



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

7th October 2022

My name is Frankie, and to some of the children, I'm also known as the 'Animal Care Lady'. I was a student at Gosden House. After I left in 2012, I went to study Equine and Animal Management for five years at Merrist Wood College. I was very fortunate to be approached by Emily Mainwaring around five years ago to ask if I would be interested in teaching Animal Care as an exam option to KS4. Obviously I said YES, and I have never looked back!

Watching my Animal Care students thrive and excel during their year with me is so rewarding. Our animals are a fantastic resource to teach our students to learn empathy, kindness and respect, not just to animals, but to everyone. The animal unit itself has expanded over the years, and we are very fortunate to wonderful animals with friendly and quirky personalities.

Today I saw Robins class visiting the animals; it was wonderful to see how well-behaved and respectful they were around the animals, and how the animals in return responded to the them. It's those moments that remind me of why I love my job. I am extremely honoured to have the opportunity to give back to the school, as well as help guide and prepare our pupils in their journey into life outside of Gosden.

Frankie, the 'Animal Care Lady'

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for updates and useful information:

[Home Page](#) [Class Pages](#)



From left to right: the girls wondering why they are on Adam's trolley again for a photoshoot. The pigs – can you spot Willow and Poppy? The guinea pigs enjoying the warm Autumn day and finally, Matilda, loving his new dig box!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS THIS WEEK

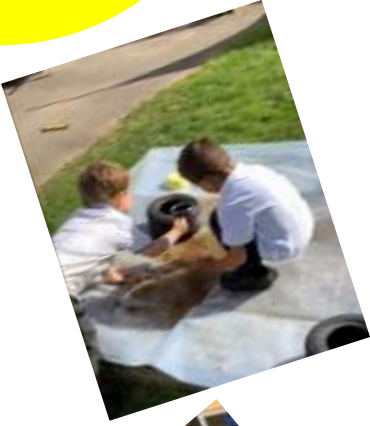
- Parent/Carer Drop-in Sessions with Dr Amber Taylor
- Riding for the Disabled Open Day – Saturday 22nd October
- Secondary Tuck Shop
- RagsToRiches4Schools Recycling Scheme – Thursday 20th October
- Gosden PTA Mufti Day – Christmas Hampers
- NESCOL College Open Events
- Administering Medicines at School
- Preparing for Adulthood Event – Brooklands College – Saturday 15th October
- Gosden 'Pudding' PTA Fundraiser

DATES FOR THE DIARY

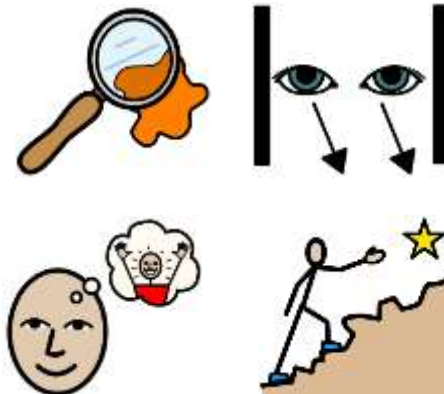
w/c 17th October	Learning Outdoors Focus Week
Thursday 20th October	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October	Half Term Half Term Smarties Challenge
Monday 31st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 2nd November	Bugs for Books Virtual Book Fair
Wednesday 9th November	Parents Evening
w/c 14th November	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 16th November	INSET Day – Staff only
Thursday 8th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Sunday 4th December	Christmas Fair, 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 14th December	Primary Christmas Production
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December	Father Christmas visiting Last day of Autumn Term, 1.30pm

ROBINS

It has been easy to forget that the Robins are only in their first half-term at school. They have taken to their new routine like ducks to water; forming relationships with their peers and even remembering each other's names!



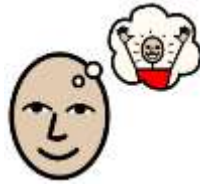
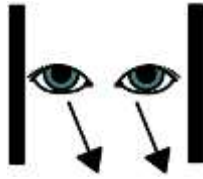
This half term, our topic is Once Upon a Time, with a particular focus on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This has been the inspiration for much of our learning, as we have been 'Challenging' ourselves in the Bear Run, being 'Creative' when building a chair fit for a bear, 'Noticing' the objects that were big, medium or small, and 'Exploring' our book and making our very own story map!



The Robin Class Team are so excited to see all of the fantastic things that the Robins will get up to as our learning journey continues, and we are so proud that they have all got off to such a brilliant start.

BADGERS

We can't believe that we are almost six weeks into the new school term! Badger class have settled in really well and have enjoyed getting to know each other better and making friends with our new class mates.



Our topic this term is 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'. This week, Badger Class and Foxes visited Guildford Castle and enjoyed seeing the castle features that we have been learning about in our lessons; noticing battlements, arrow slits and the moat that the castle is built upon. We were very fortunate to go inside the Keep and saw the jail, the kings bedroom and the toilet that opened onto the street outside. Yuk !

Alongside our topic, we have been reading the text of Zog about an accident prone dragon attending a training school. Badger Class have been very creative and had great fun learning acting out the text with puppets, peg dolls and props. It has been wonderful to hear the children using the repeated phrases and 'zig zagging through the blue' !

The class team are so proud of all of the Badgers, what a fantastic start to the academic year !



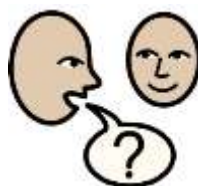
Our newly refurbished courtyard, an outdoor space opposite our classroom, was fitted out over the summer holidays, with a range of sensory, explorative and imaginative resources. We have particularly loved the Tool Station, stage, water and sand play and are also starting to use the area as a learning space for maths, literacy and topic work.



WOOD- PECKERS

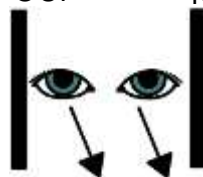
Woodpecker Class have had a wonderful start to the school year and have been really enthusiastic and keen to share their learning with their friends.

We have started clearing our class vegetable patch to prepare for autumn planting. Our Woodpeckers took the opportunity to check the health of the soil by looking for worms and adding compost to help the broad bean seeds they planted survive over winter.



We have been using our noticing skills for investigating patterns when number counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We explored which numbers change and which numbers stay the same. We took on the challenge of solving problems involving length and the children

In Literacy we have been reading 'The Story Machine'. This has inspired Woodpeckers to further investigate the machines around us at Gosden. First port of call was Adam, our site manager.



were able to demonstrate some excellent strategies and measuring skills as they made bridges across the raging river!



He explained how and why he used different machines and even gave us a demonstration to see some of them in use. Woodpeckers were fascinated and enthusiastically asked lots of questions.



YEAR 8

Year 8 were the first class assembly of the year. After the recent sad events of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Year 8 asked to do a celebration of her life for the assembly. During their ICT lessons they used their copy and paste skills to make a PowerPoint of pictures of the Queen throughout her lifetime. They then googled fun facts about the Queen.

FUN FACTS

About Queen Elizabeth II

- Her birthplace is now a fancy Cantonese restaurant
- She was the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence
- She owned an elephant, two giant turtles, a jaguar and a pair of sloths, they live in London Zoo
- She had over 30 Corgi's, all of them descendants from her very first one.

They used their Learning Together and Getting Ready learning muscles as they worked in pairs to find the pictures and as a whole class planned and prepared the assembly.



The assembly also included their own art work of the Queen's Corgi's.



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.

Year 7

Casper
Ellie May
Ruby
Madiha
Joshua
Kevin
Alfie
Elaina
Melissa
Louisa

Year 8

Harry
Lulu
Eloise
William
Micaela
Tia
Melissa

Year 9

Skye
Ryan
Alexie
JJ
Amr
Aicha
Lily-Rose
Charles





Blog

Work Experience for Year 11

30/01/23-10/02/23 inclusive

Slowly things are beginning to come together for our young people in Year 11 and I am really enjoying networking and exploring some new placements. We have a couple of new ones supporting us this year, one being Guildford Shakespeare Company!

Functional Skills Exam Weeks:

Monday 6th - Friday 17th March 2023

The Year 11 learners are currently working hard on their Functional Skills and they will be sitting their Maths and English exams in a two week period next year.

Monday 8th – Friday 19th May 2023

We will then have a two week “mop up” period where the learners can sit a different Maths or English paper if they didn't quite pass in March.

There will be lots of support around these exam weeks and much preparation in exam tips and techniques. This will enable our young people to have the best possible chance to achieve their level as reward for all their hard work throughout the year.

Year 11 Annual Reviews:

I am hoping I will see most of you either in person or on Teams at the upcoming KS4 Reviews. It is always so exciting hearing about the students' Aspirations and how and where they may see themselves in the future.

Careers Evening:

9th November 2022

A Great opportunity to talk to Lucy, our EHCP Co-ordinator, and myself with the support of HALOW, Future Choices, Guildford College and Nescot, around transition and next steps in Preparation for Adulthood.

If you have any worries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on 01483 89200 or by email s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Sandra Tidbury – Aspirations Adviser

Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 10th October 2022
(Theme: School)

This week's champions are:
Eloise & Tia (year 8)



 toilet	 Toilet
 wash hands	 Wash washing hands
 remember	

Speech & Language Therapy
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★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 3rd October 2022
(Theme: School)

This week's champions are:
Jessica and Lucy - Foxes Class



 learning	
 reading	
 writing	



Gosden House PTA Christmas Fair

Mufti Day 21st October

Hamper Donations

Robins Children's craft hamper - e.g. play dough, colouring books, pens and pencils.

Owls Biscuit hamper - e.g. any packets or boxes of biscuits.

Rabbits Men's hamper - e.g. men's toiletries, beer, and chocolate.

Badgers Children's craft hamper - e.g. play dough, colouring books, pens and pencils.

Foxes Chocolate hamper - e.g. any kinds of boxed or bars of chocolates.

Squirrels Ladies hamper - e.g. ladies toiletries, chocolate and wine.

Woodpeckers Traditional christmas hamper - e.g. jam, christmas pud and chocolate.

Yr 7 Teenager hamper - e.g. colouring books, gel pens, annual and chocolate.

Yr 8 Haribo/sweet hamper - e.g. any packets of haribo or jelly sweets.

Yr 9 Biscuit hamper - e.g. any packets or boxes of biscuits.

Yr 10 Teenager hamper - e.g. colouring books, gel pens, annual and chocolate.

Gordy Savory hamper - e.g. bread sticks, crisps, pickle and crackers.

Yr 11 Chocolate hamper - e.g. any kinds of boxed or bars of chocolate.



Rags 2 Riches Reminder!

This year they are donating all the clothes collected to Ukraine. Please start saving any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, jewellery, accessories, belts and handbags, in good condition. Once you receive your bag, fill it up and return it to school, on your transport on the morning of 20th October. You can use extra black bin bags if you need to.



Christmas Pudding ordering is open. We have teamed up with Lillipuds again to offer scrumptiously light and fruity Christmas puddings. There is also a wonderful selection of sponge puddings including lemon, chocolate, toffee and ginger. To ensure delivery for Christmas please order ASAP following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zuk5BjzYMs>



If anyone knows of a small business that would like to come along to the Christmas Fair on the 4th Dec from 2pm - 4pm please email gosdenpta@outlook.com

**We have a busy term with PTA Events.
Make a note of the dates below!**

Thursday 20th October – Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection
Half Term Smarties Challenge

Friday 21st October – Mufti Day – Christmas Hamper Donations

Wednesday 2nd November – Bugs for Books virtual Book Fair

Sunday 4th December – Christmas Fair, 2pm – 4pm

School Lottery

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gosden-house-school>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Hello, I'm Jane Cowles, Gosden's new Pastoral Assistant supporting the work of Annie, Home/School Link Worker and expanding the Pastoral Team😊. Many of you may already know me, as I have been a Teaching Assistant here for the last 8 years.

My new role is to provide support for children and their families with worries outside the classroom and to work closely with Annie and the Teachers across the school. We are aware that for lots of reasons, there are many challenges to families currently. If you have any concerns or need support, please feel free to phone the school and ask for me, or contact me on my email address: jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk. I work from Monday to Wednesday.

Annie is in school Tuesday to Friday (anniewelch@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) and we can both be reached via pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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>

<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.

