



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Last week was National Careers Week and we kicked off with a Secondary Careers Fair. There were 14 stalls, two dogs, Kiwi and Otto, refreshments and free Gosden keyrings for all the attendees.

We had a wide variety of career options and people available for students to visit, including K9DC a development and training centre for dogs; Guildford House Care Home; an ex student who has worked at TK Maxx for 14 years; Tash – a Gosden Learning Assistant, with her Etsy crochet business; Robyn from the Forge Café with coffee to grind and cookies to eat; Maria and Mel, more fabulous Gosden Learning Assistants, were showcasing hairdressing and Evie, another ex student, told us about her dog grooming business – Love Dogs. Adam brought tyres to pump and screws to drill into wood. Frankie our Animal Care expert came with the ‘Guinea Pig Gang’, and Trudi showed student art pieces. Mel, our Gosden chef, had made dough to knead and there were spices to smell. Tommy from Planet Soccer put on a few challenges for the students and Anne, Charlotte and Tash’s mother, visited with all her cleaning equipment. You can read more about the event and see photos further into the Newsletter.

It is fair to say that Gosden’s Careers Fair, presented a “meaningful encounter.” This is something the Government wants to see happening in all school and college provisions. For our learners and Gosden Graduates it helps them see what opportunities there might be for their future pathways. Thank you to everyone who participated.

*Sandra*

*Sandra Tidbury, Aspirations Advisor*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultations

**27<sup>th</sup> March** - Transition to Secondary meeting for Year 5 parents

**28<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm** – End of Term

**15<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer term starts

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** – PTA Coffee Morning

## TRAVEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**All** parents of current Year 6 and Year 2 pupils need to reapply for transport for September. This includes all students, even those who are staying at Gosden House for their next key stage. If you have not already applied please follow this link:

[Apply for under 16 travel assistance to school - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://surreycc.gov.uk)

If you have any queries about this please do let me know. Lucy Ellis EHCP Coordinator [lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) 01483 892008

## RECENT PARENTMAILS

Parent Consultations

Club 4 Holiday Vouchers

Residential Year 11 Meeting

Evisense Migration

School Lunches and Summer Menu

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/155588?source=Newsletter&guid=3884EBDD-98CD-4C21-A966-0595D3FD861F>



[Planned weekend closures on the M25 and A3 - Friday 15 March to Monday 18 March](#)

National Highways is planning to close a section of the M25 between junction 10 at Wisley to junction 11 at Chertsey, starting overnight on Friday 15 March and continuing until early morning on Monday

[surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk](https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk)

# EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

INFINITY  
*presents*  
**Trolls**

EASTER  
PERFORMING  
WORKSHOP  
2 - 4th April



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[www.infinityperformers.com](http://www.infinityperformers.com)



[Fantastic Mr Fox](#)  
[Easter Drama Club](#)

Join Peer Productions and Mr Fox for a fantastic Easter adventure from the 9th to 12th of April!

This drama programme is designed for young people aged 8 to 16 years with special education needs/disabilities and is FREE for anyone with an EHCP. Book now by clicking on the link below.



peer productions **FANTASTIC MR. FOX**  
**EASTER DRAMA WORKSHOP**  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (8 - 16 YEARS) WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

**BOOK NOW**

9TH APRIL - 12TH APRIL 2024  
FREE FOR ALL SURREY YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EHCPs

club4

The poster features a cartoon illustration of Mr. Fox and two children, one wearing a fox mask, in a grassy field. The Peer Productions logo is in the top left, and the Club4 logo is in the bottom right.

[Holiday Workshops — Peer Productions](#)



**EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2024**

**Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**

**Tue 2 – Tue 9 Apr**  
Workshops for ages 5-16

**Creative Make-up • Stage Combat • Poetry • Treat Factory Drama Workshops**

For further information email our Creative Learning team:  
[creativelearning@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](mailto:creativelearning@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk)

**Book Now:**  
**YVONNE-ARNAUD.CO.UK**  
**BOX OFFICE 01483 44 00 00**

**PLUS, FREE FAMILY FUN DAY 3 APR**

The poster includes a photograph of a stage combat workshop and three small inset images: a realistic face drawing, colorful lollipops, and children in a workshop setting. The background is pink and yellow.

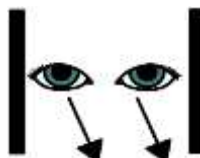
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# R A B B I T S



This half-term, Rabbits have been busy **'Exploring'** the topic of Planes, Trains and Automobiles. Rabbits have been using their **'Listening'** and **'Keep Trying'** Learning Habits to create vehicle fact files and they have been working hard to measure the length of different toy planes, trains and cars using non-standard units of measure in Maths. In our Creative and Curious Lessons, Rabbits have enjoyed using their **'Noticing'** Habit and being **'Creative'** to predict and find out how vehicles move. Rabbits particularly enjoyed building ramps of varying heights and testing how different surfaces affected the speed of the toy car.



Rabbits had so much fun during our recent Focus Reading and Careers Week! Rabbits used their **'Learning Together'** Habit to engage in Sensory Stories, their **'Keep Trying'** Habit to turn-take at our Book Café, their **'Creative'** Habit to make bookmarks, and their **'Listening'** Habit to share a book with pupils from 7W!



Rabbits looked wonderful in their costumes on World Book Day and demonstrated fantastic use of their **'Noticing'** Habit to use clues to find the missing books on our outside Book Hunt! We went on a trip to Little Street in Rudgwick; exploring different careers at the role-play centre The children demonstrated their play skills as hairdressers, firefighters, shop assistants and so much more.



Year 9 had the most amazing time on our residential visit to High Ashurst! We worked hard focusing on our independence and communication skills and thought carefully about all the opportunities we had to practice these. We also used many of our life skills- making beds, keeping clean, making hot drinks, staying away from home and talking to new people. The school team could not have been any more proud of our learners. They all rose to the challenge and represented Gosden House incredibly!

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# YEAR 11



During Careers and Reading week, we took a trip to Guildford on the train. We flexed lots of our Learning Muscles by showing confidence, organisation and team work.

When we arrived in town, we then explored the high street, using our speaking and listening skills (and Being Brave Learning Muscle) to ask employees about their different job titles and roles. Following this, we then showed independence by ordering our own food for lunch.

Following a fabulous morning, we then found out that the train back to school was cancelled! We were able to manage our change of plans, showing flexibility and understanding; key skills in the world of work! We hopped on the bus instead!



**Spot the Jobs...**

Write your job and draw on the train table to get all the different jobs you can see people doing. You could get for a week doing your best job! (Don't forget to wear your seat belt!)

Bus driver	Food assistant	Chef	Labco agent
Shop assistant	Bank		barber
gym teacher	Barista		Post office staff
cashier	town Burger		Pharmacy assistant
food delivery	D. Jockey		waitress



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KS4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Stuart at Lovelight Family Photography. Stuart came to school with a pop up workshop and introduced the group to the world of photography. They looked at colour portraits with grey background, black and white silhouette lighting and low key lighting. The learners used their Being Brave Learning Muscles to become the models themselves, so that their peers could take it in turns behind the camera. A big thank you to Stuart for a brilliant day!



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# CAREERS FAIR



**THANK YOU!**  
**K9DC, Guildford House Care Home, Harriet, Tash, Adam, Robyn from the Forge Café, Maria, Mel, Evie, Frankie, Trudy, Mel – Chef, Tommy and Anne**

The children all had pre prepared questions to ask the “employers.” It was amazing to see everyone engaged, enthusiastic and taking part in all the practical activities on show. Some staff had commented on the “vibe” and the “buzzing atmosphere” and both myself and Sophia couldn’t be more proud and excited by the event. Some of the students have filled in a feedback form and the consensus is that we do it again but with more employers. Joseph from Year 9 would like to see the Army come in and some students would like to see more free gifts! **Sandra, Aspirations Advisor**





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*

**Brooklands College**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Guildford College**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm – 7.30pm

**Merrist Wood College**

Wednesday 1 May 4.30pm – 7.30pm

If you have any worries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me by phone on 01483 892008 or by email [s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

**Sandra Tidbury, Aspirations Advisor**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Would you be willing to come into school to talk to our young people about your job and career? We have a fabulous careers programme at Gosden and having you come in and talk to our students would add another layer of understanding for them. If you can support us please contact me, [s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)



## County Care Group, Fetcham

Year 11 visited County Care this week at the Fetcham Hub.

County Care offers a wide range of tailored support services for people with learning disabilities and autism.

It was founded in 2010 and has since become a leading specialist support provider across Hampshire, Surrey and Lincolnshire, working closely with the local County Councils.

We were very warmly welcomed by Symon and made ourselves at home in the café. We each put our order in for lunch, all VERY reasonably priced, made and served by the young people working there, then had some time in the studio with the Radio Project.

The whole visit was very sociable, lots of chatter as we ate their delicious toasties and sausage sandwiches!

Symon showed us around and we were all impressed by their offer, especially the "socials"!

County Care are expanding all the time and now have hubs in Horley, Addlestone and Knaphill.

The learners were also particularly impressed because they have a blow up cinema screen that they have up against the building in the summer for a movie night under the stars, complete with hot chocolate and cookies!

<https://www.countycare.co.uk/> This is the website address if you would like to have a closer look at what they offer.

**New Shoots - the RHS'** nationwide initiative to promote horticultural careers and to increase the number and diversity of people entering the sector

Saturday 27th April 2024 between 10:30 and 15:30.

"The RHS is there for everyone on their lifelong adventure with gardening. We aim to ignite ambition for future careers through bespoke taster sessions, work experience and youth volunteering, with the aim to provide information about opportunities in the horticultural, horticultural science and environmental sectors.

To support this mission, we are hosting a free Green Careers

**Open Day at RHS Garden Wisley on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April between 10.30am and 3.30pm.**

There will be exhibitors from a range of further education and training providers, employers within the sector and not-for-profit organisations. In addition, there will be a series of guest talks, a CV clinic and behind the scenes tours of a variety of areas within RHS Garden Wisley

# 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 7W  
Kaylum  
Safa  
Ryan

Year 7S  
Alex P

Year 8  
Kevin



## TAX CREDITS

Tax credits are ending, and moving to Universal Credit. Anyone receiving tax credits will receive a 'Migration Notice' when it is time to make the move. Look out for a letter called a Universal Credit Migration Notice from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) explaining what you'll need to do, and by when. You won't be moved automatically, so it's important to follow the instructions in the letter, otherwise your benefits will stop.

[Understanding Universal Credit](#) should answer any questions and support your understanding of the move.

Support is available, by phoning Citizens Advice at tel:08001448848, visiting <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/> for support or financial concerns, or by reaching out to the pastoral team at [pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

**Surrey Connect** is a digital on demand bus service available across West Guildford, Farnham and Cranleigh. For more information, please check out the following link:

[https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=Orlo#who](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo#who)

<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. Visit [Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health support in Surrey | Surrey Education Services \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) for more information on Mental Health support in Surrey.

For any concerns or support, please do contact Beth Sutton, Child and Family Support Worker (Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant (Mon-Weds) at [bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)  
[jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)  
[pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

You can reach us at 07864 721931 or by phoning the school on 01483 892008.

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

Hello,

Thought I would share a signpost to a few good resources that may be useful.

Beth, our child and family support worker found an interesting and helpful guide to gaming responsibly. Watch the video for further tips and guidance on how to help your children explore gaming responsibility.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnWionq9C4c>



Internet Matters also have an 'online gaming hub' area on their website with resources and guides to support further.

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](mailto:calmond@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

Thank you,  
Charlotte





- Come and unwind, have a coffee, and a biscuit with us on:
- **THURSDAY the 23<sup>rd</sup> of MAY**
- **10am – 11am**
- In the Map room at our school
  
- **FUTURE** coffee morning **DATES** for your diary:
  - *Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 10am -11:30am*
  - *Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 10am – 11:30am*
  
- All welcome, lets build our school community and sneak in a couple of calories too!

# Speech & Language Therapy Team

## ★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(Theme: World Book Day)

This week's champions are:  
★ Nella, Sam & Sofia - Badgers ★



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Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

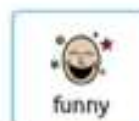
★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(Theme: Red nose day)

This week's champions are:

★ Bella and Sebby – Rabbits Class ★



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.

