



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

23rd June 2023

I am Charlotte, the e-Safety Coordinator at Gosden House School. Keeping our children and young people safe online and giving them the tools to have a healthy relationship with the internet is now more important than ever.

As parents and carers, the role you play in this is the most important. I understand this can be daunting and overwhelming in the face of so many technological advances, but I want to reassure you that e-safety is more about open communication between yourselves and your child than it is about technical knowledge. This means that you are probably already doing even more than you realised!

In each newsletter, I will share some recent e-safety news, a useful resource, a discussion point, an e-safety tip or story. I hope that this will help you to maintain a conversation with your child about e-safety and teach them the tools needed to have a positive relationship with the internet.

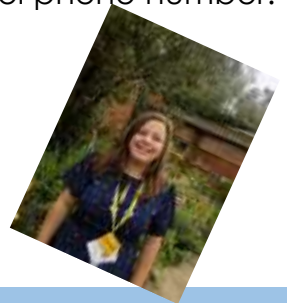
This fortnight's task is simple and can be found on the e-Safety page of this Newsletter.

If you would like to discuss anything to do with e-safety further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself via email or the school phone number. Email – calmond@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you,

Charlotte

Charlotte Almond, Owls Class Teacher & e-Safety Coordinator



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



What a wonderful evening! The sun was shining and the venue was perfect. Everyone looked fabulous in their beautiful dresses and very sharp suits.

After our two course meal, we spent the rest of the night in the photo booth and dancing the night away to the DJ. We didn't want to night to end. A big thank you to the parents and carers and to all of the staff at school who made the trip to welcome our wonderful learners when they arrived.



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CLASS OF 2023



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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](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/under-16-transport-to-school)
([surreycc.gov.uk](https://www.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

Wednesday 28th June	Class Moving Up Day
Thursday 29th June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly – open to all Year 11 parents
Friday 30th June	Year 11 final day
Tuesday 4th July at 5pm	Course and Exam Options Evening – current Year 9 and Year 10 pupils and parents
Wednesday 12th July	'Meet the teacher', Picnic, Gosfest
Friday 21st July 1.30pm	End of Term

OWLS

Owl class been full of gusto and excited to be learning about our new topic, 'Pets at Home'.

They have also been getting well and truly stuck in to our learning about Seasons as well. If you want to know how to stay safe in the sun, you only have to ask a member of Owl Class. They are busy giving children spare hats, checking that everyone (including the adults) are drinking enough water and praising the use of sun cream to everyone!



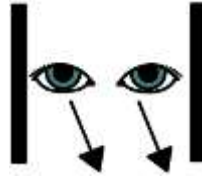
One of the most impressive, and incidentally one of the most popular areas of learning at the moment is Maths. We have been learning to find 'one more' and 'one less' using objects and using a number line. Owl class have been using their **'Challenge'** and **'Keep Trying'** Learning Habits so well as they tackle this new area of learning. They are also developing their **'Explaining'** skills so well at the moment as they say how they know something or why they have made a certain prediction – we are so proud of them all.



We have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts and writing our own non-fiction guide to pets as we focus on a different pet each week. We have enjoyed visiting the animals at Gosden, categorising them as a 'pet' or 'not a pet' and learning about how to care for them.

FOXES

Over the past 2 weeks we have been inspired by our new topic 'Our School'. We have been exploring Gosden's grounds, learning about the different habitats and investigating different plants and animals. We have also been using our map-reading skills to explore the local area. We agreed that we have used our 'Noticing' and 'Exploring' Learning Habits a lot!



In Maths, we have been focusing on 'Money' and the Learning Habit 'Problem Solving'. We were set different challenges that have helped us recognise coins, finding different ways of making the exact amount and adding different amounts together. We had lots of fun doing this with a class 'Flapjack Shop' and a Car showroom with carwash.



We have been learning about how to keep our teeth healthy. We were very brave and used disclosing tablets to show us where there was plaque on our teeth. This helped us to think about ways of looking after our teeth. We made some class posters to help remind us.

One of the highlights of last half term was the Cultural Celebration week. We learnt about countries that are special to members of our class team. We tried new foods, spoke different languages and made crafts associated with festivals and celebrations. We thoroughly enjoyed trying new things and we learnt a lot at the same time!



YEAR 7 REFLECTIONS

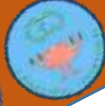
"I am proud of improving my art and using my imagination" *Ellie*



"I am proud of playing with my friends and the Arts Award" *Kevin*



"I am proud of ALL the things I have done this year like the identity wall" *Madiha*



"I am proud of the portrait I made of the class" *Melissa*



"I have made friends easily and was brave at sports day" *Owen*



"I am proud of ALL my finished toolkits" *Josh*



I am proud of improving my learning in English. I wrote a different version of Charlie and the chocolate factory" *Noah*



"I am proud of being a good friend and going up in reading" *Alfie*



"I am proud of my sculptures. It was tricky to stick them together". *Jack*



I am proud of baking cookies at Christmas by myself. *Elaina*



"I love Maths and am proud of getting better every lesson" *Louisa*



"I'm proud of being part of Year 7 and having fun with everyone. We've completed every single pom-pom prize" *Casper*



"I am proud of maturing and getting friends that believe in me" *Ruby*



YEAR 7



Sports Day – using all our Learning Muscles!



Visit from Phoenix

At the beginning of the Autumn term Year 7 took part in a project run by The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Our learners enjoyed designing costumes, researching set decoration and finding their voices in many improvised scenes. On Monday, Year 7 were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of Amy and Rhiannon who shared some great news – they had all passed their Arts Award Explore! A massive achievement as they now have a very important certificate to add to their list of EMPLOYABILITY skills.



During Cultural Week Year 7 developed their 'Getting Ready' Learning Muscle by taking part in a carousel to explore our chosen country INDIA. The carousel included; mindful colouring of elephants, spice Rangoli, Hama bead flags plus tiger and peacock fact files. They used their 'Learning Together' muscles by working collaboratively to make whole class pieces of work which were used as decoration in the hall.



Art Projects



YEAR 10

We have been on two brilliant trips recently, making the most of the lovely weather!

We have been developing our Life Skills, working with the 'Try a Train' scheme to develop our confidence and understanding of how to use public transport safely. We took part in a brilliant workshop run by Maddy. She gave us lots of information about how trains work, what all the different signs mean and we also had a go at route planning and reading timetables. She also brought in some signals, lights and high vis vests for us to try out!



A week later we put our new knowledge and skills into action. Maddy met us at Shalford station and we took the train to Redhill. Some of us were very nervous but we used our **Being Brave** Learning Muscles and once we were on the train we realised there was nothing to worry about! We played a fun game looking out for different things like signs, churches and even cows. Once we arrived at Redhill we visited a café to buy a snack or a drink with our money – (sausage rolls were the favourite) before getting back on the train and returning to school



We had an afternoon out with Gordy class and visited Tuesley Fruit Farm to help out with some fruit picking. We travelled around the farm in a trailer that was pulled along by a tractor, and were shown how to pick blueberries, raspberries and strawberries. We picked so many!

Everyone did a brilliant job as ambassadors for Gosden House – all of the adults were very proud of how well we represented the school.



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
Lily-Rose
Amr
Ryan

Year 11
Jay



E-SAFETY TASK

This fortnight's task is to start a conversation with your child about how they use the internet.

The NSPCC advise that talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed.

A resource that the NSPCC have which may help with this is an area of their website dedicated to 'starting the conversation' with 'age – appropriate conversation' tools. This can be found here [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)



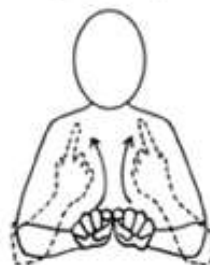
Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 19th May 2023
(Theme: Transition #1)

This week's champions are:

★ Finley & Hayden – Foxes Class ★



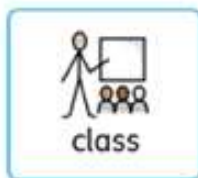
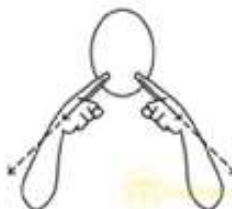
Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 26th June 2023
(Theme: Transition #2)

This week's champions are:

★ Finley, Isabelle & Pia – Woodpeckers Class ★



Raffle Tickets

Please remember to keep sending in your raffle tickets. If you need more books please do let the PTA know.
Thank you!

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

Summer Fun Day
Sunday 2nd July. 2pm – 4pm

We Need Your Help!

If anyone could lend a hand for our Summer Fun Day on the 2nd of July, please do get in touch. Gosdenpta@outlook.com or drop us a message on our Facebook page @GosdenPTA



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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.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 2nd July – Summer Fun Day for all the Family.

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 ACTIVITES 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!

Darryn Leslie
OT



SARAH POPE
OT



PIPPA DAVIS
OT ASSISTANT

Occupational Therapy Gosden Team details

Email us:

[OT@gosden-
house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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.childrenshealt
hsurrey.nhs.uk](http://www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)

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

Transitions

Vulnerable children will be feeling deeply frightened by the end and the start of the school year. The change of routine and the inevitable losses and separations bring back old feelings of abandonment and threat. It's a challenging time for everyone - children and adults alike!

Here are some of our favourite transition top tips for parents/carers and for teachers:



- It's useful for adults to emotionally prepare themselves for the 'transition storm' that is about to begin. Put your seatbelt on and hold tight! The child needs you to be grounded.
- Remind yourself that the child's behaviour is a sign of their inside pain, and they need you to see through the behaviour to help them feel safe, secure and loved.
- Digging down past behaviours to the inside pain, can be hard and tiring work. Take good care of yourself and reach out to your support network for extra help.
- Remind yourself that punishments, withdrawal, consequences and shaming will make the transition harder for everyone.

- Help the child to see the storm coming too. Say "the end of the school year can be a tricky, I'm here to help you through it"
- Help the child name the feelings that they have no words for. Try "I wonder if your 'moving up day' feels pretty scary right now?" or "When things are different like this, I wonder if it makes you worry about being left behind?"
- Help make connections between their behaviour and their feelings, try "When you run away like that it makes me wonder if you don't know where to be to feel safe? You are safe right here".



Tell the child the things they need to hear, don't wait for them to ask you because they don't know what they need! **Tell them:**

- How much you care
- That you are not going anywhere
- That they are in your mind even when not in your class/not at home
- That they are safe and protected
- That they will not be taken away
- Tell them what is going to happen that day if the routine is different - use pictures and 'steps' to prepare them.
- Remind them throughout the day what is going to happen and when
- Keep to as much of the usual routine as you can

Children feel fear in their body. Help the child's body to calm by:

- Doing short bursts of physical activity (star jumps, wall push ups, walking, running) frequently
- Playfully ask them to breathe deeply in the mornings and evenings - e.g. blow bubbles, blow away the feelings
- Do body calming activities with them
- Use sensitive touch to let them know you are there. Touch can be a great calmer.



Use 'transitional objects' to let them know that you are connected, even when apart. How about:

- As a parent, draw a little heart on your hand and the same heart on your child's hand as they go off to school.
- Give your child a special stone, or photo to hold on to at school that reminds them of you
- Teachers - give the child a 'transition card' - a piece of paper with a special message that they look after until you see them again.
- Let the child use their special teddies whenever they need to

Remind the child (and yourself) that the Transition Storm will come, and it will go. You will stick it out together, and soon it will be over.



www.beaconhouse.org.uk

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@BeaconHouseTeam

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

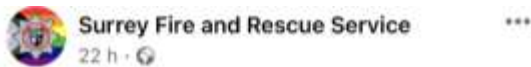
You can also call Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant, at school on 01483 892008.

Jane is in Monday to Wednesday.

jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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



Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

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Calling all residents in Epsom 📍

Epsom Fire Station is rolling open the shutters for their open day on the 8th July 2023!

Head along to the station between midday and 3pm to take a look at the station, watch demonstrations, meet the crews and see our vehicles!

The station will be open early between 11am - 12pm for our SEN families ONLY!

We look forward to seeing you there 🚒👨‍🚒

#Epsom



https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/?utm_medium=partnership&utm_source=community_partners&utm_campaign=one_pound_entry&utm_term=action_for_carers



Visit RHS Gardens for £1

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley/articles/visiting-the-garden>

Bring your kids to the...

FREE Family Zone!

SURREY YOUTH GAMES

Saturday 17 June
9am - 4pm
Surrey Sports Park
GU2 7AD

Try some free, fun activities for the whole family at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2023

- Climbing
- Soft archery
- Skateboarding
- Football skills
- Martial arts
- Circus skills
- Arts & crafts

plus more!

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SURREY YOUTH GAMES

www.activesurrey.com/SYG

MERRIST WOOD Events and Events

Age groups of 5-8, 9-11 and 12+

MERRIST WOOD HOLIDAY CLUB

24 JULY - 25 AUGUST

Need a holiday club in the summer holidays and your children love the outdoors? Come along and join in the fun at our Merrist Wood Holiday Club!

Wildlife and Conservation Weeks
Nature trails, DIY seed bombs and bird feeders
24-28 July - 7-11 Aug - 21-25 Aug

Animal Weeks
Meet the markets, mouse house making and farm walks
1-4 Aug - 14-18 Aug

The club runs from 9am-4pm or you can extend your hours to 8am-9pm
Day ticket - £30 * Extended hours ticket - £35
Pick any day; you need or the whole week

Book here!

www.merristwoodevents.co.uk

Merrist Wood College, Holly Lane, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



INFINITY presents

2 Summer WORKSHOPS

HOLIDAY CLUBS

INFINITY presents THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

24th July - 28th July

Five of our Summer Workshops are still to go! **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** workshop. This exciting stage musical is a fun-filled story about the circus world and the man who created it. The show will include a live show, a film and a Q&A session.

£40 for 1 day

£100 for 3 days

£65 for 2 days

BOOK NOW
INFINITYPERFORMERS.COM

INFINITY Disney presents THE LION KING

21st July - 2nd August

One of our Summer Workshops are still to go! **THE LION KING** workshop. The children, regional, making friends, creating songs, writing their own musical and getting in a fantastic story for their family and friends.

£40 for 1 day

£100 for 3 days

£65 for 2 days

Book today

Infinity School of Performing Arts is an up and coming inclusive school for young children to learn singing, dancing and acting, whilst making friends.

We have done multiple successful workshops, including Encanto, Matilda and Moana.

We are now excited to bring two NEW workshops this summer holiday. The Greatest Showman and The Lion King. Please visit our website:

infinityperformers.com to book. Or email us at infinityperformers@gmail.com for more info.

See the next page for the two new workshops

INFINITY

presents

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



24th July - 26th July

One of our Summer Workshops this year will be THE GREATEST SHOWMAN. The children enjoy making friends, creating props, seeing the onsite animals and putting on a fantastic show for their family and friends. For more information on how to book, please email: infinityperformers@gmail.com

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INFINITY

Disney presents

THE LION KING

31st July - 2nd August

One of our Summer Workshops we are back with THE LION KING! The children enjoyed making friends, creating props, seeing the onsite animals and putting on a fantastic show for their family and friends. For more information on how to book, please email: infinityperformers@gmail.com



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Free Online Evening Family Learning Workshops in August



**FAMILY
LEARNING**

To find out more and book your space on these free, high quality, interactive Family Learning workshops click on the link or scan the QR code.

Workshops go live for booking from 11th July

Free Online Workshops for Parents/Carers

- **Help your Child Manage Anxiety**
Tuesday 1st August or Thursday 17th August
7.45 pm- 9.45 pm
- **Helping your Child to Develop Positive Relationships**
Tuesday 8th August or Thursday 24th August
7.45 pm-9.45 pm
- **Developing Children's Self-Esteem**
Thursday 10th August or Tuesday 22nd August
7.45 pm- 9.45 pm
- **Building your Child's Resilience**
Tuesday 15th August or Thursday 31st August
7.45 pm -9.45 pm



Click this [link](#) or scan the
QR code to book from
11th July



Web: www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
Email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk
Tel: 0300 2001044



FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND DONATIONS

Cranleigh Arts Centre Exhibition:
Gosden House School children really enjoyed working on pieces of art for Cranleigh Arts Exhibition. They love being creative and this gave them a goal and they really enjoyed the challenge. When they got the chance to go and see it as a member of the public, they were overjoyed to see their own work on display. It gave them a great sense of achievement and pride to see it amongst other artists on display. Thank you so much for allowing our children to show off their artistic flair.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to our Gosden Children First Charity Page. Every penny helps us to continue to enrich the lives of the Gosden children.

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.

