

The Bulletin Board

Our pick of the latest education news from around the county

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IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY...



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Forest Schools advocate a Scandinavian approach to education

GRAYSWOOD Nursery, near Haslemere, has become the first Forest School Provider in Surrey.

Since 2011, the nursery has challenged the traditional model of Early Years Education by placing greater emphasis on outdoor learning. With specially trained staff, the school has adopted an innovative Scandinavian approach to teaching and specialises in outdoor environments focussed on child-led learning.

Set in the idyllic village of Grayswood, the school divides its time between the local village hall and an area of woodland which it has transformed into an innovative outdoor classroom, featuring campfires, dens, rope

bridges and more. Each physical activity is linked to a more formal mode of learning, with the children learning to read, write and count at the same time as stacking logs, making tools and identifying insects.

Voted Outstanding by Ofsted, Grayswood has also become an inspiring blueprint to others. With the demand for forest schools continuing to increase, it is regularly visited by education professionals.

The trend is so popular that it has also led to an off-shoot, Greensand Forest Adventures, which offers extra-curricular activities and holiday clubs to older children.

GOOD MARKS FOR...

Making the cut

A prestigious school guide has named Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wilson's School, in Sutton, as among the top 20 state secondary schools in the country.

Published annually, *Tatler's State School Guide* lists the cream of the crop in state education, celebrating their dynamic, forward-thinking leaders and accomplished pupils. Congratulations to them!

Music maestros

ACS Egham International School recently held its annual Young Inspirations recital which saw eight talented students from a number of schools perform for their family and friends.

Among them were Juliette Roos, a former finalist of *BBC Young Musician of the Year*, and ACS Egham students, Eleanor Nixon and Varun Govil.

Mental health

Cranleigh School will host a conference on technology and teenage mental health on Thursday, March 8.

In association with the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust, experts and guest speakers will share ideas and experiences to better understand the impact of technology on adolescent mental health.

For more information, visit cranleigh.org.