



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

5th May 2023

At Gosden House we pride ourselves on the creativity and breadth of the curriculum we offer. Outdoor Learning at Gosden is something we prioritise as we recognise the benefits for all of our learners.

Outdoor Learning is embedded throughout our whole school curriculum, providing children engaging opportunities to experience, encounter, enquire, exchange and express themselves. It nurtures the whole child. Taking learning outside of the classroom allows for more holistic teaching to take place. Children are given opportunities and experiences that cannot be replicated inside the confinement of a classroom.

Last term we took the decision to invest in a new Outdoor Learning Classroom in order to enhance the experience of our learners and to offer a classroom which is not constrained by four walls. Forest School sessions and weekly cross-curricular learning takes place under the wonderful canopy of our new classroom.

We would very much appreciate the support of parents, relatives, and the wider community in driving forwards our Outdoor Learning vision. If you feel you, or anyone you know would enjoy volunteering at Gosden or have any skills and interests in; woodwork, gardening, wildlife, forestry, bush craft, or just a passion for learning and being outside, please do get in touch.

We hope you see and hear about the benefits of our outdoor learning curriculum from your young person at home.

Thank you.

Bridget

Bridget Workman, Outdoor Learning Lead

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

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



RECENT PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

- April - Applying for School Transport for KST September 2023
- 20th April - Lions Funfest June 2023
- 21st April – Year 6 Staycation
- 25th April - Mental Health Survey for University of Surrey
- 26th April - Cultural Celebration Week
- 3rd May - Rags2Riches Recycling Scheme
- 4th May – Coronation Party
- 4th May – Headlice
- 4th May – HALOW – Building Futures
- 5th May – Gosden PTA – Coronation Bears
- 5th May –Reminder – School closed on Bank Holiday
Monday, 8th May

Applying for school transport – Parents/Carers of the following students must reapply for travel assistance for September 2023: All current year 6s and all current year 11s. Even if your year 6 student is staying at Gosden for their secondary placement you **MUST** reapply for travel assistance. Please ensure you apply for this as soon as possible as the requests are processed on a first come first served basis. These are the links to apply:

Year 6s: [Under 16 transport to school - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://surreycc.gov.uk)

Year 11s: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/transport/16-plus/travel-assistance-to-school-or-college-for-students-aged-16-25>

If you need support with this application please do let me know. Lucy Ellis lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (in lieu King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May)
w/c 22nd May	Cultural Diversity Focus Week
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Back to school
Friday 9th June	Sports Day and Secondary Prize Giving
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer Term, 1.30pm finish

CORONATION ACTIVITES



A cherry tree was planted to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles



Primary made some bunting for Bramley library



Special Coronation teddy bears arrived at Gosden yesterday. They popped out the front to see if they could find any decorations and even searched the big adventure and classrooms too looking for a King. The PTA hope the children enjoy their special teddy bears

OWLS

Owls Class have been learning about their new topic 'Let it Grow'. We have been learning the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', finding out what different plants need to grow and planting our own bean seeds.



We have been **Exploring** our outdoor learning environment a lot this half term. One afternoon the class worked together to build a ramp from one end of the outdoor area to the other, using trial and error, a range of materials and team work they found a way for their balls to travel across the playground



In Art, we have been learning about different textures inside and outside. We went for a sensory walk feeling and describing different materials.



We have been using our **Challenge** and **Working Together** Learning Habits excellently and have started to use our **Explaining** habit more and more.



FOXES

This half term Fox Class launched themselves into the new topic '**Food Glorious Food!**'. For our literacy lessons, we have been enjoying the classic Roald Dahl book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We read the book as a whole class taking turns to read aloud and then **Explored** the characters and their emotions.



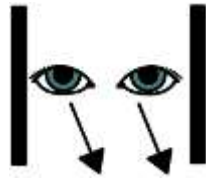
We have also been sharing different food poetry. Last week, we had a special spaghetti day. We listened to the poem 'Spaghetti! Spaghetti!' by Jack Prelutsky and then played with spaghetti whilst thinking about words that describe how it felt, looked, smelt and tasted.



We thought of some amazing adjectives and used our '**Learning Together** Learning Habit by writing them down on wiggly spaghetti lines. We worked together again to learn Jack Prelutsky's poem. After lots of practising, we performed the poem to Badger Class. We thought carefully about the volume of our voices and the importance of speaking clearly. Lots of children felt they had used their **Challenge** Learning Habit!



FOXES Continued..

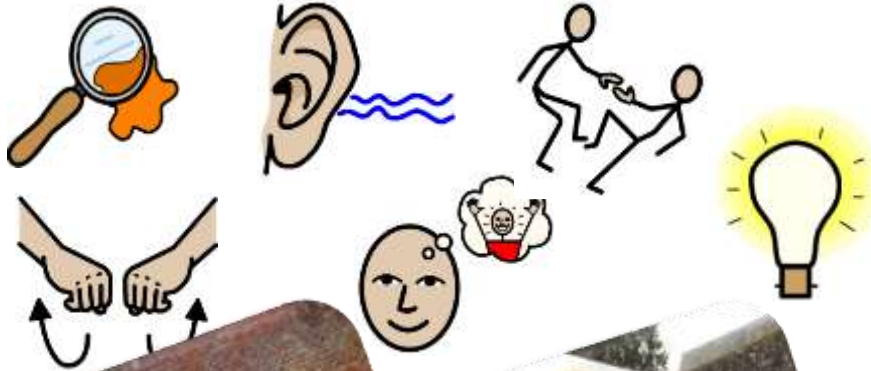


In Maths this term, we have started learning about money, investigating different coins and how much they are worth. We used our **Noticing** Learning Habit when we went on a coin scavenger hunt and when we played money bingo. We were able to recognise the different coins and notes as well as order them according to their value. We are looking forward to setting up a classroom shop and using different money calculations.

As part of our food topic, we had lots of fun making omelettes. We looked at our typical, daily breakfast and investigated where each ingredient originated from and how it is transported to our kitchen table. Food is also the theme for our singing session when we have been learning a food rap to perform in assembly.



GOSDEN HOUSE OUTDOOR LEARNING



SQUIRRELS & WOOD- PECKERS



Woodpeckers and Squirrels went on a walk to Box Hill. We found a magical enchanted tree that we had to go through to enter a wonderful land. It was so much fun and we made many new friends like Trixie the tree nymph.

We helped our new friends face their fears and open their minds to a magical world of story writing.



YEAR 7

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



We have been working incredibly hard to grow our own tomato plants. We have each grown our own plant from seed, named them and watered them regularly. We were very excited to plant them in our garden plot in the Gosden Allotment. We had to use our **Learning Together** and **Keep Improving** Learning Muscles to clear the bed of weeds, turn over the soil and prepare it for planting. We are very excited for our plants to fruit so we can use the tomatoes to create a meal!



We have started our new Our World project this term; The Georgians. Our key question is 'What would it have been like to live at Gosden House during the Georgian Period?' We started by looking at Gosden throughout the years and how it has changed. We used a range of historical sources such as photos and letters. Wilson took us on a historical tour around Gosden, we discovered that there use to be a Monkey room where a pet monkey was kept! We are very excited to learn more about the Georgians!



We are looking forward to another term of fantastic learning in Year 7, and hopefully the weather will be fantastic too!

YEAR 10

Year 10 have been out and about a lot recently on lots of trips. We have represented the school really well by being polite and respectful with members of the public. In PSHE we have been learning about how to use public transport safely and confidently. We decided we would get the bus to The Nest café in Bramley. We practised what we would say to the bus driver beforehand, including the importance of speaking clearly and being polite. Although some of us were quite nervous, we used our **'Being Brave'** Learning Muscles to overcome our fears – the promise of a sweet treat once we got there helped too! All of the adults were really impressed by how grown up Year 10 were in the café.



Another of our PSHE topics is all about making the most of our leisure time, and we were very excited to go bowling last week with Year 11. The adults were very impressed by how good Year 10 are at bowling, top scorers were Rebecca and Sofia who both got lots of strikes!

Some of us are getting ready to take some English and Maths exams in the next couple of weeks, so we have been working hard on the skills needed for these. We practised our speaking skills by sharing what we got up to in the Easter holidays. Some of our families had sent in some photos which we all really enjoyed seeing. Our conversation skills **'Keep Improving'** with practise and we are now getting really good at asking each other questions about what we have been up to.

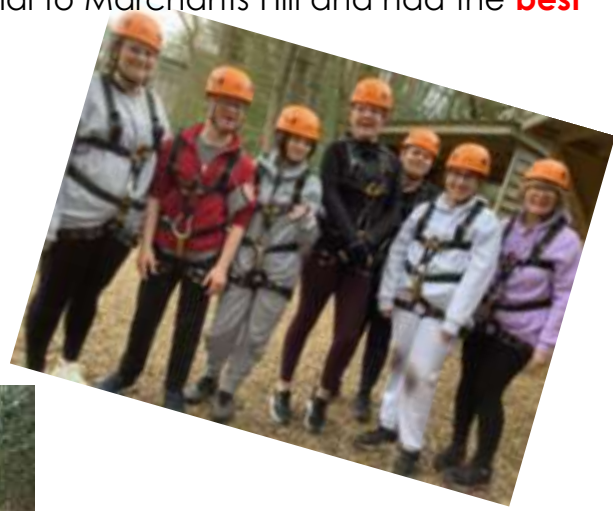


We are continuing to run our coffee shop on Thursday mornings, and are now so independent and confident with our cooking skills. So far this term we have been serving up lemon drizzle cake and chocolate chip muffins, as well as our usual array of hot drinks. Lots of life skills in action here!



YEAR 11 Residential

What an exciting and busy three days! At the beginning of term, Year 11 went on a residential to Marchants Hill and had the **best time!**



We were up at 6.30am every day and packed in the adventure, including abseiling, archery, fencing, the giant swing, buggy building and the zip wire. We showed fantastic team work and used all of our Learning Muscles to work together, try out new things and get ourselves ready.



The fun didn't stop after our day activities. We also kept busy in the evenings, with a balloon splash and a campfire, where we got to roast marshmallows, sing songs and share funny stories.



The food was brilliant! There was a wide selection for everybody and we all left with full tummies!



The learners were fantastic! The staff were so pleased with the level of maturity and independence they showed. We have made memories to treasure.



THE ARTS



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

'GOLD....always believe in your soul' ...It is ArtsMark Gold!

We are very proud to announce that Gosden House School has been awarded the Gold Artsmark Award. It is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. We are now part of a community that champions the arts and culture and are very excited to continue our ArtsMark journey supporting the health and wellbeing of our children!

Another 'Gold' moment for Gosden this week is that Year 7 have achieved their Explore Arts Award through working on a Pantomime Project with the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre!

We are very proud!

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 9
Ryan
Zach
JJ
Melissa
Skye
Lily-Rose

Year 7
Casper

Gordy
Charity

Year 11
Elle





KS4 will be sitting their Functional Skills Exams over the next 2 weeks, a new experience for the Year 10's so we wish them lots of luck!

I will be posting an update in the next few weeks on how some of our Year 11 students get on at Guildford College. Hopefully their anxieties around next steps will ease a little, especially as a few of our young people are actually going to start there in September.

There is an open event on the 10th May at MERRIST WOOD for anyone who is interested in their future pathway and would like to look around to see what courses are on offer.

Sandra Tidbury
Aspirations Advisor



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Events

Today

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This Week

This Weekend

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MAY

Merrist Wood College Summer Open Event

Wed, 11:00–16:00

Merrist Wood College, Worplesdon
Guildford



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MAY

Merrist Wood Farm Open Days

Sun, 10:00–12:00

Merrist Wood College, Worplesdon
Guildford



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MAY

Merrist Wood Animal Encounters Tour

Sun, 14:00–16:00

Merrist Wood College, Worplesdon
Guildford



There are also a couple of open events at **Brooklands College** coming up. One is an opportunity to look around at their amazing campus and the other is a chance to book in on a SEND and Transition Tour for any future pathways.

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May 20 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Open Event – Weybridge

Brooklands College - Weybridge Campus Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge, Surrey, United Kingdom

Open Events provide a good opportunity to come and visit our campus and see our fantastic facilities.

June 2023

TUE
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June 13 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

SEND and Transition Tours

Brooklands College - Weybridge Campus Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge, Surrey, United Kingdom

These tours happen regularly throughout the academic year and are specifically for Entry level /Level 1 students suitable for this curriculum area who are vulnerable and may have EHCPs or specific learning needs.

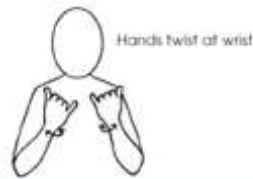
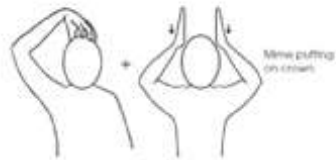
Speech & Language Therapy
Team

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week Coronation

This week's champions are:

☆ Louisa & Melissa – year 7 ☆
(camera man – Kevin - year 7)



Final Reminder

We have a clothing collection on **Tuesday 9th May**. Please send clothes to school in the bags provided or if you have extra black bags are good as well. All clothes are being donated to families in the Ukraine.



The PTA have bought every child a special coronation teddy bear, we hope you like them! They were delivered by a PTA member and a helper on Thursday evening, so the children had them on their desks for today and to bring home.

Please save the date for our Summer Fun Day on Sunday 2nd July 2pm - 4pm. The PTA are offering this event free to all Gosden children and their families.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 9th May - 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

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & FAMILY TO ENJOY THE FUN



RAFFLE

FREE

SUMMER FUN DAY

GAMES

PIMMS
STRAWBERRIES &
CREAM

JULY 2ND

2PM - 4PM

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL FIELD



BOUNCY
CASTLE



EMS FRIENDLY
FARM



FACE PAINTING

RAFFLE & PIMMS/STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
CHARGEABLE.
ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES FREE

The Occupational Therapy (OT) Team

Welcome from the Occupational Therapy (OT) Team.

Please get in touch if you would like advice on how to support your child with day to day living skills. We can provide advice and strategies for home or school to support development in areas like dressing, movement games, using tools like scissors or cutlery, toileting, handwriting and more!



SIOBHAN ESCARIO
Locum OT



PIPPA DAVIS
OT ASSISTANT



SARAH POPE
OT

Occupational Therapy Gosden Team details

Email us: OT@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Visit us: [Therapy room](#)
(beside the kitchen!)

At Gosden: [Weekly on a Monday](#)

Children and Families 'Support for All'

Parents, carers, school or nursery teams can access this service without an open referral via:

Link OT for the school:
(see details on the left)

OT Helpline: 01932 558570 (Tues & Thurs 2pm – 4pm)

Website:
www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

(For Families →
Occupational
Therapy (OT) →
Therapy resources →
Schools and Nurseries →
→ Resource Packs)

This FREE three-week parenting course will be delivered in 1.5 hour sessions and will explain how to manage sensory triggers, smell, textures and colours. With group discussions on the challenges of managing your child's motor skills.

- Manage sensory triggers in a cooking setting
- Discuss what utensils to use for motor skill challenges

Where:

Online via Zoom

When:

Wed 17th May 10:00-11:30 Parents only

Wed 24th May 4.00- 5.30 Parent and Child

Wed 31st May 10:00 -11:30 Parent and Child (Half Term)

To book click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code



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

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

Jane is in Monday to Wednesday.

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pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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

DONATIONS

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.

