



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

I have just had a meeting with a number of deputy heads, several of whom appeared on screen as vegetables, pets and celestial beings. Book Week has become more and more interesting, and it's nice to see that it has extended beyond schools into other aspects of society.

As you know, we are mad about reading at Gosden, bankrolled by our PTA and other supporters. You will now be receiving a termly book to add to your library – thank you!

Why do I think books are so important for children and young people who find reading so difficult? Because stories open the world to us. Language helps brains to develop and regulate, and connects synapses to make us cleverer. Time sitting with an adult sharing a book is the best connection a child can have.

So please go to the library and keep reading – for pleasure. It does the world of good, I promise.



*Ms DeVille*

Ms DeVille, lover of books and dogs.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for updates and useful information:  
[Home Page](#) [Class Pages](#)



# NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

## RECENT PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

- 20<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultations on 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- 20<sup>th</sup> February- Club 4 Evouchers Easter Holidays
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Waverley Borough Council Free Sporting Activities
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 8
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Head Lice
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Mindworks Surrey Wellbeing Festival
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Gosden PTA – Books for Home
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Changes to Phonics and Reading
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Food Fund Donations
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Strike Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Save the Date Year 6 Staycation
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Lunch Menu Choices
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – PGL – 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 11 Strike Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – PTA Virtual Balloon Race 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Action needed – Swimming on 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Staycation Information Meeting via Teams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Letter re KS4 trip by train
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Letter re Year 10 Visit to Café
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Letter re KS4 Bowling
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Letter re Scarlet Fever and Norovirus

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term, 1.30pm finish

# WORLD BOOK DAY



It has been a very exciting week at Gosden House this week, Book Week!

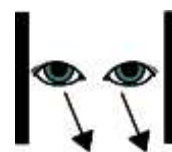
# OWLS

The story we focused on was 'There is an Alien in your Book'. We read the story, made up actions, created a class story map and learned to retell the story ourselves. Everyone was able to retell the story using actions, words and acting.

In the afternoon after our whole school World Book Day fashion show, a special announcement came up on the screen – it was a breaking news report from Owls class about the spaceship that had crash-landed in the school. The children loved showing everyone their learning, almost as much as everyone else enjoyed watching it. They all felt very proud



We had some serious investigating to do later on in the week when we heard an almighty CRASH! We went to investigate and found that a spaceship had crash-landed!! We found clues such as, broken bits of spaceship, alien goo, noises of aliens and crashes and even some tools. Later on, we made our classroom into a newsroom and used our best reporter skills and told the whole school about it!



# FOXES

We are very excited to be starting our new topic 'Rainforests' in Fox Class.

This week, we began by looking at the reasons rainforests are located close to the equator and drew upon our prior knowledge of the water cycle to help our understanding.



We have been using our senses to describe rainforests with interesting adjectives. We particularly enjoyed using our sense of smell and taste to investigate fruits that grow in these areas. We used our learning habit 'challenge' as some of the tastes were very unusual!

In Numeracy, we demonstrated amazing problem solving skills and focus whilst exploring fractions, as well as learning about the measurement of time. We are looking forward to investigating the measurement of weight over the coming weeks.



Fox Class celebrated Shrove Tuesday by learning to recite a poem about pancakes and making some of our own which were extremely delicious!



As part of our Literacy learning we also explored Gosden's grounds looking for the Family Tree from the story Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. We eventually found it in the Gosden pig sty! We then drew our own maps for Stick Man to find his way home.



# YEAR 7

There has been lots of fantastic learning and stretching of our Learning Muscles in Year 7!

## Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

We have finished our work with Amy from the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, our learners have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Amy and we are looking forward to handing out their Discovery Arts Awards soon!



A group of Year 7 learners represented Gosden superbly as tour guides for prospective Year 5 parents who were looking at our Secondary Department. They used all of their Learning Muscles and demonstrated their Life Skills, Healthy Relationships and Sense of Belonging toolkits! Everyone in the Year 7 team was incredibly proud as were Emily and Cindy, so much so that Cindy awarded them each a Head teacher's Award!



Year 7 have had an amazing time during Book Week! We kicked off the week with Harry Potter day! We had a potions lesson with our very own potions master Professor Wilson, the magnificent Professor Holly taught us to create our own wands and spells in Charms and Professor Hayley our expert in magical creatures helped us with creating our own fantastic beasts! We created our own Harry Potter snacks and had a feast at the end of the day, as well as having our own inter-house Quidditch competition!

World Book Day arrived and what fantastic costumes Year 7 adorned! We took part in lots of fun activities; a puppy trail, creating our own sock puppies and creating a trap for Cruella herself! We strutted our stuff at the Fashion Show and we all looked fabulous!



# YEAR 10

This week was reading week at Gosden! We are big Harry Potter fans in Year 10 and have been doing lots of Potter-themed activities. On Monday we all got sorted into our Hogwarts Houses before creating some bookmarks to encourage us to do our daily reading.



We were lucky enough to visit Foxes class to read to them, which we really enjoyed. We did lots of 'Learning Together' by choosing books that our reading partners would enjoy. It was lovely to see everyone reading so carefully and confidently.



Tuesday was our World Book Day and we used our Learning Muscle of 'Being Brave' to take part in the school fashion show. There was lots of great dancing and encouraging each other and some brilliant costumes including characters from Encanto, Matilda and Robin (as in Batman and...).



We carried on our theme later in the week by taking part in some Harry Potter yoga. This helped with our 'Keeping Healthy' toolbox, and as we have been doing yoga for a number of weeks now we are seeing lots of improvements.

## 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 10**  
Harry S  
Harry E

**Year 9**  
Skye  
Amr (2)  
Zachary  
Lexie

**Year 8**  
Melissa

**Year 7**  
Kevin (2)  
Casper  
Louisa  
Alfie






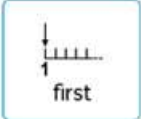



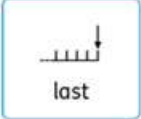

**Speech & Language Therapy  
Team**

**☆ Makaton Champions ☆**

Signs of the week w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
(Theme: sequencing)

This week's champions are:  
**☆ Jack & Jordan – Gordy Class ☆**



 <p>first</p>	
 <p>next</p>	
 <p>last</p>	



## Virtual Balloon Race

Our popular virtual balloon race is back over the Easter Break, and we'd love for you to get involved! **"What is a virtual balloon race?"** I hear you ask. Well, essentially, it's an opportunity for you, your family and friends to get creative and competitive if you want too. For **only £3** you can personalise your own online hot air balloon, give it a name, and pitch it against other balloons in our Gosden House Virtual Balloon Race. You'll be able to see the balloons 'in flight' as the race happens and experience nail biting moments as the leader board changes.

We have some great prizes on offer for the top 3 balloons, as well as for the last place contender

So, head to <https://www.balloonrace.com/Gosdenpta> to design and name your balloon. Balloons will launch at noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and the race finishes at noon on Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April. We'll post regular updates on our Facebook page too throughout the race, so have fun and fly high!

**1<sup>st</sup> prize**

**Air Hop Trampoline Park tickets and a Sensory Bubble Tube**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize**

**A lovely Easter hamper**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize**

**Body Shop goodies**

**Last place prize - Yummy Easter chocolate**

**Save the date** for our Summer Fun Day for all the Family  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

[List of warm hubs in Surrey - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

### **Mental Wellbeing – Healthy Surrey**

If you want to improve your mental wellbeing, are feeling anxious or depressed, or life is too difficult right now, there is a range of free and confidential services to support you

<https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/mental-wellbeing>

### **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.

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<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](mailto: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.

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

# DONATIONS and THANK YOU'S



We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Mike Brundle who made this sign for the Gosden Allotment. It is displayed proudly on the wall as you enter the walled garden.

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.

