



Gosford Hill School Parent Bulletin

No. 5 – Friday 4th October 2024

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 7th October		
Tues 8th October		
Weds 9th October	Sixth Form Icebreaker Event (Hall)	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 10th October	Non-school uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Details below)	
Fri 11th October		

Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 14th October		
Tues 15th October		
Weds 16th October	Restart a Heart (Year 7) Bring a Grown Up! – Computing Workshop	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 17th October		
Fri 18th October	Sixth Form Interform Event	8:50am - 10:15am

Non-School Uniform Day for World Mental Health Day – Next Thursday 10th October

ALL

To mark World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October, the PALS have organised for our students to participate in YoungMind's 'Hello Yellow' fundraiser. Students in Years 7-11 are invited to wear something yellow as part of their outfit on this day. Sixth Form students are encouraged to wear a yellow fancy-dress costume on this day, to raise money for YoungMinds who work hard to support the mental health of young people. The suggested donation is £1, which will be collected on the day. There will also be a bake sale in the English corridor at break time, which all year groups are welcome to attend.

Posted by – Mr La Porte

Wanted – Jam Jars!

ALL

The Peers Listeners need 30 jam jars for World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October. If you have any clean and empty jam jars lying around, please send them into school with your child.

Posted by – Mrs Francis

Ghost-ford Hill School – Tuesday 22nd October (4:30pm to 6:00pm)



ALL



This spooky season, children in Years 4-6 are invited to wear their best fancy dress and explore our classrooms in search of sweets and treats. But who knows what Ghouls and Goblins roam the Ghost-ford Hill School corridors at night-time? Parents and carers are welcome to accompany or sit back and enjoy tea and coffee.

Please complete this short Google Form to register your interest in attending: <https://forms.gle/Wz166tVAuDe9jwSS7>

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Bring a Grown Up! – FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School

Throughout the academic year, Gosford Hill School is hosting a series of fun family-oriented learning sessions, during which we invite **primary school-aged children in Years 4-6** to 'Bring a Grown Up!' and try something new!

This term, have fun solving Maths puzzles, explore French language and culture or learn to code a Microbit at one of our free family learning workshops.

ALL

Computing Workshop – Wednesday 16th October – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Maths Workshop – Tuesday 3rd December – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

French Workshop – Monday 9th December – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

[Click here](#) to learn more or to book. Places are limited and are already filling fast, so please book today to avoid disappointment!

Please note that only one ticket is required to be booked to enable participation for one child and one accompanying parent. Should you need help with ticket booking, please give us a call on 01865 374971.

Posted by – Mr Birchall

Learning a Musical Instrument at Gosford Hill School

We have a team of instrumental teachers teaching a variety of instruments at Gosford Hill. If your child would like to start having lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, keyboard, drum kit, guitar (electric or acoustic) or singing this academic year, please sign up at the link below:

ALL

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest>

Or if your child would be interested in learning piano, please ask them to speak to Mr Purtell (Head of Music) directly for our piano teacher's details. Students in receipt of Free School Meals can apply for reduced fees.

Posted by – Mr Purtell

Safeguarding

ALL

Please remember that if you have a safeguarding concern within school hours, please send a message to the following email address: safeguarding@gosfordhillschool.org

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school hours please contact our local MASH Team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 050 7666**.

Posted by – Mr La Porte





Gosford Hill School

Admissions Open

for students joining us in September 2025



It's an exciting time to join Gosford Hill School...

- Rated Good by Ofsted.
- Excellent GCSE and A Level results.
- We are the first school in Oxfordshire to be part of the Department for Education's Schools Rebuilding programme.



Apply online now:

www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/admissions

Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT

Calling all brave students in Year 4-6!



Join us for a spooktacular night of trick-or-treating at

GHOST-FORD HILL SCHOOL

(Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington)

Tuesday 22nd October (4:30pm to 6:00pm)

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Scan here to register!



AUTUMN FAIR

19 OCTOBER

10:00 TILL 17:00 | LAST ENTRY 16:00

HARCOURT ARBORETUM
TALKS & TRAILS, LOCAL MARKET
FOOD & DRINK, HAWK DISPLAYS
ARBORIST DEMOS, FAMILY CRAFTS



SCAN FOR TICKETS






JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch – it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENT Every Sunday morning	FOR 4 – 14 YEAR OLDS Adults can join in with the kids too
EVERYONE WELCOME Walk, jog, hop, skip or jump – it's up to you!	FREE AND EASY TO TAKE PART No special kit needed – wear whatever you like
HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE Share high fives and big smiles!	MAKE FRIENDS Meet lots of new people
LEARN NEW SKILLS Kids and adults can volunteer in lots of roles	FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD Try your best and celebrate your achievements

Park Hill Recreation Ground Junior parkrun

Starts at 9:00 am, every Sunday morning at:
Park Hill Recreation Ground (off Benmead Road), Kidlington, OX5 2DB.

Register your child for free at www.parkrun.org/register and bring their unique barcode with them.

For more information, check our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/parkhillrecreationgroundjuniors or email us at:
parkhillrecreationgroundjuniors@parkrun.com

MORE 



5th-6th October

BIG

Open Weekend

Try our facilities for FREE!

PLUS WIN A £500 high street voucher!*

Sponsored by **ZOGGS**

Speak to a member of our team, or head to our website, for more information.

Available at all MORE Oxford Centres
Barton Leisure Centre, Ferry Leisure Centre, Leys Pools & Leisure Centre

 | oxfordcityleisure.com **let's do MORE**

Facilities at each of our centres vary.
*Sign up for a health & fitness membership, swimming lessons, or book a birthday party at any of our centres over the Big Open Weekend to enter our national prize draw. See website for full details.

Do you support a young person who self harms?

Oxfordshire Discovery College
WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Join our **fully funded**, 5 week programme that's specifically designed by **experts with lived and learned experience** for **parents carers and professionals** who **support** young people struggling with **self harming behaviours**.

SUPPORTIVE & INFORMATIVE

FIND OUT MORE

- Understand more about why the young people we care for engage in self-harming behaviours
- Develop knowledge of alternative strategies to support our young people
- Be part of a safe and supportive group

Wednesdays - 10.00 am to 12:00 pm
Witney Starting 6th November 2024

Wed 9th Oct
10am- 12pm

Mary & Martha Room,
High street Methodist Church, Witney



hello@oxfordshirediscovery.co.uk www.oxfordshirediscovery.co.uk

THINK *pink* WEEK

Show those we hold close that they aren't alone **WEEK** Raising money for Breast Cancer

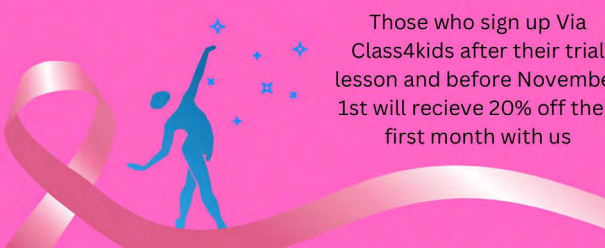
Tuesday 15th-Saturday 19th October

Dance 10 Theatre Arts

Parkhill Recreation Hall, Benmead Road, Kidlington

Come along and trial our classes all week, FREE alongside your £1 donation to wear pink

Those who sign up Via Class4kids after their trial lesson and before November 1st will receive 20% off their first month with us



Visit www.dance10theatrearts.com to view our timetable





SCIENCE WONDER

DISCOVERY EVENING 2024

Begbroke Science Park Farmhouse
Tues 22 Oct
5-8pm

Book your free place here 

bit.ly/sciwonder1IF



Would you like to improve communication with your teen?

face2face



Get professional support to improve mutual understanding and respect

Two Part online course £60

Young people do not have to appear or speak on camera

**Advanced Communication Skills certificate for teens
on completion of the course**

for more info and to book

facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Are you looking for some new strategies for
children aged between 5 and 12?

Facing Defiance



Six week course: 6 online Teach sessions (one hour on Sundays)

plus applying the strategies at home during the week

£72 (1 or 2 parents can attend)

for more info and to book

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Bring a Crown Up!



FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School 2024 - 2025

Suitable for children in Years 4-6

Computing	Wednesday 16th October	Code a MicroBit and create your own computer character.
Maths	Tuesday 3rd December	Maths puzzles and quizzes with a Christmas twist!
French	Monday 9th December	Christmas in France.
Music	Monday 13th January	Recording workshop.
Science	Thursday 27th March	Use science to help the Easter Bunny deliver eggs on time!
German	Tuesday 1st April	Easter in Germany.
Design and Technology	Thursday 1st May	Come and make a little wooden character.
Food	Tuesday 20th May	Tasty teamwork!
English	Thursday 12th June	We all have an inner poet!
History	Tuesday 1st July	Who killed King Harold? A murder mystery.
PE	Thursday 10th July	Tennis and rounders workshop.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these **FREE** workshops.

Scan the QR code today to book your place, or visit:
www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/community/bring-a-grown-up
 Alternatively, you can give us a call on 01865 374971

