



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

15th June 2024

The sense of community at Gosden House is very strong and that extends beyond the school and into the local area. In the last year various groups across the village have raised money for Gosden which has paid for the new stage area in the walled garden, the whole school trip to the pantomime and redeveloping the pond area. Only this week Bramley Village Fete has donated £1,000 to Gosden to help pay for a new book vending machine – watch this space! Today, I also received confirmation that Bramley Library have agreed to sell Gosden House cards - please do pop into the Library and see them.

Leanne from the PTA has met some of the village groups who are supporting the school to explain how much their support helps the Gosden community - this has been truly inspirational. Come and meet Leanne at the next PTA Coffee Morning in school on Friday 28th June and Monday 15th July.

Last week, Pat (Co-Chair of Governors) and I were invited to an Italian Lunch by the Year 11 Bakehouse Team. We were so impressed by the way the team laid the table, prepared and served the lunch. My favourite was the melting chocolate pudding! We hope that more people will have the chance to come and enjoy lunch with the Bakehouse Team next year.

Liz

Liz Sutherland, Governor



DATES FOR THE DIARY

18th June – Taster Lunch Service

26th June – Sports Day

28th June – Year 11 Leavers

28th June – PTA Coffee Morning – 10am

10th July – GOSFEST and Meet the Teacher

15th July – PTA Coffee Morning – 10am

19th July – 1.30pm End of Summer term

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Books for Home

Headlice

Kids Day Out Trip

Bockett Farm Trip

Forge on the Green trip

Sickness Bug

Young Carers Trip

Horsham Road Closure, Water Update

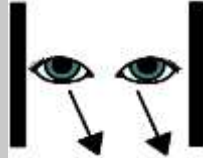
LOST PROPERTY – SPORTS DAY TABLE

We have a number of items in the Lost Property Box, none of them are named. At Sports Day we will put everything out on a table. If your child has lost something please do have a look. Anything not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity.

Going forward, please make sure that you name all water bottles, school uniform, coats and sunhats as we are unable to return unnamed items. Below is a link to a website that produces sticky name tags. You can also buy special fabric pens.

[Name Tags and Labels | Free Delivery over £20
\(easy2name.com\)](https://www.easy2name.com)

This half-term in Robin Class, we have begun our learning centred around our topic of 'Seasides'. We have **Explored** maps to see where we find beaches, **Noticed** the different features that we may find on the beach and began to **Explain** what lighthouses are used for. We have also raced boats and walked the plank!



ROBINS



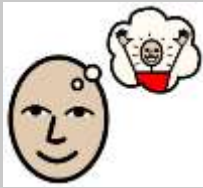
In our Literacy learning, we have been using our **Listening** skills to be able to identify the rhymes that we can hear in words, and finding them in familiar stories. We loved making silly soup with our rhyming words and stirring with our enormous wooden spoon! In our Maths learning, we have continued to grow our understanding of number, by finding and recording different ways to create an amount.

It's wonderful to observe the Robin Class in their play, and see how far they have come over the last year. We have seen new friendships blossom, skills grow and interests develop in both breadth and depth. More than anything, we are amazed by how much they have each individually grown in confidence and independence.



Gosden Values Week took place just before half term and Badger Class used the **Exploring** Learning Habit to find out about Diversity and Belonging.

We read two books, the first with diverse characters called 'My Friend Isabelle.' We talked about the characters being friends, how they were similar and the ways in which they were different. The other book, 'The Same but Different Too', was about diversity, and we talked about what makes us special and unique. We made posters to tell everyone all about ourselves and we used our **Creative** habit, making mirrors which we used to see how special we are.



BADGERS

We had an afternoon learning about the Mexican portrait artist Frida Kahlo and her exploration of identity. We used her style to create portraits.

Nella told us about Brazil and even taught us some words in Portuguese! We also used our **Listening** habit to learn about Australia from Sarah.



We became superheroes for an afternoon, with different super powers, but we all belong at Gosden House so used **Learning Together** to complete tasks only superheroes can do!



At the end of the week, we stood on stage and sang a beautiful song called Five Fingers Here, which we learnt during R.E. lessons when we were investigating about important prayer is to different people.

During Diversity week, we learned about all the different people in our world and celebrated the things that make us different; different races and cultures, different religions and faiths, different sexualities, the Paralympics and differently abled, and used our being brave muscles to share what makes us unique. We learned that we should be proud of what makes us different and loving to those around us. We used our being brave learning muscle to stand up in front of the rest of the school for a diversity week celebration.



We have also continued our work on Rivers, learning about how they're formed and all of their different parts, including the source, tributaries, meanders and mouth. To help with this, we made our own models that featured key parts of a river from beginning to end.



Most recently, we went over to a Church in Albury to assist with an actual archaeological dig and even made some interesting finds of our own, including some glass, charcoal and bricks! We also visited the historical church and learnt about the pictures on the walls and the old tombstones. The more we found, the more we could learn about the people that lived there over the last thousand years.



Written by Ruby & Louisa

BAKEHOUSE CHEFS

The Gosden Bakehouse team designed, planned and cooked a 3 course lunch for 6 guests. Students cooked bruschetta with home made bread for starters, lasagne with a vegetarian option for main and dessert was chocolate melt in the middle puddings. The team set the table, greeted guests at the door and served drinks before professionally plating up the food and serving. The whole team were absolutely brilliant, the service they delivered was so professional and the food went down a treat. I am extremely proud of our Gosden Bakehouse team and the fantastic life skills they demonstrated.



Year 5 and Year 9 took part in a fantastic art competition this year called Artbytes. The children were given the opportunity to create any piece of art they wanted. We then submitted these to the judges who shortlisted our best 3 pieces of art. Finally, the artwork went to a public vote for national and regional winners! We are so proud of all our learners for producing some wonderful creative artwork. Our shortlisted artists were invited to a fancy award ceremony at Watts Gallery where our wonderful winners received certificates and golden tickets, giving them and a parent free access to the Watts Gallery until they are 16! A huge well done to Joe who came in 1st place, Hayden who came 2nd and Tyler who came in 3rd place. We are so proud of you all! A big thank you also to our local supporter Liz Collins.





We had a visit from a local Author who met with one of our KS4 students. It was a really positive experience for the student and for me (and hopefully for the Author too) He talked about his career as well as his writing journey and even read out the prologue of his book to Claire and myself – we were totally engaged!

He has agreed to come in and read to our young people (and I am hoping could offer us a cheeky little workshop).

Surrey Hills SuperHeroes is a collection of illustrated stories by local residents Steve Markwell (author) and Cathy Coleman (illustrator). All the stories are set in the magical Surrey landscape. All feature individuals who love the Hills, and who do great work to preserve the magic in the face of great challenges. Some of the characters are imaginary, some are real people. Through their adventures, they all become Surrey Hills SuperHeroes.

The stories are much appreciated by young people. The first story, "Dinosaurs of the Surrey Hills" goes down really well with four to seven year olds. The final story, "The star from Afar" is a favourite with young teenagers. There are lots of adults who like all the stories!

The book is available on Amazon. Alternatively you can get a copy directly from the author, who is offering a special price of £11, of which £2 will go to our school. Just email stevemarkwell11@gmail.com and Steve will arrange payment and drop your book at the school. He will even sign it if you want!



Appeer Teens Exploring Work Programme



? Are you an autistic teenage girl aged 15 and a half, 16, 17 or 18, from the Surrey area (or nearby)?

? Are you interested in being part of an amazing summer programme, with other autistic teenage girls, to have fun and get some life and work skills and confidence?

? Do you like spending time with and helping younger children?

? Are you available on the times/dates below?

- Monday 5th August 10:30am - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 7th August 10:30am - 3:30pm
- Friday 9th August 10:30am - 3:30pm

If your answers to these questions are all YES, then why not apply for a place in our fabulous Teens Exploring Work Programme?



Our 2024 Teens Exploring Work Programme will be starting on 5th August for a group of 8-10 autistic girls and young people assigned female at birth, from Surrey (and surrounds), aged 15 and a half to 18 years. The programme takes place at Halstead St. Andrews School in Woking.

The teens involved will help plan and run activities for autistic girls aged 7-12 in hobbies like arts, crafts, baking, gaming, Forest School and more. The teens will also complete different activities, in small groups, to understand their own work skills and goals, being autistic and neurodivergent and how they can advocate for what they need in the future.



*To find out more about this programme and to apply, go here: appeer.org.uk/our-peer-groups

*If you would like to apply please complete and send the application form to jo@appeer.org.uk and claire@appeer.org.uk by 9am on 14th June 2023. We will let teen girls who apply know if they have a place on the programme by 24th June.

*If you would like some guidance about how to apply you can come along to a **free short coaching session** on zoom, with Jo, before you apply. Call or text Claire (our administrator) on 07861 696542 or email her on claire@appeer.org.uk to arrange a convenient time for you to do the coaching session.

NB If there are lots of applicants, we may not be able to offer everyone a place. People who live in Surrey will get priority places. Please contact us for more information.

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

Jessica
Phoenix (2)
Kaylum
Bethany
Kelsie
Safa

Year 8

Melissa
Jack
Kevin
Josh

Year 7S

Max (2)
Donna
Levi
Finley
Lily
Alex
Sophie
Kai

Year 10

Ryan
Lexie

Year 9

Kevin
Tia
Daisy
Mahla
Melissa



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For children 5-16 with disabilities/additional needs
and their siblings and friends



"...a lovely inclusive environment"

"A brilliant dance school...That's what I call inclusion"
(Synergy Dance parents)

****FIRST CLASS FREE****

THURSDAYS 16:45-17:45

The Edge Leisure Centre

Haslemere GU27 1QB

Weekly 23 May - 18 July (no class 30 May)

***parent/carer must remain on site during sessions**

£8 per session, paid termly

***Flexible payments on request**

***Session fee support on request**

hello@f6it.co.uk

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Group Code
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LinkAble (Woking) are offering free Stay and Play sessions thanks to funding from Surrey County Council. Sessions run regularly on Sunday afternoons, and offer families use of sensory room, soft play, musical instruments, craft tables and more. Sessions are open to both LinkAble registered families and those not registered with LinkAble. The next free session is Sunday, 23rd June. See the link for more information and booking: <https://www.linkable.org.uk/pages/stay-and-play->



Just a reminder for families claiming Free School Meals, and therefore eligible for Club4 Summer Holiday vouchers, please check your inboxes and book your sessions in as soon as possible. There are more clubs on offer this summer but they will book up fast! For any questions or support, please contact the Pastoral Team or Debby.



National Autistic Society
Family Support and Clubs
for Children and Young
People <https://nassurreybranch.org/nas-clubs-for-children/>

'Sport In Mind' are a great charity who want to improve the lives of people experiencing mental health problems through sport and physical activity. Their sessions in Surrey are free to join. You can drop in, no need to sign up. They are open to all abilities and led by friendly coaches. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the free sessions in Surrey.



Be Your Best is Surrey's weight management programme, aimed at families with children who are above the healthy weight range. They are now able to support children and teenagers from the ages of 5-17. Be Your Best can help all parents with universal online advice, but families who might need an extra hand to manage their child or teenager's weight can get further, personal support. Free resources can be found at <https://www.bybsurrey.org/resources-for-parents>. For support, you can phone or email: 01483 517005
BeYourBest@Surreycc.gov.uk

For mental health support in Surrey, please see the information below. Our Pastoral Team can be reached by emailing or calling pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk or 07864721931.



Mindworks - Providing children, young people, families and carers with information about services, advice and resources.

Website: <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

24/7 crisis line: 0800 915 4644



Samaritans offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal. It doesn't matter who you are, how you feel, or what has happened. If you feel that things are getting to you, get in touch.

Website: <http://www.samaritans.org/>

Telephone: 116 123 (free to call)

Email: jo@samaritans.org

E-Safety

Recently, the **House of Commons** produced a report highlighting the impact of screen time on children's education and wellbeing. The report suggests that increased screen time can have negative impacts for children including;

- Inactive lifestyle
- Digital eye strain
- Decreased attention levels, language skills and processing speeds than peers with less screen time
- Damaged sleep patterns
- Increased risk of bullying
- Increased exposure to pornography under the age of 18
- Increased risk of experiencing upsetting/threatening behaviour

Children in care, young carers, children experiencing poverty and children with additional needs are more susceptible to online harms.

Evidence suggests;

- The harms of screen time can outweigh benefits for young children
- Limited screen time and educational uses can have benefits for older children
- Screen time should be minimal for younger children
- Screen time should be balanced with face-to-face socialisation and physical activity for older children

The full report can be found at:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5804/cmselect/cmeduc/118/summary.html>

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has released some guidance for parents around online gaming, answering FAQ's: My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do?

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/my-child-is-gaming-with-strangers-what-should-i-do>





Gosden House PTA

invite you to a

COFFEE BREAK

**Come and unwind, have a coffee,
and a biscuit with us**

Friday the 28th of June 10am -11:30am

Monday the 15th of July 10am – 11:30am

**Everyone is welcome. Come and
help build our school community
and sneak in a couple of calories
too!**

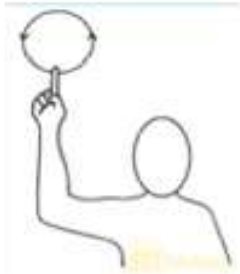
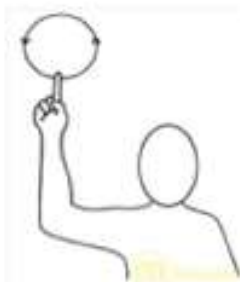
Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 10th June 2024
(Theme: Summer)

This week's champions are:

★ Lucy and Finley – Squirrels class ★



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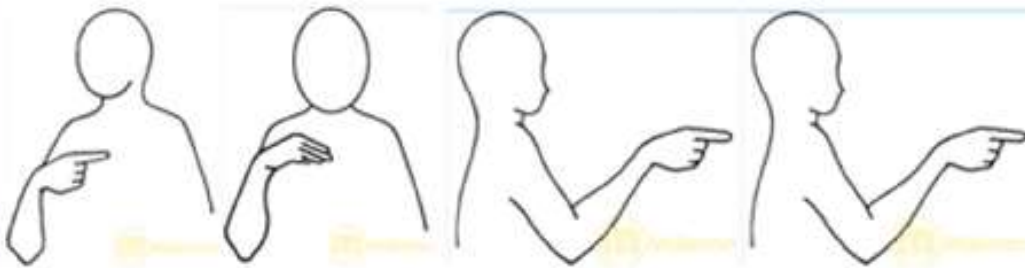


Signs of the week w/c 17th June 2024

(Theme: Focus/Diversity week)

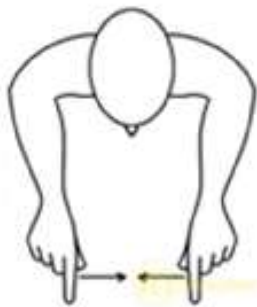
This week's champions are:

★ Chloe & Kiki – Foxes Class ★

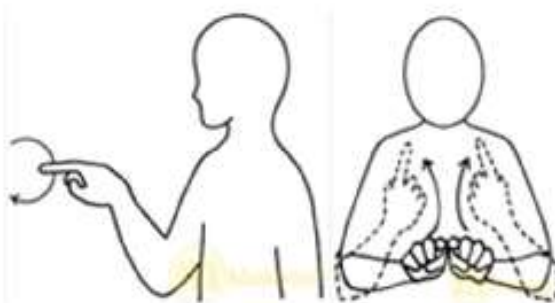


I am me,

you are you



we're the same



but different too

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.

