



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

15th November 2024

The last few weeks have been really busy, and it is with real pride that I reflect on the behaviours and attitudes I have seen from all of our young people.

On the 11th, we shared our thoughts on remembrance in assembly, then all pupils joined staff for a minutes silence on the eleventh hour. All were exceptional in their behaviour and the respect they showed towards the adults and their peers. I have also been in and out of classes this week, often with a visitor in tow. Pupils are always keen to show what they have been doing. It was a real pleasure to visit our early years and primary learners, who were so polite and welcoming. KS3 pupils showed off their Maths skills and I caught up with some of our KS4 learners as they worked hard in the gardens.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for parents evening, it was lovely to put names to faces and help you celebrate the progress that your children are making. Also, huge thanks for all the goodies that have come in for the Christmas fair. The PTA are working very hard to make this a special event, and I hope many of you are able to join us.

Becki

Rebecca Smale, Head Teacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November – School Photographs

Tuesday 19th November – PTA Coffee Morning in the Hall

Thursday 21st November – First Aid Day for pupils

Sunday 1st December – Gosden Christmas Craft Fair

Thursday 5th December – Whole School trip to Pantomime

Wednesday 11th December – Primary Christmas Presentation

Friday 20th December, 1.30pm – End of Term

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Fishbourne Palace trip postponed

Raffle Tickets

Social Media and TikTok Awareness

Asthma and Asthma Plans

Vue Cinema Trip

Safe Together Letter

Letter to Fox Class

Chickenpox

Year 9 Residential

Uniform – hoodie - Secondary

Maths @ Home

PTA Coffee Morning

PTA Christmas Fair

Job opportunities at Gosden House

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of coats and hoodies in the office that must belong to the children. Please contact the office if your child has misplaced their coat/hoodie. None of them are named which makes it difficult to reunite them. Thank you.

It is unbelievable to think that the Robins are just starting their second half-term at school. They have been settling into the school routine, making relationships with their peers and class team, and also learning their way around our maze of a building. Even though it's been such a small amount of time, they have each shown such wonderful progress, both academic and personal. We are so proud of Robin Class, and all of their amazing learning that they have already thrown themselves into!



ROBINS



This half-term, our topic is 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have **listened** to the story, and used our Colourful Semantics cues to unpick the characters, and the changes to the setting throughout the book. We are very excited to begin learning to sequence and retell the story and to have a go at performing it in front of the green screen! In our Maths learning, we have been exploring a range of shapes. We have been experimenting to discover which 3D shapes stack and which ones roll, and finding a range of ways that we can use our shapes, such as building a gingerbread house and a bridge to cross a river.

We cannot wait to see all of the amazing learning that takes place over the coming weeks.

We have been busy learning all about our new class, team and classroom routines. Lots of bucket charts have already been completed as the class have looked for opportunities to be kind and helpful to each other as well as to the adults.

This past week we have been listening carefully to why the poppy is an important symbol to so many people. We learnt a bit about why people wear a poppy and painted some beautiful poppy pictures. We were also able to take part in the whole school assembly and sang a song called "We remember" with Kestrels class that included harmonizing and was beautiful to listen to.



In Numeracy we have mainly focused on place value, ordering numbers and the mathematical terms of "more than", "less than" and "equal to" along with the corresponding symbols. We have been **challenged** to solve various number problems that incorporate this learning and have **explored** different resources to use in our Maths lessons including Numicon, tens frames, number squares and even Cheerios!



In Literacy we are currently learning what a play script is and how you read and use them including the stage directions. We have some budding actors in Falcons as they were supported to rehearse some well known fairy tales to act out. They learnt the importance of voice projection, expression and where to stand for the story and the audience. Watch out Hollywood!

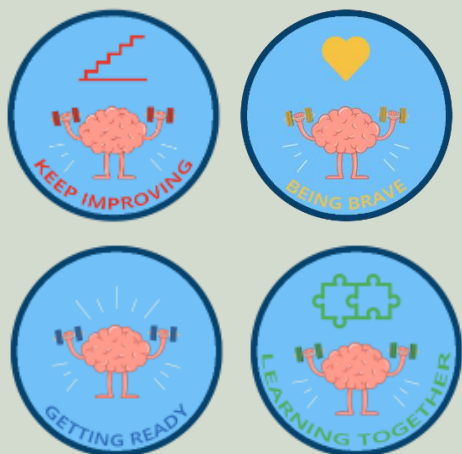


FALCONS

Year 7 have been incredibly busy these past few weeks, both in and out of school!

We have been continuing our PSHE learning on Communities; looking at different types of communities and how we can make a positive impact within them. We created positivity pebbles to share with other classes within the school as well as writing messages of kindness to share with our friends.

We were very excited for our first ever Year 7 school trip to a Guildford Care Home. We had generated questions to ask the residents such as; What is your favourite colour? What was school like when you were younger? What is your favourite dinosaur? As well as Wilson's personal favourite; Do you like chicken nuggets? We spent time with the residents, chatting to them and playing games and creating some art pieces.



Year 7's Our World Project of Movement and Migration has continued to be a popular lesson. We have started to look at Human Migration, thinking about why people migrate and how that enriches communities. We focused on the village of Cranleigh, and how it has changed throughout history due to human migration. We explored the high street to find evidence of human migration such as restaurants from different cultures and different types of food in Sainsbury's.



Visit to Snoxhall Park

Snoxhall Park was developed due to the rising number of people in Cranleigh. Whilst we were there we spent some time in the Centenary Garden to think about Remembrance and reflect. We stretched all of our Learning Muscles as well as developing our Life Skills.

The Year 7 Learning Team is incredibly proud of Year 7 and we cannot wait to see what the next few weeks has in store!

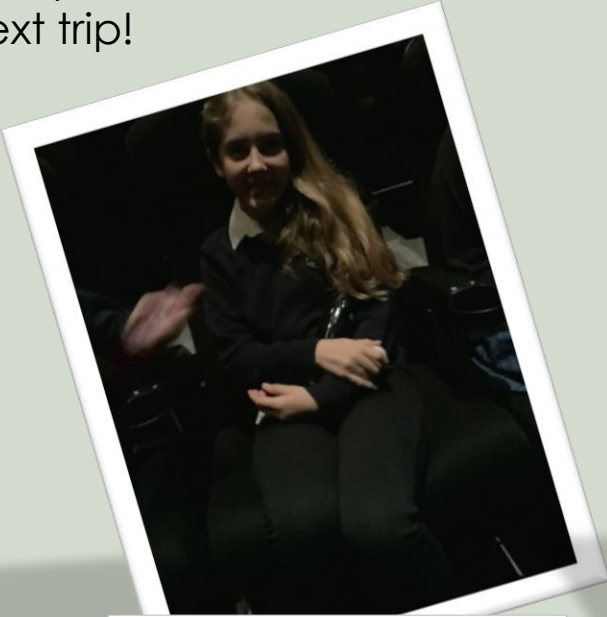


This week, Year 8 enjoyed the 'Into Film Festival' by going to the Vue Cinema in Farnborough.

This is the largest focused film festival in the world. It gave our learners an off-site learning experience where they had the opportunity to enjoy the moving image, and to explore the themes of friendship in the film. We read the text in our literacy classes last year so it was great to compare the book and the film. We can't wait for our next trip!

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I liked it
because of the
animals,
Rosanna

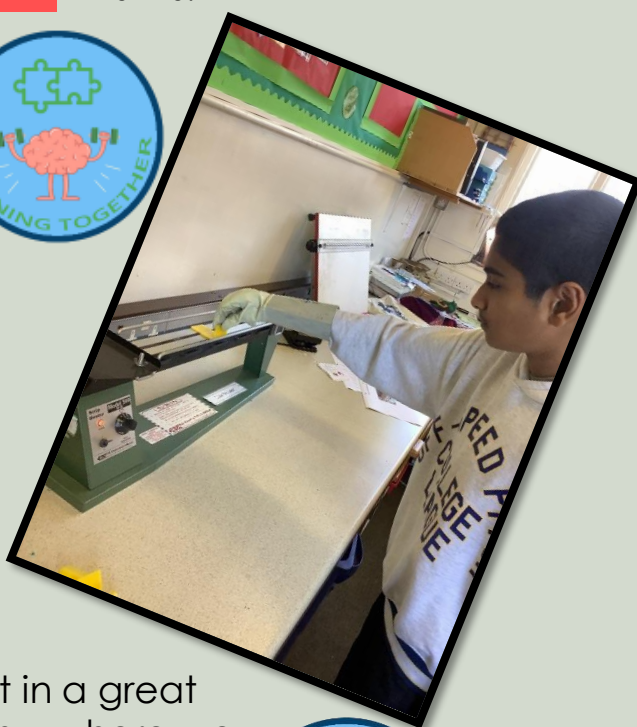
It was good
when the boy
found his family
– Kaylum

It was fun going
with my class,
Bethany

Year 10 had a brilliant visit last week to Guildford House Care Home. We were invited in for their Bonfire celebration, and enjoyed sitting around a mock bonfire listening to information about the origins of Bonfire Night, before taking part in a quiz and watching some projections. The class really enjoyed chatting to the residents and are looking forward to another visit soon.



We are all still really enjoying our vocational subjects at the end of the week, doing lots of Learning Together and feeling a Sense of Belonging as we become more confident and independent in our new skills.



This week we also got to take part in a great workshop by KDE Dance Company, where we watched a performance before taking part ourselves. Lots of us used our Being Brave learning muscles to perform in front of our classmates.

Zac was very proud to see his artwork displayed in a local shop window in Bramley. Congratulations Zac!





Upcoming Open Events

Brooklands Technical College

Wednesday 12th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Thursday 24th April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Brooklands Technical College - Vocational training in further and Higher Education](#)

Nescot (North East Surrey College of Technology)

Wednesday 20th November

Tuesday 4th March

Thursday 15th May

You need to register online for these dates.

[Nescot Open Events | Nescot](#)

Farnborough College of Technology

Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 5th February

All the Open Days for Farnborough are 4pm – 7.30pm

[Events from 15 October – 18th June 2025 – Farnborough College of Technology \(farn-ct.ac.uk\)](#)

Guildford College

Saturday 9th November 9.30am - 12.00

Wednesday 5th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23rd April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Guildford College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

Merrist Wood College

Saturday 16th November 9.30am -12.00

Wednesday 26th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 7th May 4.30pm – 7pm

[Merrist Wood College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact me via email on: s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk or on the school number 01483 892008.

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 7
Ben
Katy
Brooklyn
Ruby
Bailey
George

Year 9
Kevin
Madiha
Josh

Year 8A
Donna
Finley

Year 8S
Alex

Year 10
Tia





- Christmas Eve Wooden Boxes £6
- Handknitted Gonk £8
- Handmade Giant Gonk £12.50
- Giant paw patrol Christmas cracker £3
- Christmas stockings all £3.50
- Large Furry present sacks £4
- Handknitted snow men or owls £8 each
- Santa snoop alarm £3.00
- Gonk or confetti Christmas crackers (6 box) £4 or x2 for £7.50
- Packs of Christmas cards from £1 - £1.50
- Make a present stall £2
- Visit Santa £3.50, booking information coming soon!
- Lookout for the homemade Christmas wreathes and mini Christmas trees
- Bargains to be had at the nearly new clothing and bric-a-brac!
- Christmas raffle details and tickets coming soon!!
- Pin the nose on Rudolph, Guess the name of the Gosden Gonk plus lots more!!!!
- Cash on the day is preferable please 😊



FIND US AT GOSDEN CHRISTMAS FAIR



AVAILABLE IN **3** DIFFERENT SIZES

PRICES START FROM **£15**

PERFECT GIFT FOR GARDEN LOVERS

90% OF PROCEEDS
DONATED TO
GOSDEN HOUSE

*10% covers cost of materials

Thank you to everyone for your donations towards the Christmas Fair. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity.



PTA Committee

Chairperson – Leanne Rowan

Treasurer – Dannielle McInerney-Jlassia

Secretary – Carole Traynor

The Committee hold open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved. If you would like information or have any questions, please **contact Leanne on PTAgosden@hotmail.com**

For any concerns or support,
please do contact Beth Sutton,
Child and Family Support Worker
(Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles,
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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/>

Add Everyone' Group Chats Safeguarding Alert



Recent concerns have emerged regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Schools and regional police forces across the UK have warned that this group exposes children and young people to explicit and harmful material.

'Add everyone' group chats (also known by other names) are spaces where children and young people are invited, and encouraged to invite others into a group chat. These chats may contain inappropriate content, sexual images, self-harm, sexual violence or racism. Some chats also encourage the sharing of personal details. It can be difficult to control who becomes a member in such chats meaning that children and young people can become vulnerable.

These chats can seem appealing for many children and young people who seek social connection and are not aware of the potential dangers. Chat creators, often strangers, exploit curiosity and share harmful content.

For more information, guidance on managing your child's privacy settings and additional support, please visit [Inege Safeguarding Alert- Add Everyone Whatsapp Group](#)

Please speak to a DSL if you have concerns regarding a young persons online safety.

Safeguarding Team

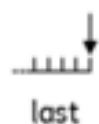
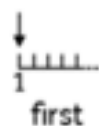
Speech & Language Therapy Team

★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 11th November 2024
(Theme: Frequency)

This week's champions are:
★ Ollie and Maddie - Falcons ★



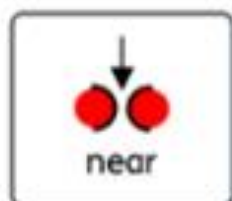
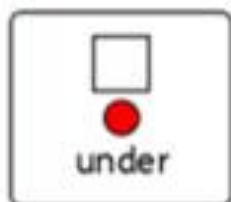
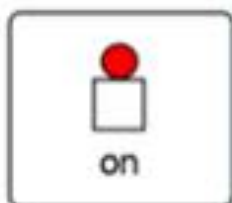
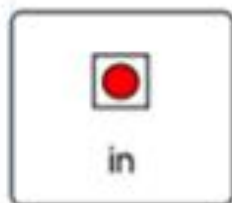
**Speech & Language Therapy
Team**

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 18th November 2024
(Theme: prepositions)

This week's champions are:

☆ Finley and Jess L – Kestrels Class ☆



Guildford Santa Fun Run Sunday 8th December 2024!

Challengers






We are very excited to be bringing all the festive family fun to Stoke Park with Guildford Santa Fun Run in aid of Challengers and powered by Kelly's Storage, on Sunday 8th December... and we would love to see you there! Bring along friends and family and choose between three brilliant routes – a 2.5km, 5km, or 5km canicross fun run! This 'no pressure' event is perfect for families to take part in together, or regular runners that are looking to get in the festive spirit. As Kelly's Storage is kindly covering all the costs of this event, every penny from this amazing day will go straight to Challengers, meaning 100% of all donations, including your entry fee, will provide fun, play and smiles at Challengers! For more information or to sign up, [please see our website!](#)

In aid of **Challengers**

Guildford Santa Fun Run

Sunday 8th December 2024

Stoke Park, Guildford

-  Festive fun for all the family
-  2.5k & 5k routes available
-  5k Canicross race, dogs welcome!
-  Support an amazing local charity
-  Prizes for best dressed



Sign up here!

kellystorage.co.uk/santa-run



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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.

