



## Gosden Strikes Gold!!!



Jon's blog

Yes, finally, it was announced that our Artsmark application "demonstrated an excellent commitment providing high quality arts provision embedded across Gosden's curriculum." Artsmark Gold is one of the most difficult awards to achieve and I must thank all the Creative Arts' Team for their persistence and dedication to achieving this award. Artsmark, in a Residential Special School, is, I believe, quite a unique achievement. When I spoke to the judge, who visited the school, she commented on how impressive our young people were and was so excited by what she saw that they are hoping to put our application on their website as an example of good practice. This was a whole school achievement, people always comment on the artwork, drama, dance and music that our young people follow and I feel very privileged to be Headteacher of such a creative school. We have always known it but now we have national recognition for our achievements.

I was thrilled with the outcome of our school picnic arranged by Gosden Children First last week. As usual, someone on high smiled on us as after a week of almost torrential rain, the sun shone on Gosden. I really must thank our Gosden Children First committee - they all deserve a Headteachers' award next time I see them!

A few children this week have taken Sats examinations - Key Stage 2 and I was very impressed with their diligence.

Today I am meeting with colleagues at the Special Schools Council to discuss the proposals for the new Gosden. Just to highlight, there will be a meeting for parents to consult in June

and it is absolutely essential we get a full turn out for that meeting so please put it in your diaries.

And lastly, this afternoon everyone in the school will take place in Big Dance Day as we dance our way into the week-end. Let's hope the sun shines again!

Best wishes



Jon David



**Sophie and Courtney have been shortlisted!!!! Sophie and Courtney need your support - please vote!**

We are delighted that Sophie and Courtney have been shortlisted for Surrey Schools have Talent. You can view their entry by following this link: *(hover on blue sentence and then control and left click)* [View the secondary school shortlisted video entries and vote](#)

**Our entries are the last two listed - Sophie Smith and Courtney Chedd**

Vote for your favourite by emailing [schoolgames@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolgames@surreycc.gov.uk) by midnight on Sunday 27 May. You can only vote once and only one vote counts per email. Please provide your name, age and details of the act you are voting for. Please ask everyone you know to VOTE!!

The overall winner will receive professional mentoring leading up to a performance that will make history at Stoke Park on the 20 July as part of the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations.

**PLEASE VOTE!!!!!!!**



### School Summer Dresses

We currently have a very good supply of second hand school summer dresses - available in most sizes at £1 each. Please contact Debby for more information.



### Drama at Gosden!

Year 11 thrilled us all on Tuesday afternoon when they showcased their amazing exam-piece production for the school to see. Everyone couldn't stop talking about how good they all were!

## Football at Woking Football Club



The Annual Special Schools Football Tournament began on Gosden's pitch more than 10 years ago. Hundreds of Year 5 and 6 players from all over Surrey have taken part since then.

The Tournament grew and grew until Gosden could no longer accommodate it and Woking opened Kingfield Stadium's gates last year for the first time for special children from all over Surrey and their supporters.

This year we saw some great 5-a-side football from the 15 teams - the Woking professionals and support staff and the ever popular KC Cat (Woking's team mascot) who came along to cheer us on were astonished at the stalwart defence, dribbling skills, Messi-like goals and sheer determination shown by all the children.

Gosden House was represented by the largest number - fielding 4 teams of never-say-die players. We were all thrilled by the presentation which was made all the more special as Woking were displaying their own winning trophies for being promoted to the Conference National by winning the Conference South championship.

Every child was presented with their own trophy by the Woking Football Club Chairman and as Gosden House Team Captain, Archie Macdonald collected the large school trophy, which now sits proudly in the MAP Room next to all our other awards.

MANY thanks to all the parents who came to support and, in particular, to Debby (who came on her day off), Dominic, Patrick, Helen and Divi, who gave of their all, on and off the pitch and most particularly to Rena who organised most of the event and keeps football alive and kicking at Goz, (despite her unfortunate habit of supporting Chelsea ..... ) by an Arsenal Fan!

### Missing!!

Year 4 are missing a couple of school sweatshirts - please check your child has the correct one. Many thanks!

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## Residential Experience visit Sayers Croft

Jack, Archie, Matthew and Jamie had a great time climbing at Sayers Croft on Monday evening.

## Sponsored Walk

Year 11 would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity. They raised the fantastic sum of £1,009.00!



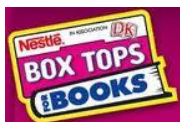
## Tesco vouchers

We are now collecting Tesco's vouchers for schools which help us to get free Sport's equipment.



## Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Vouchers. These vouchers are very valuable to us as they help us to buy Sport's equipment for the school. So please support us by bringing these in.



## Nestlé's Cereal Box Tops

This is a fantastic offer which helps us to buy books for school. Your support will be greatly appreciated!



## School Lunches

Please find attached a copy of the menu for next week's school lunch.

## Staff News



Well done to Julia Veryard who completed the three Peaks challenge recently! What a fantastic achievement.



Inspired by the 2012 Olympics, Phyllis Barnes and Jane St.Aubyn have entered the Cancer Research UK Race for Life at Stoke Park on 16th June 2012. They have been spotted by students and staff training around Gosden House School in the past few weeks. They would appreciate any donations for the cause. You can donate by logging on to one of the following fundraising pages:

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/pjbarnes>

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/janest-aubyn>

Thanks for your support!

### **Cranleigh Games**

The Cranleigh branch of the Rotary Club are organizing the Cranleigh Games which will be taking place between 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July. There will be something for everyone - games fayre and fun field games with chances to win prizes. To find out more go to:

[www.cranleighgames.com](http://www.cranleighgames.com) or phone 01483 272133



### **Gosden Children First BBQ**

WOW!!! What a fantastic afternoon.

Gosden Children First were really pleased with the turnout for the inaugural BBQ. 105 tickets were sold which was amazing for a first time event. The sun shone and children, parents and even grandparents alike seemed to enjoy themselves. We would like to thank everyone who came along and hope this is the start of an annual tradition which will hopefully go from strength to strength.

The children appeared to enjoy the Treasure Hunt in the Orchard for which they were rewarded with a bar of Dairy Milk Chocolate.

Special thanks go to Head Chef, Mark Brinkworth, together with his assistant Rob Buckton, for cooking all of the food – we are sure those of you who came will agree that they did a marvellous job.

Although this was more of a social than a fundraising event, we did, in fact, raise £247.10 – well done everyone.

### **Gosden Children First 50:50 Club**

As you may recall, Julie Walters won third prize in the first draw of the 50:50 Club held in March. Julie has kindly requested that the money be donated back to Gosden Children First and we would like to thank her for her kindness and generosity.

**Didn't get round to entering the 50:50 Club but wanted to – well it isn't too late!!**

You should hopefully have received an application form via your child's book bag today for entry into the final two draws of 2012. The cost is £8 per number. If you wish to participate, please complete the slip and return it to school together with your payment in an envelope headed 'Gosden Children First 50:50 Club'.

The next draw will take place at school on Thursday 5 July and not Friday 6 July as previously stated.

**Don't forget – You Have To Be In It For A Chance To Win It!!**

## Dates For The Diary

*Bold denotes an amendment or addition*

Afternoon Tea for Parents	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Half Term starts	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Half Term ends	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent's Consultation Evening with Local Authority	Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 4 Annual Reviews	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 8 Annual Reviews	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 6 Annual Reviews	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent's Consultation Evening with Local Authority	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 7 Annual Reviews	Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Class 3 Annual Review	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July
In-service (children not at school)	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July
In-service (children not at school)	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September
First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September
GCF Annual Quiz and Auction	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term starts	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term ends	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
In-Service	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November
GCF Christmas Fayre	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December