

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now reached the end of a very different half term and I would like to thank you, once again, for all of your support. I hope you enjoy this week together, and take time to relax and have some fun. The children deserve a well deserved break, and so do you!

When we return to school after half term, we will continue to ensure we provide the best possible support to you and the children, during these challenging times. If you need any help or support once we are back, please don't hesitate to contact school.

For now, stay safe and please follow the government guidance.

Mrs Bridgwood
Headteacher

Have a look over half term at the CBBC - Youtube Channel

During half term, why not take a look at what the CBBC Youtube channel can offer. They are uploading videos to it daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. All the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If you would like to take a look, please subscribe to subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc

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A Goldsmith Good Luck!

We would like to wish Miss Bennett all the best for the arrival of her baby. Miss Bennett will be greatly missed whilst she is on maternity leave, however we know she will fully embrace this new stage of her life. We can't wait to meet the new arrival (virtually, of course!).





Remote Learning

Please remember to send photos of your children enjoying remote learning to their year group email:



goldsmithreception1@gmail.com

nurserygoldsmith@gmail.com

goldsmithgoldilocks@gmail.com

year1@goldsmith.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

year2@goldsmith.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

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Year 4 remote learning activities!



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Year 4 Home Learning

In year 4 we have been learning all about sound. This week children were taught about sound and pitch. Their task was to create an item at home following the guidance from the teacher's screencast and make something to show how the pitch changes.



Science



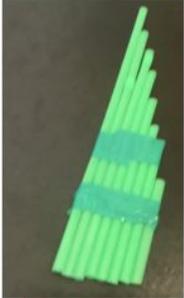
Hibba



Dara



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Mehnaz



Bella



Kodie



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Half term fun!

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 16th February

~Ingredients~

100g plain flour
2 eggs
300ml semi-skimmed milk
1 tbsp sunflower oil or vegetable, plus extra
for frying
Pinch of salt

So many of us like pancakes so why not make some pancakes this half term. If you do remember to email in a picture of your making them! Sweet or savory which do you prefer?



Method

STEP 1

Put 100g plain flour and a pinch of salt into a large mixing bowl

STEP 2

Make a well in the centre and crack 2 eggs into the middle

STEP 3

Pour in about 50ml from the 300ml of semi-skimmed milk and 1 tbsp sunflower oil then start whisking from the centre, gradually drawing the flour into the eggs, milk and oil. Once all the flour is incorporated, beat until you have a smooth, thick paste. Add a little more milk if it is too stiff to beat

STEP 4

Add a good splash of milk and whisk to loosen the thick batter. While still whisking, pour in a steady stream of the remaining milk. Continue pouring and whisking until you have a batter that is the consistency of slightly thick single cream

STEP 5

Heat the pan over a moderate heat, then wipe it with oiled kitchen paper

STEP 6

Ladle some batter into the pan, tilting the pan to move the mixture around for a thin and even layer. Quickly pour any excess batter into the mixing bowl, return the pan to the heat

STEP 7

Leave to cook, undisturbed, for about 30 secs. If the pan is the right temperature, the pancake should turn golden underneath after about 30 secs and will be ready to turn

STEP 8

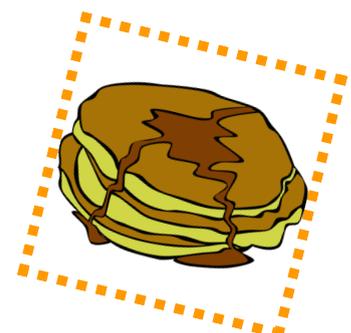
Hold the pan handle, ease a pallet knife under the pancake, then quickly lift and flip it over. Make sure the pancake is lying flat against the base of the pan with no folds, then cook for another 30 secs before turning out onto a warm plate

STEP 9

Continue with the rest of the batter, serving them as you cook or stack onto a plate. *You can freeze the pancakes for 1 month, wrapped in cling film or make them up to a day ahead*

For more recipe ideas, please visit the link below

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/perfect-pancakes-recipe>





Easter Bake off is coming!

Goldsmith Primary Academy is trying to raise money to find a Community Defibrillator (Defib). One fun way to help us raise essential funds for this project and get us one step closer to our target, Goldsmith Primary Academy will be running an Easter Cake Baker Off competition.

We are asking all those who wish to take part to donate a £1 per entry (via parentpay). The entry that has the most creative/imaginative idea will win a EASTER EGG HAMPER, we have three hampers up for grabs.

The rules for the Easter Bake of are:

- 1 - No shop bought cakes/bakes. (decoration props are ok)
- 2 - Each entry requires at least three shop bought ingredients that requires measuring and mixing.
- 3 - Parent/carers are to take photos of each stage of their creations and share it via the school social media platforms
- 4 - The finished cake/bake is to be photographed and sent into school ready to be judge
- 5 - All entries should be received by Mrs Moran no later than 10am on the 29th March 2021

Parents/carers you do not need to do anything right now as more information will be revealed after the February half term. Use this time to get creative with the children and start to think of ideas in preparation for our Easter Bake Off Competition!

Have you got what it takes to impress the Goldsmith Judges?





Fitness Frenzy Challenge!

Well done to everyone who took part in the Fitness Frenzy Challenge. Goldsmith Primary Academy had the second most amount of entries out of the 5 Windsor Academy Trust Primary Schools. This is FANTASTIC!!!

The next virtual sports competition has now begun- it is taking place until the 22nd February.

Goldsmith would love all children to take part in the FUN SOCK OLYMPICS over half term. There are 5 challenges to take part in with a video showing you how to complete the events. The 5 events include Sock Keepie Uppies, Sock Basketball and Sock Rainbow. All you need for these challenges is a ball of socks and a stopwatch.



The link to the entry form and videos is

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5RVDZdBPZETBdK7aWeJmdKpboxQ70q216E0HmM0ChUQx5g/viewform>

Pupils can enter as many times as they wish as this is a personal challenge with the aim for children to beat their personal best!

You can do it!

WAT Dance Festival - Love 2 Dance!

The annual WAT Dance Festival (Love 2 Dance) is going virtual this year! Goldsmith and Rivers children are going to be working together to create a combined dance piece for a virtual show. Let's give it a go and let's get moving!

Cara (WAT Dance Specialist) has produced a fantastic step by step video of the dance to be performed. The dance involves a set chorus dance, followed by improvisation (children can create their own dance moves in this section), then the set chorus dance to finish. Children can choose just to do the chorus dance to perform or can challenge themselves with the improvisation section too!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcHMlo8t5HI&feature=youtu.be>

If parents/carers have agreed to media consent for their Children, then they should film themselves and send them to us by Friday 25th February! This will be a great half term activity. Can all videos please be sent to their year group emails. *(These can be found at the start of this newsletter)*



Blakenall Sure Start Centre

Joanne Simpson, Karina Maddox and Jodie Blakemore are from Early Help. With groups at the centre not being open, the team are offering parent's/carer's virtual activities to try with their children at home. Further information can also be found on their Facebook page.

<http://www.mywalsall.org/walsallearlyhelp/Virtua>

Health Matters!

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds)

Times are tough for many people right now. Parents find themselves pulled in many different directions and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual.

A mixture of concern about covid, work from home and children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household.

Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond).

Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

YOUNG MINDS

Please Remember - Medical information update!

Goldsmith Primary Academy is currently updating all pupil medical care plans.

If your child has a medical condition, please contact school and speak to our Attendance and Medical officer, Mrs Moran. She will be happy to discuss the medical conditions and go through the process of a medical care plan. This also includes all pupils with chronic asthma that have an asthma plan from the asthma clinic. If you need to update information, please call 01922 710128 (option 1).





Goldsmith's Home School Heros!

With all this talk of superheroes, Goldsmith Primary Academy would like to acknowledge it's very own superheroes. Each week, teachers will nominate a child from each class and say why they have achieved the title of 'Home School Hero'!. It may be because a child has worked extremely hard and submitted some excellent work, or it could be that they have overcome a challenge they have faced whilst being at home during this difficult time. So let's see who can claim the title of School Hero each week!

Ra - Anthony S: For attempting every task set and for discussing interesting topics with Mum and having some fantastic ideas

Rb - Wyatt U: For completing all tasks and challenges set for home learning and for going above and beyond with additional learning activities every day

Nursery am - Parker B: Demonstrating resilience for trying something new during our Chinese New Year topic

Nursery pm - Ayana A: Demonstrating her mathematical calculation skills

Goldilocks am - Grayson G: For being creative with his home learning. Thank you mom for all of your support

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1a - Nathan K: For persevering with home learning and trying his best, even when activities have been challenging. Thank you Mum for your support

1b - Aayanah E: For showing a great amount of dedication to your home learning. Well done Aayanah! Thank you to Mom for being a wonderful support!

2a - Harley H: For being such a whizz with technology. He and mum have worked incredibly hard to be working online, as much as possible! You are a real techonolo-guy!

2b - Freddie R: Freddie is just a fantastic human being! He tries his hardest all of the time and never gives up on a challenge. Please carry on being you, Freddie!

2c - Ahmani R: Ahmani never gives up even when the technology does. She always tries her hardest and isn't afraid to ask for help. Keep persevering Ahmani, it's the true quality of a lifelong learner!

3a - Allan K: Allan always strives to be the best he can be. He will always have a go at every task and is flourishing in his maths. He is a great role model and has a 'can do; attitude. This is a fantastic skill to have. Well done Allan!

3b - Olivia V: Olivia always gives 100% effort to ensure she unlocks her personal and academic potential. She completes all tasks set to the best of her ability and always goes above and beyond to ensure her own education flourishes. Olivia sent in a video of her playing the keyboard - I was well impressed! Great job!



4a - Oliwia D: Oliwia is always so supportive of all of her class friends within the year 4 group, both on and off line. She supports during lessons and in the classroom stream. Amazing teamwork!

4b - Trinity Rose J: Trinity is our Goldsmith Home Hero as she has demonstrated so much resilience and patience during our daily live maths lessons. She has demonstrated determination to complete her work even if it means hanging on the call at the end of the lesson to gain extra support. Well done!

5a - Alfie B: for being active and present for every lesson

5b - Lamia K: she's tried incredibly hard and is submitting work of a really high standard

6a - Natalie K: Amazing engagement and commitment to learning

6b - Ateeb R: Amazing engagement and commitment to learning



Walsall Council - Prevent

With regards to Prevent we must have an understanding of what the **current threat is** and the types of groups who form part of this threat.

The below links are two new animated 'explainer films' about Prevent and are aimed at the general public, concerned friends, a family audience and provide an introduction to Prevent and to the work of Prevent officers.

<https://actearly.uk/support/reach-out-for-help/>

<https://actearly.uk/working-together/how-we-help/>

For further information about Prevent, please visit the Prevent Walsall Safer Partnership website: <https://www.saferwalsallpartnership.co.uk/prevent>



Useful Information!

Please see below useful information for organisations that may be able to help or support you should you require.



Local Charities

Including Walsall Wood Allotment Charity and Uniform Grants-

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/charities>

4 Steps to A Smile

<https://www.4stepstoasmile.com/>

Little Starfish - Facebook or Twitter

Help with Food

Thomas Project Walsall

<https://thethomasproject.co.uk/>

Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank

<http://bloxwichblakenall.foodbank.org.uk/>

Keeping Tummies Full

Food Bank Vouchers- Supplied by School

Help with Housing

Contact WHG

<https://www.whg.uk.com/contact-us/>

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Reduction/Help with Bills

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19_information/covid-19_-_i_need_help_residents

Citizens Advice Housing

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/>

Financial Help and Advice

Money Advice Service

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>

Covid Winter Grant Scheme

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/newsroom/covid-winter-grant-scheme>

Universal Credit

<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

Mental Health Support

MIND charity

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/>

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<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

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Samaritans Call 116123 Free or email jo@smaritans.org website:

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

Rethink Mental Illness

<https://www.rethink.org/help-in-your-area/groups-in-your-area/>

NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Help

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/>

Domestic Abuse Help

Black Country Womens Aid

<https://blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk/our-support/>

Victim Support

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

Government Advice

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>

School Nursing Service

Confidential and anonymous Chat Health

Text Service: 07480 635 363

Duty line Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm call:01922 423349

www.healthforteens.co.uk

www.healthforkids.co.uk

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Autism

<https://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>

Local Support

<http://www.mywalsall.org/fis/children-with-special-educational-needs-sen-or-disabilities>

Parenting Support

Early Help

<http://www.mywalsall.org/walsallearlyhelp/>

School Nursing Workshops

<https://www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/parents-and-carers/>



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