



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

27th January 2023

Next week Year 11 are going out on work experience for two weeks. This is such an exciting time for them entering into the world of work.

Understandably, there are some nerves, but on the whole everyone is looking forward to it. Indi in the office interviewed one of the Year 11 students to find out how she was feeling and where she was going...

Elle is off to the Hideaway cafe in Guildford and will be getting there in her class teacher's car - Sophia Phillips. Elle went to visit the cafe to find out more about her two weeks work experience and what might be expected of her. She hasn't worked in a cafe before but does have experience of customer service - which as we all know is very important. It's a welcoming small space with really friendly people and great food! There is no set uniform but she has been asked to wear comfortable black clothes and trainers - perfect!

Elle is passionate about communication and knows how important it is. Confidence is something that she really wants to improve on and this will come with the more experience she gets. The final question we asked Elle was what she thinks the staff at the Hideaway Cafe will expect of her - **to be myself, confident and smile!** Good luck Elle and all the Year 11 work experience students, we look forward to hearing all about your experiences when you come back!

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

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

RECENT PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

16th January – Haslemere Minor Injuries Unit

ParaSports Holiday Clubs and Activities

17th January – Surrey Choices

Cold Weather Clothing

Free Event at Brooklands Museum – February Half Term

24th January – PGL second instalment due 31/1/23

25th January – NEEDED – spare socks and joggers aged 8+

Letter re NEU Strikes

Change to School lunches 31/1/23 and 1/2/23

26th January – Reminder Year 9 Vaccinations

Gosden PTA Bingo Night

Work Experience on 1 February

Strike Day School Closure on 1.2.23

27th February – NSPCC Number Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 30th January – Friday 10th February | Year 11 Work Experience |
| Wednesday 1 February | Strike Day – School Closure |
| Monday 6th February | Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day |
| Monday 13th – Friday 17th February | Half Term |
| Wednesday 22nd February | Secondary Transition Meeting & Showround @ 1.15pm. for CURRENT Year 5 parents |
| Monday 27th February | Reading Focus Week |
| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day |
| Friday 17th March | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 31st March | End of Term, 1.30pm finish |

'People Who Help Us'.

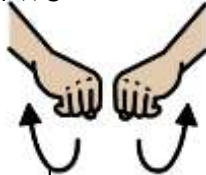
ROBINS

Robins have been 'Exploring' a range of occupations that people have, and what it is that they do for us. We have also been very lucky to meet some of the people who do these jobs!



Dentists

We looked closely at the things that we can do to take care of our teeth. The Robins were 'Challenged' with using some brushes to scrub all of the dirt off of some objects, and 'Kept Trying' when we worked to put our toothpaste on our toothbrushes completely independently. We also had some fantastic 'Explaining', as we tried to sequence some instructions on how to brush our teeth.



Firefighters

We had a very special visitor – Simon the Firefighter! We had to think really carefully to 'Ask Questions' (such as "How does the nee-naw?" – brilliant!), and then 'Listened' to all of the answers. Simon was super kind, and even let us all have a closer look at his uniform. We were fascinated by his gloves, helmet, torch and his huge jacket!



Doctors and Nurses

We have had so much fun saying multisyllabic words, such as stethoscope, syringe and emergency, and Ginny helped us to get 'Creative' by learning a new song about the emergency services. We also had another special visitor – this time, it was Sam the Nurse! He showed us how the people at the hospital might listen to our breathing, how to make a sling, and even put Ciaran's arm in a plaster cast!

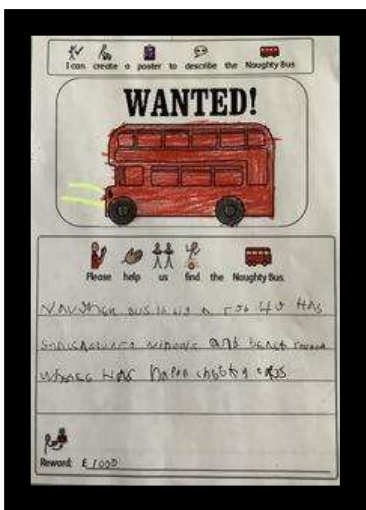


We would like to say an **ENORMOUS** 'thank you' to Simon and Sam for giving up their days off to come and inspire us – we are very grateful.

BADGERS

Badger Class have had a fantastic start to 2023, healthy, motivated to learn and full of enthusiasm for our new topic, **'Transport'**.

In Literacy, we have been looking at a fabulous picture book called 'The Naughty Bus,' about a rogue bus who gets up to mischief. Unfortunately, Gosden House also seems to have a very naughty bus who, overnight, has been making a mess in the Badger classroom! The children have been very motivated to write letters to Naughty Bus and remind him of our classroom rules. This week (after another incident), they have thought about words to describe the Naughty Bus to create wonderful, descriptive WANTED posters to share around school.



We enjoyed a visit to Brooklands Transport Museum to see the old cars, bikes and planes. We were pilots and passengers of the many different planes on display and pretended that we were flying to the Caribbean (it was -5C on the day of our visit!). We also loved the Bus Museum and got to ride aboard the Naughty Bus !!

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and using our problem solving skills. This week, we have recognised that addition is commutative (e.g. $3+4 = 7$ and $4+3 = 7$) and demonstrated this using a number of different resources, activities and writing Maths sentences.



Badgers Class learning to play a tune on the recorder



WOOD- PECKERS

It has been a great start to 2023 for Woodpecker Class.



The children have been developing their writing skills and are creating their own book to share with other classes. We have been learning how to develop a great character for our stories, an interesting setting and plot. We are all looking forward to the finished product.



PSHE

Dealing with challenges and working together with our friends has been a focus of our PSHE. We have been completing regular partner challenges and exploring how we can be a good friend. The children were set a variety of tricky challenges to try to complete and improve on. They found that having support and encouragement from their friends really helped and sharing ideas enabled them to make improvements and get even better.



The children have been working together with their friends and developing their Maths skills when making their own dice games; including a giant snakes and ladders game for the whole class to play together. They were very creative with their ideas and were able to show their problem solving skills as they worked out how to create, set up and play their games.



Africa!

We have started learning about Africa and have found out some of the different animals that live there. We created our own elephants and giraffes using a variety of beautiful rainbow colours to make them really, unique. We agreed that they may look beautiful but their natural colours or camouflage are much better!



YEAR 7

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

We have been incredibly lucky to be working with Amy from the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and have had lots of fantastic drama sessions both at school and at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. All of this work will be put towards our Discovery Arts Award. We are having so much fun!



Everyone has been stretching their Learning Muscles!

We have been taken out of our comfort zones and performed in front of people.

We have been working in groups to create performances and have been supporting each other.

We have been improving our drama skills to create fantastic performances.

We have been continuing to build on our independence skills by identifying and collecting our own resources



GORDY OUT & ABOUT



Building Life Skills

This week Gordy students went to WH Smith's in Godalming to each buy a card. They will write these next week and post them – keep your eyes out for them!

There were many things to think about and do: paying for the parking, choosing and paying for the cards using cash, and looking at the sweet counter!



COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Just a reminder, if you have a young person who is thinking about college for a future pathway there are some open events coming Up.

Please note that for some of these you may need to have a look at the college website and register/book online

Guildford College

Wednesday 1st February 4.30-7.30pm

Merrist Wood College

Wednesday 22nd February 4.30-7.30pm

Brooklands College, Weybridge

Wednesday 1st March 4.30-7.30pm

Saturday 20th May 10.00-1.00pm

Nescot

Wednesday 8th February 4.30-7.30

Saturday 25th March 11.00-2.00pm

Wednesday 24th May 4.30-7.30pm

Sandra – Aspirations Adviser





Travel Choices
Learning to travel independently

Independent Living and Life Skills
Health and Wellbeing
Friends Relationships and Community
Employment, Volunteering and Vocational Learning

Surrey Choices
Every Life, Every Choice

www.surreychoices.com

Surrey Choices, in partnership with Surrey County Council, support children and young people to travel independently and safely from home to a place of education through Travel Choices.

Travel Choices will support you to gain independence to travel to further college.

Surrey Choices will work with you, and your family or carers, to create a Plan of Travel that supports you to travel independently. We will work with you at every stage of your plan to find the best way for you to travel which could include:

- Getting a bus
- Walking
- Hailing a train
- Cycling

Travel Choices is for anyone who receives transport assistance from Surrey County Council to get to school or college. We can help you learn to travel on your own or with a friend.

Independent travel is a valuable life skill as well as an essential employment skill. It provides greater opportunities for you by increasing confidence in your abilities and reducing your dependence on family members. Some of the benefits include:

- Preparing you for adulthood
- Improving your confidence
- Increasing your independence
- Helping towards you feeling and keeping a job
- Improving your health and wellbeing
- Teaching you problem solving skills
- Giving you new opportunities
- Helping you feel safe while travelling
- Enabling you to meet your friends, access college and courses and your community
- Helping you to do your bit for the environment

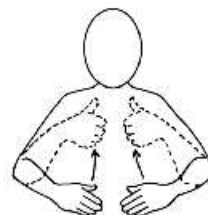
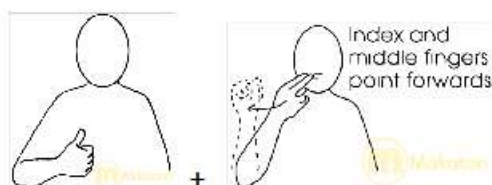
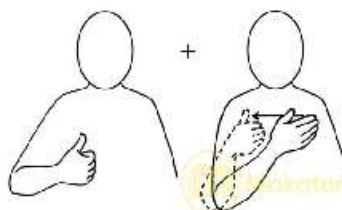
If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved in Travel Choices then visit www.surreychoices.com, You can contact us by emailing info@surreychoices.com or calling 01483 800800.

Surrey Choices, Liphrogh Avenue, Liphrogh, Wokingham, Wokingham, Surrey, GU11 1AB

Makaton Champions

Signs of the week w/c 30/1/2023

Theme: greetings



Bingo Night Saturday 25th March, 8pm

Adults only, 8pm - 10pm
Please book using the form by clicking the link below.
<https://forms.office.com/r/zuaEHXhuNc>

FINAL REMINDER Valentines Gift Bags



**All orders to be placed
using the form link
below by 3rd February.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/wHyRK0h2Bh>

We are selling small gift bags for Valentines, Mums, Dads, Carers, or simply just because. Each bag contains valentines themed items and small heart chocolates which may have been made in a factory containing nuts.

Gift bags will be delivered to school on the 10th February to be sent home with your child and they cost £2.00 per bag.

CLASSLIST

The PTA are on class list, to keep up with our news why not sign up and join your child's class.

To download Classlist on your computer

- . Visit <https://www.classlist.com/>
- . Select Find Your School
- . Type in Gosden House School
- . Then Create an Account

Or Download via the App store on your mobile.

Easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising when shopping online.

Over 7000 brands, including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Gosden House School PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything.

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you are ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

**You spend, brands donate to Gosden House
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BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY
25TH MARCH
8PM - 10PM

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN SNACKS & DRINKS

**£5 PER PERSON
ADULTS ONLY**

**GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!**

Cost of Living Crisis

Are you struggling financially? If so, you are not alone! Many families are finding it hard to cope with day to day living costs.

The Pastoral Team are here to help.

Please get in touch.

pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Surrey Young Carers

"If you are a young person, and you help care for someone who has an illness, a disability, or is affected by mental ill-health or alcohol/substance misuse, we can help you. We support children from Year 1 upwards."

If this describes your child or Young Person and you think they would benefit from the support of Surrey Young Carers, please contact Jane or The Pastoral Team.

jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Surrey Police – <https://www.surrey.police.uk/pegasus>

Our Pegasus scheme is for people who find it hard to communicate with us – we keep your pre-registered information safe on our computer and we can access it quickly if you call us. You don't need to repeat all your details.

<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.

For any concerns or support please phone the school to speak to Annie Welch, Home School Link Worker.

Annie is in Tuesday to Friday.

Tel: 07864 721931

anniewelch@gosdenh-house.surrey.sch.uk

You can also call Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant, at school on 01483 892008.

Jane is in Monday to Wednesday.

jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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

**This Workshop is run by a member of the
Gosden Team.**



Running here at Gosden House over the February half term, a brand new performing arts school brings "Encanto" Theatre workshop. Open to all SEN and Mainstream children. Please get in contact for more information.