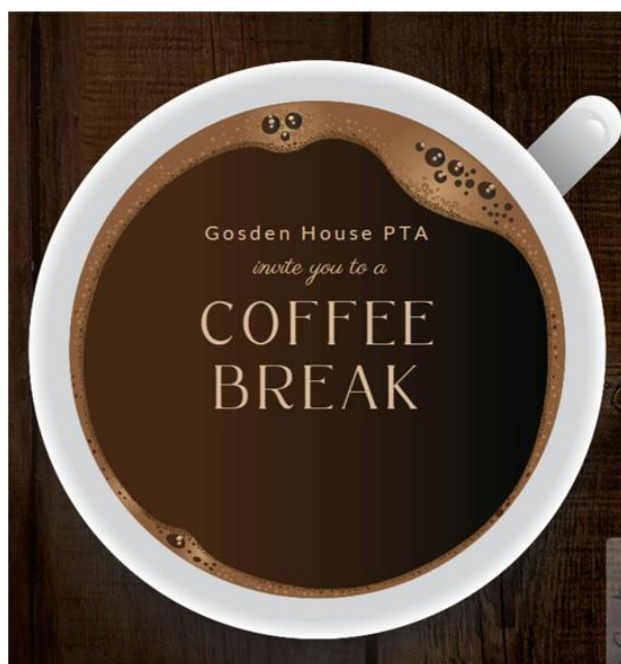
'Wear your own Clothes Day' – send in donations for our Christmas Fair – chocolates and bottles

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Coffee morning, 10am – 11.30am in the Hall – sign in at Reception

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2pm

Gosden House Christmas Fair



**Come and unwind with a coffee!**

**Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 11:30am**

In the school hall

*Nearly new clothing and accessories available to browse and buy! All proceeds to our school so grab yourself a bargain 😊*

**All welcome, lets build our school community and sneak in a couple of calories too!**

For any concerns or support,  
please do contact Beth Sutton,  
Child and Family Support Worker  
(Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles,  
Pastoral Assistant (Mon-Weds) at

[bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

[jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

[pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

You can reach us at 07864  
721931 or by phoning the school  
on 01483 892008.

<https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>

## Scary News

Some of our children become very worried about news stories. News is everywhere, and nowadays, it's almost impossible to control the news our children are exposed to, or shielded from. Young people have access to a huge amount of news information and will probably already be well aware of certain news events. It is important to help children process these events, but in a way that doesn't overwhelm them.

You can help to minimise the negative impact of news stories through open and honest conversations at home, using the tips below:

- Find **balance in exposure**. Force-feeding children news OR going to great lengths to shield them from it can be unhelpful.
- **Share the facts**. If a child feels overwhelmed by what they've heard or seen, provide clear and honest explanations of what is happening. It is ok to talk about scary subjects and it is ok to not have all the answers too. You can try reading or watching child-friendly news sources together.
- Let your children know **they are safe**. The best way to communicate safety is by talking about worrying news with open, confident, clear and truthful facts. Go through all the reasons that mean they are in a safe place rather than well-meaningly dismissing their feelings by telling them everything is fine. Reassure them that you will look after them and do your best to keep them safe.
- Find the **right time to talk**, and leave space for questions. Children tend to repeat themselves when they are feeling uncertain or worried. They may need to ask the same question a number of times until they feel more reassured.
- Remind children that there is much more **good news** than bad news happening. And that there are many more good people than bad people in the world. [The Happy Newspaper](#) is a brilliant online newspaper for children and young people celebrating too the good world news!

**Some helpful sites for parents and carers include:**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world> with specific advice pages on navigating a changing world

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/talk-to-child-news/>

Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

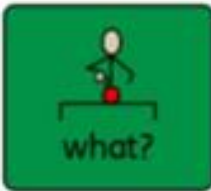
★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
(safeguarding - wh questions)

This week's champions are:

★ Kai & Sophie – 8A ★



# Guildford Santa Fun Run Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024!

## Challengers






We are very excited to be bringing all the festive family fun to Stoke Park with Guildford Santa Fun Run in aid of Challengers and powered by Kelly's Storage, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December... and we would love to see you there! Bring along friends and family and choose between three brilliant routes – a 2.5km, 5km, or 5km canicross fun run! This 'no pressure' event is perfect for families to take part in together, or regular runners that are looking to get in the festive spirit. As Kelly's Storage is kindly covering all the costs of this event, every penny from this amazing day will go straight to Challengers, meaning 100% of all donations, including your entry fee, will provide fun, play and smiles at Challengers! For more information or to sign up, [please see our website!](#)

In aid of **Challengers**

## Guildford Santa Fun Run

Sunday 8th December 2024

Stoke Park, Guildford

-  Festive fun for all the family
-  2.5k & 5k routes available
-  5k Canicross race, dogs welcome!
-  Support an amazing local charity
-  Prizes for best dressed



Sign up here!

[kellystorage.co.uk/santa-run](https://kellystorage.co.uk/santa-run)



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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.

