



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

11th November 2022

Remember, Remember the amazingness of November

It may have been wet and miserable outside recently, but the school has been filled with the joy of the beginning of the month.

The excitement of bonfire night, learning about Guy Fawkes and how to be safe around fireworks. There are some excellent posters up around the school that some of the children made giving valuable and informative safety advice.

Year 10 & 11 have been busy making poppies in their DT lessons to sell to staff who have all been wearing them with pride. The money raised goes to the poppy Appeal fund, who support veterans in life after services no matter their age.

We hope when you visited the school for parents evening this week, you spotted some of the amazing remembrance window displays around the school, as well as enjoying the work our fantastic children have done displayed throughout the school walls.

On this Remembrance Day, let us remember all those brave men, women and animals who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Helen

Helen Coyte, Year 8 Class Teacher

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

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Gosden PTA Christmas Fair – pre-booking of Santa slots

- Reminder of INSET day – Wednesday 16th November
 - Safe Together Practice
 - Head Lice
- Odd Sock Day – Monday 14th November
- Family Festive Fun Day Guildford Town Centre on Sunday 20th November
 - Year 8 – WW2 Workshop
 - How to order school lunches
 - Second Hand Uniform

DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 14th November	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 16th November	INSET Day – Staff only
Sunday 4th December	Christmas Fair, 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 8th December	Panto
Wednesday 14th December	Primary Christmas Production
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December	Father Christmas visiting Last day of Autumn Term, 1.30pm

Second Hand Uniform

Do you have spare uniform at home?
If so, please send it in to school for the attention of Jo McGee, clean and ready to be rehomed.

We will have a second hand uniform stall at parents evening and at the Christmas Fair.

You will be able to collect uniform as a donation from the school or for a donation to the school.

If you are unable to be in school and need uniform, you can email your class teacher or Jo McGee to see if we have available what you are looking for.

jmcgee@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk or
pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Coats

As winter draws in and it starts to get colder, we would also like to collect coats for adults or children. If you have any coats that you no longer need or want, please do think about donating them to us. We will have a coat rail where you can drop off or take coats when you come in to school. You can also email to find out what is available.

pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk or
jmcgee@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 14th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Calling Out.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.

Monday
14TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 14th November...

If you have any questions please ask:



ORGANISER



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



PARTNER

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Blog

Take a look at these Open Events happening over the next couple of weeks.

Open Event - Merrist Wood College

Looking to start college in September 2023?

Merrist Wood College invites you to attend our upcoming Open Event, on Saturday 19 November.

Our college will be open for you to explore between 09:30 and 12:30pm

Open Event

Farnborough College of Technology

Wednesday 23rd November
4.00-7.30pm

Let's Celebrate!

This half term our topic in Owls is 'Let's Celebrate'. Each week we will be learning about a different kind of celebration. Last week we were learning about Halloween. We counted and decorated pumpkins wrote our own potion recipes and counted out ingredients to create our own potions.



This week we have been learning about bonfire night! We have been practising our pre-writing shapes in a range of media. Saying and writing the initial sounds in words to label the colours of our fireworks, creating our own art using a printing technique and learning about onomatopoeic sounds.

Next week we will be learning all about Diwali so look out for lots of light coming from Owls classroom!



It has been a great first half term in Fox Class, full of learning and fun!

We've just started a new Creative and Curious topic 'Frozen Planet' but over the past few weeks we've thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'. We've used lots of related story books during our Literacy lessons as inspiration including 'The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire' and 'The Dragon Who Came to School'. We planned, rehearsed and performed our own dragon shadow puppet shows. We used our Creative learning habit to make up some very imaginative stories.



We have made models of castles, as well as conducting different science experiments investigating the best materials for castle building. One of the highlights was a trip to Guildford Castle, where we were able to explore and learn about its history. At the end of this topic we thought about what we had learnt and then collected different resources to create something associated with it.



In topic Maths, we've enjoyed learning about 2 D and 3 D shapes. We've been shopping for shapes, created shape masterpieces, made shapes with different materials, as well as played lots of games that have helped us learn about shapes and their properties. We have just started the new maths topic 'Measurement of Length' and will be using our Challenge learning habit a lot!



There has been lots of fantastic learning happening in Year 7!



In Our World', we have continued our project on 'Movement and Migration'. Through our class reading book, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' we have explored the refugee crisis and what it means to be refugee. Year 7 have shown lots of maturity and empathy when discussing this topic. We have also started to look at the migration patterns of animals. Year 7 were set the challenge of researching the migration patterns of a specific animal. They demonstrated their 'Learning Together' and 'Getting Ready' Learning Muscle, as well as using their ICT Skills and Healthy Relationships.



In Art, we have finished our Identity Wall project.

Year 7 have worked incredibly hard with this project, demonstrating their 'Being Brave' and 'Keep Improving' Learning Muscles. We have some incredibly creative and expressive artists in Year 7 and we cannot wait to see how they undertake their next project!



Year 7 have continued to excel in their Secondary School Life and we are incredibly proud of them!

YEAR 10

Since returning from half term it definitely feels like Autumn! Although it's only November we are looking ahead to Christmas and have started planning our Christmas assembly, we have been practising some Christmas Makaton signs for part of this.

In our "Making the Most of Leisure Time" PSHE lessons we have been trying out lots of new activities. Last week we made pop-up cards and had to show lots of patience and working together. This week we have been learning to sew. We are all really proud of the new skills we are learning.



We also enlisted Year 11s help in DT this week to make some poppies for Remembrance Sunday. We have been selling these to staff and did a really good job of speaking politely to adults, as well as being organised by keeping a list of who had bought a poppy.

In PSHE we have been learning to "Work as Part of a Group", and have been coming up with some really great ideas for group projects. Team Friendship are planning to run some activities for the little ones and Team Harry Potter are planning to look after the school environment with a litter pick.





Earlier on this term, Gordy wrote to a number of garden centres asking for a donation towards the sensory garden they are creating outside the Lighthouse. Lee responded and invited the class to visit the garden centre in Clandon. Each child was able to choose a pack of flowers to bring back to school. They also got to enjoy a fairy cake and a drink at the café.



**A big thank you to
Lee, owner of Edwins
Garden Centre –
Woking and Clandon!**



KS3 TUCK SHOP

This term, KS3 have started running a Tuck Shop. Natalie's Maths class have been selling snacks each Thursday lunchtime to secondary students and staff. This gives them valuable money handling experience as well as experience with dealing with customers. Each student can buy one drink and one snack. The maximum cost for two items is 70p. If you would like your secondary child to visit the tuck shop, please can you send them in with some money each Thursday.



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
Ruby
Kevin
Madiha



Year 8
Tia
Lulu

Year 9
Zach
Lily-Rose
Ryan
Joanna
Amr
Alexie



Year 11
Chelsea



Gordy
Jack



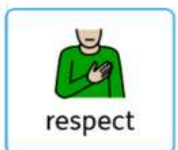
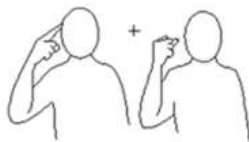
Signs of the week w/c 7th November 2022
(Theme: Bonfire Night)

This week's champions are:
Finley & Kai – Woodpeckers Class



Signs of the week w/c 14th November 2022
(Theme: Remembrance)

This week's champions are:
Imaan and Josh – Gordy Class



SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought it would be good to introduce ourselves as the school's Speech and Language Therapy team as some of you are new to the school. There have also been some changes to the team as Speech and Language Therapist Laura Nevin has left the school team.

The team is made up of Speech & Language Therapists: Rowena Sims, Zippy Harrison, and Ruth Binns and Speech & Language Therapy Assistant: Jenny Glaister.

Below is some important information about how the service works at Gosden House and what you can expect:

Universal Support – At Gosden House your child's speech, language and communication support is embedded into the curriculum and throughout the learning day to support all our students. For many children, this level of input is the right level for their particular age and development. A range of strategies are in place across school to further develop speech, language and communication needs. The Speech and Language Therapy team provide training to school staff as required and suggested by Senior Leadership. We also meet with each class teacher once a term to discuss any concerns and make suggestions of ways to support the children more effectively. We work in the classroom as much as possible in order to ensure that we can support pupils with accessing the curriculum and modelling strategies to teachers and staff to use on an ongoing basis.

We can find that on joining the school and as they progress, pupils' previous EHCP recommendations are no longer appropriate. Therefore, we may look to make changes in order to provide your child with the best communication support whilst they are at Gosden House. We will always discuss this with you and school staff before making any changes.

Class Groups - Each class will receive two blocks of class group sessions across the academic year. These will be a block of six weekly sessions. During these groups, the children complete a range of activities targeted towards the needs of children within the class.

Individual Sessions - Depending on your child's EHCP, they may attend some individual sessions with a member of the Speech and Language Therapy team.

Please contact us on salt@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns. We are also happy to provide ideas of ways that you can support your child's communication skills to progress. If you would like this, please contact us using the above email address.

Best wishes,

Rowena, Zippy, Ruth and Jenny.

Speech and Language Therapy Team



Gosden House School PTA Christmas Fair

**A special visit from
Kelly's Assisted Therapy Donkeys**

- Usborne Books
- Wax Melts Scents
- Jazzy Jars
- Bottle Tombola
- Raffle
- Chocolate Tombola
- Meet Santa
- Lucky Dip
- Refreshments
- Games
- Hair Feathers
- Personalised Gifts



**4th
DECEMBER
2PM - 4PM
GOSDEN HOUSE
SCHOOL**

Entertainment & lots more!

Raffle Reminder!

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets to school for the Christmas Fair, 1st prize is £100 cash.

AGM 8th December Everyone is welcome.

We will be holding our AGM via zoom on the 8th of December at 8pm. The following positions will be voted in:

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Secretary

If anyone is interested in applying for a position, please drop us an email gosdenpta@outlook.com. Members of the PTA will also be voted in, if there are any new parent's that would like to be voted in as members please do attend.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3418400223?pwd=dIFudVd4MlEMvRGIYRkM0OEJsQ01lQT09>



A huge thank you to everyone for taking part in our smarties challenge. We raised £280.45.

An extra well done to year 10 who raised the most money and will be awarded party food at the end of the month.

Thank you Janine for organising this

Muffi Day

Our last muffi day is **Friday 25th of November**. We are asking for donations for our Bottle & Chocolate tombola, any bottles of wine, soft drinks; bars or boxes of chocolates. Please ensure bottles are handed to your child's escort. Thank you so much to everyone for their support with our muffi days we really appreciate it.



Santa Pre booking slots are now open.

If you would like to secure a slot to visit Santa at our Christmas fair, please follow the link to fill out the form.

<https://forms.gle/rcq9Tuiy5KfGHR49>

Christmas Fair Reminder!

Sunday 4th December,
2pm – 4pm

First steps to understanding my child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)



FREE COURSE

This FREE Online three-week parenting course will be delivered in three 2 x hour sessions and will explain the terms and key features associated with a neurodivergent profile, we will consider how this might impact your child's behaviour and discuss how to approach health professionals and schools to ask for support.

Have you wondered if your child might be autistic or showing signs of ADHD?

Does your child suffer with Social Anxiety?

Does your child struggle at School?

Has your child developed distressed behaviors?

When?

Thursday 24/11/22 to 08/12/22

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Zoom Online

Click on [link](#) or QR code for more details



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

If you have any concerns or need support, please feel free to phone the school and ask for Annie Welch (Home School Link Worker) or Jane Cowles (Pastoral Assistant).

Annie is in school Tuesday to Friday and Jane, Monday to Wednesday.

They can be reached by email:

anniewelch@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk.

pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

You can also 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.

