

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

31st March 2023

Hello, I am Ginny and I am the new Arts Co-ordinator, my job is to ensure the smooth running and efficiency of all the arts programmes within the school. I am a professional voice and dialect coach having worked with actors and dancers. I came here as a part time Learning Assistant to fit in with the school run but I liked it so much I stayed!

Here at Gosden, we are set on educating our children's whole being and that is why we think the arts are so important. They encourage a positive culture and climate within our school. Drama and the arts allow us to develop a safe space for our children to learn and experiment, allowing them to grow in confidence and learn how to think positively about themselves and their learning. Drama allows our children to connect new knowledge to personal experience and express what they have learned to their peer group and others. We have seen that it increases a child's confidence, concentration, motivation and teamwork.

The children engage in weekly music lessons with Jonny (musician, songwriter, producer), we have choir and band practice every week, where the children can learn a pop song or practise chords on the drums, bass guitar, keyboards and ukuleles working towards a completed piece of music. We regularly have Rocksteady Music visit us where the children can learn together in a rock band. **Stopgap Dance Company** are also frequent visitors to the school and our Arts Award pupils (Year 10 and 11) get to work with professional dancers on a devised piece that leads to a finished performance. We also have our resident artist, Trudy, who is always busy with the children, more recently putting together artwork with our Owl and Rabbit classes to display at Farncombe Station.

Virginia Tasker, Arts Co-ordinator

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

Home Page Class Pages









NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

RECENT PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

20th March – LinkAble – Youth Groups

21st March – Events at Merrist Wood

21st March – Summer Term Menu

22nd March – Reading Scheme

28th March – Headlice

28th March – PTA March Newsletter 28th March – School Council Easter Egg Raffle 28th March – Letter re HAF Evouchers for Easter Holidays 28th March – Guildford College Letter May 2023 30th March – IMPORTANT Letter re Medication and Year 11 Residential

> 30th March – Judo 30th March – Swimming in the Summer Term

Cranleigh Arts Centre



Artwork by Gosden children is being exhibited alongside local artist, Mary Hainline. Supported by the Arts Society Guildford this is an exhibition definitely worth visiting.

Cranleigh Arts Centre. It is open until 17th April, closed on Sundays.

School Council News

The school council arranged a fantastic fundraiser on Red Nose Day with so many exciting activities across the school. We raised £95.

This week we have been collecting for the Turkey Earthquake Appeal with an Easter Raffle. We have raised £76.

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 17 th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 28 th April	INSET DAY
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday (in lieu King's Coronation on Saturday 6 th May)
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Back to school
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer Term, 1.30pm finish

EGGS Factor

This week we had our very own EGGS Factor.

How can one school have so much talent? So many performers singing, dancing, telling jokes, performing gymnastics routines and so much more!

We even had special judges: Liz from Liverpool, A cowgirl from America and Bruno from Italy!
Charlotte the Fabulous and Wilson Wonderful.



ROBINS

This half-term, the Robins have been learning all about Dinosaurs! It has been a very interesting topic, and we have really enjoyed getting 'Creative' and messy. The Robins worked together to make some collaborative art work- a humungous Diplodocus decorated using paint dabbers!



We have been so impressed with the brilliant effort in Literacy from all of the Robins. They have been 'Exploring' some different sources of information and demonstrated some amazing 'Learning Together' when sharing the facts that they have discovered. They have created their very own Dinosaur fact files using the information they have learned, with some beautiful mark making and letter formation.









We are very proud of all of the Robins hard work and determination this term. particularly as they have 'Kept Trying' when working to build their independence and selfcare skills.









In Maths, we have seen lots of 'Problem Solving', where the Robins have been working on identifying and sequencing numerals. We have even been trying to find the missing numbers from a sequence (they may have been eaten by a T-rex!).



RABBITS

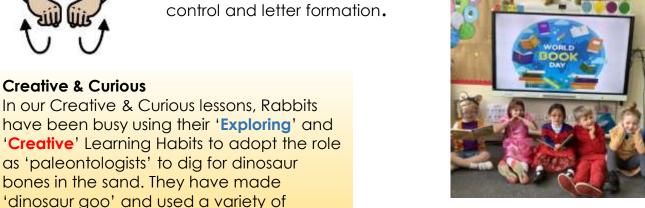
This half-term, Rabbits have been exploring the topic of 'Dinosaurs'.

Literacy

We have been learning about lots of different dinosaur names and have been very 'Creative', usina WOW words to describe what they look like. Our favourite dinosaurs in Rabbits have been the 'Stegosaurus' and 'Tyrannosaurs Rex'. Rabbits have also been busy using their 'Keep Trying' learning habit to practice their pencil control and letter formation.







Rabbits looked so wonderful in their World Book Day costumes!



dinosaurs!



different tools to make dinosaur skin prints in

'Learning Together' skills to explore frozen

Art. Rabbits also enjoyed using their





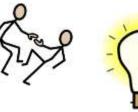




Numeracy

In Numeracy, Rabbits have been using their 'Noticing' and 'Keep Trying' Learning Habits to measure the length and height of dinosaurs using nonstandard units of measure. We have continued 'Exploring' numbers using 'one more' and 'one less' language and even made a dinosaur stew by adding the correct number of ingredients! Rabbits have also enjoyed making dinosaurs using a variety of different Page 5 shapes.





OUTDOOR LEARNING

This week Foxes Class were visited by Rob and Jill from Halow. Rob, a former pupil of Gosden gave an impactful talk on the importance of bees and pollination for the environment.

The class then went outside and made our own seed bombs with Rob. He taught us how to make them and explained what would happen to the seeds in the bomb.



The learners loved having a new face in the class and were very excited to throw their seed bombs in our walled garden.

We are hoping Jill and Rob will return to Gosden soon to teach us more about looking after our garden and taking care of our environment.





Bridget had a really inspiring Forest School session with some Primary children. They created their own A line using ropes and a hitch knot. Their shelter was waterproof and perfect for eating snack in. We made our own tent pegs by shaving wood with potato peelers. The peg tents were used to secure the tarpaulins.







SQUIRRELS

Squirrels class have taken on a lot of challenges in their learning this half term and we are very proud of all of them.

Well done Sauirrels!



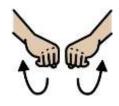
In Maths we carried on with subtraction. learning about "find the difference" and "how many more?" Squirrels class got really stuck in and used their Learning Together and **Explaining** 'Learning Habits' to develop their understanding. We have also done lots of counting the last few weeks! We have been working on careful counting, counting one object at a time, as well as skip counting in twos and tens. Everyone has taken on this challenge and used their **Keep Trying** Learning Habit.

In Literacy we read "The Ugly Five" by Julia Donaldson. This very funny book introduced us to some new African animals. We decided to find out more about these animals and researched them in groups using iPads. We created animal fact files in the style of a Top Trumps card. We even enjoyed showing off our fact files and reading out some of our facts in assembly!



This week we had **Eggs Factor and it** was lovely seeing so many of Squirrels class take to the stage to perform songs and dances with their friends.





This half term we also had our "Reading for Pleasure" Focus Week. We looked at Rachel Isadora's version of Hansel and Grettel and we had lots of fun acting our parts of the story and retelling it! We created art based on the story and enjoyed baking our own rock cakes. We also went and explored Bramley Library, enjoying books in anew setting and learning about what community libraries offer.





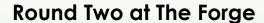




Year 10 have been donated 4 guinea pigs. They are currently living in the Lighthouse and came to meet Year 10 on Thursday.



YFAR 11



STORING RESIDENCE

The Creative Cookie Squad have spent the last five weeks working hard at The Forge in Shamley Green. They have taken part in a fantastic social enterprise project and learnt lots of new skills including: customer service, till skills and baking. They have grown in confidence throughout the project and represented the school to a high standard. As part of the project, the group sell their own cookies to the public and choose how they would like to spend the profit. This group have decided to improve the outdoor learning space at break and lunch times for KS4 and the money raised will be going towards some fabulous new equipment. The Creative Cookie squad raised a total of £320.

A huge thank you to The Forge and their hard work. Please have a look at their website to see all of the amazing work they have done with Gosden House over the academic year.

https://www.forgeonthegreen.co.uk/about-5







Mufti Day

As part of their community action coursework, some of the Year 11 students have chosen to support the local charity, Matrix. Their goal is to work with children and young people in the community to improve wellbeing and mental health so that they can live full, fun and confident lives. They offer a lifeline for vulnerable young people across Guildford.

The charity have also supported our young adults, by offering work experience opportunities, as well as an exciting Traineeship for one of our learners in the summer term.

The Year 11 students will be carrying out a variety of different activities in order to fundraise, starting with a mufti day!
This will take place on Wednesday 26th April. Please can students donate £1 in order to wear their own clothes. All proceeds will go to the charity.



YEAR 10 & 11 DAY OUT

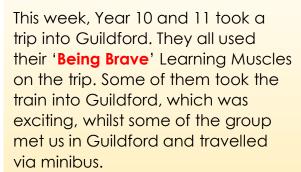


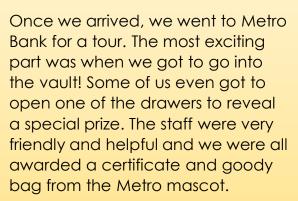






A Day Out





After a busy morning, we were all very hungry, so we went into the Friary to get our lunch. The group showed fantastic independence skills, as we ordered and collected our food without any adult help.

A brilliant day! The students were very responsible and a pleasure to take out.













We enjoyed a walk round
Broadwater Park but the
highlight of the visit was
stopping at the Waffle
Van. Everybody ordered what
they wanted and paid for the
items themselves. Hot
chocolate with marshmallows
and cream was by far the most
popular! Claire, Lindsay and I
were very proud of the students
as they were polite, waited their
turn and great ambassadors for
Gosden House.
Well done guys!





GORDY

This half term Gordy have finished filming their remake of the Wizard of Oz. There were lots of challenges to overcome, including learning lines, getting into character and learning how to use a camera effectively. We had to use several Learning Muscles, including **Being Brave** and **Keep Improving**. We are very proud of the final takes and hope to share the finished version soon.







In English we have enjoyed learning about some topics relating to everyday life. We particularly enjoyed learning words related to the hairdresser's. We had a great time when hairdresser Maria came to our class to demonstrate some hairdressing techniques. We all had the opportunity do some acting and role play, although some of the styles that we ended up with not to our liking.

In Science, our topic has been "animals and humans". We looked at things that all animals have in common, including eating, building a home and having young. We enjoyed looking at model chicken eggs to find out the correct order in which baby chicks grow and hatch.



GORDY

A big highlight of the term was World Book Week. There were some great costumes in the class – can you guess who everyone is?

We focused on Greek myths, reading the stories of Perseus and Medusa and the Labours of Hercules. We made our own Greek pots, learnt about the Ancient Olympics and even wrote our own Greek Myths.









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SECONDARY **TOOLKIT**

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.



SANDRA'S NEWS UPDATE

Thursday 22nd March was our latest Parent Consultation and I had invited a few colleagues along for parents/carers to chat to. It proved very successful, especially as many children had already had lots of amazing, positive feedback at their Annual Review meeting. It was lovely to catch up with an "old Gosden Graduate" - Katy Gidley, who is now a Halow representative.



We also welcomed Lou Glencross from Surrey Welfare Rights Trust, Caroline Fegan, the Work Experience co-ordinator and Ciara, a Sixth Form tutor from Carwarden House, Calvin and Tracy from the County Care Community Skills projects and Sophie Reynolds, the EHCP co-ordinator from Guildford College.

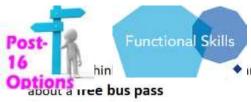
It is great to see so many people keen to support our young people and their families and I hope as we move forward I can build on our network







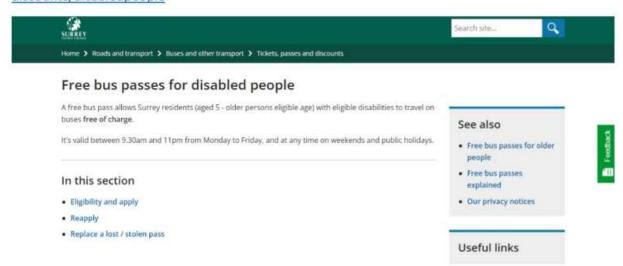
EDUCATIONAL HEALTH & CARE PLAN



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I contacted Surrey County Council to check how this can be done and they sent me a link.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/tickets-and-discounts/disabledpeople



I also have the link below that tells you about the 7 categories of eligibility:

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/tickets-and-discounts/7-categories-of-disability-to-be-eligible-for-a-bus-pass

SANDRA'S NEWS



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

Wednesday 26th April 4.30-7.30pm Guildford College

> **10th May 4.30-7.30pm** Merrist Wood College

Saturday 20th May 10.00-1.00pmBrooklands College, Weybridge

Saturday 17th June, 10.30am – 2.30pmFarnborough College of Technology Family Fun Day

Sandra's news



What's on?

Term-time groups

- . Monday: Without Walls, 6:30 8:30pm
- Tuesday: ASD Game Night, 6:30 8:30pm
- Friday: Stopgap Dance, 5:30 7:00pm
- Alternate Saturdays: Saturday Club & Link Up Saturday 10:30 - 4:30pm
- Sunday: ActAbles Academy, 10:00 11:00am

Holiday Schemes

Half-terms, Easter, Summer, Christmas.

Get in touch to find out more.

Find us at:

The Link, 2 Board School Road, Woking, GU21 5HE

01483 770037 www.tinkable.org.uk



All about LinkAble groups for teens with learning disabilities

Groups for individuals that do not require 1:1 support

Monday: Without Walls (6:30 - 8:30pm)

This friendly social group is for 16 - 24-year-olds who want fun expenences at our centre in Working and out in the community. Each morth has a planned programme of activities like movie nights, cooleng, crafts, meals out and bewing. Attending is a great way to make friends and join in activities that build and enhance essential living skills. The sessions costs 38 plus the activity cost.

Tuesday: ASD Game Night (6:30 - 8:30pm)

This relaxed group is for individuals with autism and ADHD aged 12 – 19 years old. The group enjoys activities such as group games, sports, board games, crafts and baking. Attending this group is a great way to make friends and enhance essential living and social skills. The sessions cost 68 plus the activity cost and they take place at our contre.

Friday: StopGap Dance (5:30pm - 7:00pm)

Simplights an integrated dance company that writes in ordationation with LinkAble to run dance sees onsevery friday evening in term time. The sessions incorporate sensory exploration and promote a balanced and acree lifestyle. Pacificipants learn simple dance moves together as a group and put on performances, twice is year. The session takes place at our centre and costs £10.

Saturday: Link Up Saturday (10:30am - 4:30pm)

These Securday sessions run twice a mouth and they are for individuals aged 12 - 19 years old. The sessions locus out fulfilling and develocing life skills, with participants working towards backges by complain quadrities and conflictings. Activities will include out 1 projects, life skills development, travel training, hobbies development, commonity activities and volunteering, supported social activities, cooking practice and exercise. These sessions run from our centre in Working and cost £30.

Sunday: ActAbles Academy (10:00am - 11:00am)

ActAbles Academy is a drama group for young people aged 11 - 18 years old. The sessions are run by drama professionals who had participants in learn basic performance skife in an inclusive and supported environment. It provides an opportunity for young people to gain an understanding of social situations with the ultimate aim of performing together in front of an audience. Actable Academy runs on a Sunday in form time from Loarn - 11am at our perfor in Wooling. The session obside 510.

Groups for individuals that require 1:1 or 2:1 support

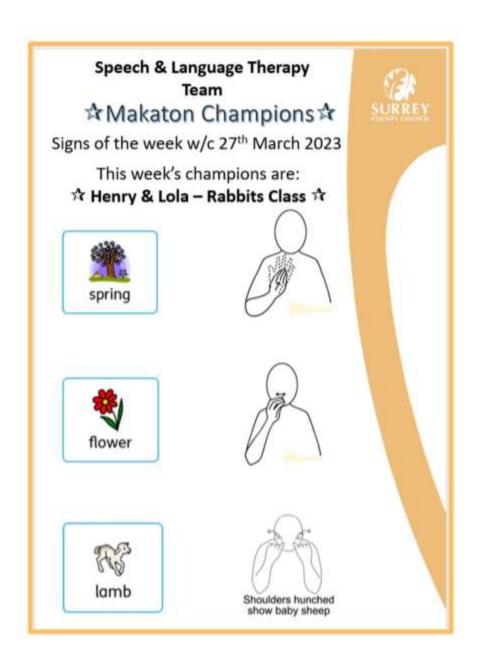
Saturday Club (10:30am • 4:30pm)

Saturday Cuth takes place two Saturdays coch month during in serth time. The sessions are suitable for children with learning disabilities aged between 12 and 19 years. A wide range of for and engaging solibities are on other over the course of a term, so there is something to soil everyone. Onsite activities include spending time in our ser sony room or soil play sizes, cooking, challs, science experiments and outdoor games that encourage socialisation and the development of new skills. Saturday Club is based in Woking and runs for six hours between 10:30am and 4:30cm. These sessions cost 228.

Holiday Schemes (9:30am - 4:00pm)

Our nulliday schemes are for young people aged 12 - 10 years oid. The schemes provide a wide variety of softwises to suff many different interests. Chalte young people can enjoy activities such as so ence days, baking, outdoor games and biscos. To ensure a wide range of experiences we use our as so ence days, baking, outdoor games and biscos. To ensure a wide range of experiences we use our sufficiency minimuses to run offsite rips in the local community. Offsite activities include visits to theme parks, transpoline parks, bowling and adventure playgrounds. LinkAple his day schemes operate in line with Surrey County Countil school holidays. We run schemes during every school holiday, including half terms. Sessions for our holiday schemes are 230 and take place in our control and our in the community.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM





REMINDER

Last chance to by tickets for the balloon race. Ticket sales end this weekend.

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 3rd April, and the race finishes at noon on Easter Monday 10th April. We'll post regular updates on our Facebook page too throughout the race, so have fun and fly high!

1st prize
Air Hop Trampoline Park tickets and a Sensory Bubble
Tube
2nd prize
A lovely Easter hamper
3rd prize
Body Shop goodies
Last place prize - Yummy Easter chocolate

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 9th May - Clothing Collection
If you have any spare clothes, please can you start saving them for our clothing collection.
Friday 16th June – Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
Sunday 2nd July – Summer Fun Day for all the Family.

We are always looking for new ideas, helpers and volunteers for our events if you would like to get involved or have any ideas of your own to share please do get in touch. email gosdenpta@outlook.com don't forget to follow us on @GosdenPTA

Thank you to
everyone who
continues to support
us. Have a lovely
Easter break!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Easter egg hunt at Dapdune Wharf

This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Dapdone Wharf on an Easter trail

BOOKING NOT NEEDED

Make your way along the trail and find nature-inspired activities for the whole family. The trail takes place between 7 and 10 April, from 11am to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm, so come along and explore the beautiful wharf at Dapdune in Guildford. Prices are £3 per trail which includes an Easter trail sheet, pencil, bunny ears and Rainforest Alliance Certified dairy or vegan and Free From* chocolate egg. *Suitable for people with milk, egg, gluten, peanut and tree nut allergies.

The trail includes den building, bunny hopping and archery and then you can get creative, making beautiful baskets to carry home your egg.

Merrist Wood Activity Days

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April:

Fleecy Frolics, lambing event

Saturday 20 May Wedding Fair

There are also Farm
Open Mornings (various
dates) and
opportunities to Meet
the Meerkats

Times

April 2023 Available times

7	11:00 - 17:00
8	11:00 - 17:00
9	11:00 - 17:00
10	11:00 - 17:00

Prices

Event ticket prices Ticket type

All for Easter trail

Contact info

River Wey

01483 561389 riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk

Easter Holiday Workshop run by Charlotte Willis, Learning Assistant at Gosden House.





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.

<u>pastoral@gosden-</u> 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 <u>List of warm hubs in Surrey</u>
<u>- Surrey County Council</u>
(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.healthysurre y.org.uk/mentalwellbeing

https://www.mindworkssurrey.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.

<u>jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk</u> pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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

DONATIONS and THANK YOU'S

A massive thank you to Emma Songhurst, one of our Learning Assistants at Gosden. Through her contacts, she has managed to get us some brand new kitchen cupboards for the common room in The Lighthouse. Along with the new cupboards and the money raised by our previous Year 11 group at The Forge, this learning space will be transformed for our KS4 students. Also, a big thank you to Adam and Brian, who will be working hard to get those cupboards fitted for us.

New Wheelbarrow!

Many thanks to Chris & Sherrie Duigan who have donated a fabulous new wheelbarrow. It's already been put to good use!



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.







What a treat!

Some of the parents/carers who attended the Parent Consultation recently had the opportunity to pick a sample out of the basket on the Pastoral table. Lush in Guildford kindly provided some Sleepy Body Lotion and Golden Egg Shower Gel so we could spoil you as you work so hard to support your children and their educational and other needs.