

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Dream Rise ASPIRE

4th May 2023

Welcome back to our first summer edition of the Goldsmith Gazette! We all hope you all had a wonderful Easter break with your friends and families. We have gotten straight back into the swing of things in school, with many exciting events planned. We are all looking forward to the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May and hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating. On Friday we will be hosting our very own tea party! I would also like to wish all of Year 6 the very best with their SAT's which are starting next week, we are all very proud of what you have already achieved! Enjoy the bank holiday, we look forward to welcoming the children back next Tuesday.

~Mr Ingles, Head of School



Staff Change – 3a

After 5 wonderful years we have now said goodbye to Miss Lounds. We want to wish her all the best for the future and a huge thank you for her hard work and support!

For the remainder of the Summer Term 3a will be taught by Miss Fleming. Miss Fleming is very familiar with the children and has worked at Goldsmith Primary Academy for a number of months. We are extremely excited to welcome her into Goldsmith to continue the excellent standards which Miss Lounds has instilled within our school.

IMPORTANT: HEADLICE

We have continuously reported cases of head lice in school, we ask you to be extra vigilant when checking your child's hair and to please treat if any are found to prevent head lice spreading to other children. If any are found, it is important to continue treating and checking your child's hair until all live lice, as well as eggs, are fully removed.

Your child can continue to attend school whilst you are treating their hair, any child absent due to the reason of head lice will be recorded as unauthorised in accordance with Public Health England and the local authority. We advise regular head checks by parents to help identify any situations as early as possible. Should you need any assistance or advice with this, please contact school.

Hotspot Friday's BE IN TO WIN!

Each Friday, children from across school will be randomly selected to win a prize if they have achieved any of the following:

- Shown most improved attendance
- Currently on 96% or more
- Achieved 100% attendance

Keep on coming to school on time every day!

DREAM, RISE, ASPIRE, ATTEND!

Please ensure that if your child cannot attend school for any reason, that you make the school aware.

Year Group Attendance:

Year 1 – 89% Year 2 – 91.8%
Year 3 – 91.8% Year 4 – 92.99%
Year 5 – 95% Year 6 – 90.9%

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Goldilocks 2 Year Old Provision

Do you have a child, or know someone who has a child, turning 2? We are accepting admission forms for our September 2023, January and February 2024 intakes! Please be quick as these spaces fill fast.

We now accept both funded and paid places to cater for all families. If you are eligible for a funded space, you should receive a 'Golden Letter' containing a 'time to start' code from Walsall Council. You can also call Walsall Family Information Service on 01922 653383 and request your child's 'time to start' code.

Goldilocks is now based, along with our Nursery, in our brand new Nursery building. The setting has top of the range facilities and is a fantastic start to your child's learning journey.

Please contact the main office for more information.

Note: Our Nursery spaces are becoming very limited unless your child has attended Goldilocks first.



Year 6 SAT's

The last Year 6 booster will be held this evening - Thursday 4th May.

3:10pm – 4:10pm

There is a place for every Year 6 pupil.

Please ensure that your child does attend the booster sessions, if possible. Every minute of revision does count!



During SAT's week (**Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023**), Year 6's will be able to have join us for breakfast between 8:00am – 8:30am, classroom doors will be open for all pupils to attend.

They will be able to choose from a range items; including cereal, fruit, bagels, pastries and fruit juice. We strongly recommend that your child attends this, it will be an opportunity for them to relax and socialise with friends, in a calm environment allowing them to prepare for the day's test. As well as this, please ensure that your child has a good night's sleep! Try to keep screen time to a minimum before bed time and encourage them to go to sleep at a reasonable hour! **Please ensure your child is in their classroom by 8:30am during this week.**

Any questions about SAT's, please contact Mrs Twells, Mr Khan or Mr Wakeman.

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King's Coronation Tea Party

As part of our celebrations for the King's Coronation, we will be holding a tea party for each year group in school. In support of this, we would like your child to bring a labelled party plate into school on Friday 5th May 2023. This plate can consist of sandwiches, cakes, crisps and biscuits.

Please be advised that we are a 'no nut' school. **Due to allergies, please ensure all food that children bring in does not contain nuts.**

The school will provide your child with refreshments. Please note that this party plate does not replace school dinner for the day.

In addition to bringing in a party plate, we are allowing all children to come to school dressed in clothing that consists of the colours, red, white and blue. We request that clothing is sensible; tops must cover midriff, no football strips or tops with gaming logos. If your child has a fancy dress outfit, they may wish to come dressed in royal attire such as a princess/prince.

We look forward to collaboratively celebrating and making long lasting memories for all!



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Friday 5th May 2023

Join us for our *King's Coronation* lunch:

Traditional Fish and Chips

or

Pizza and Chips

with

The Kings Coronation Cake

Jackets and wraps are also available



NEW! Golden Nugget Award and Lunchtime Golden Table

Follow our ASPIRE values at lunchtime (by demonstrating exemplary behaviour and attitude) and you might get picked to join the Golden Table!

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WAT a Run is an event being organised by our trust, Windsor Academy Trust, to raise funds for the Windsor Academy Trust Community Foundation. The newly-established Foundation has been set up to help us fundraise across our family of schools so we can support those in our communities who need it the most. WAT a Run is taking place next month and we would like our school to actively support this event.

There are three ways our students and their families can get involved:

1. WAT a Run - Main Event - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May:

Over 18s only. Staff and family members from across Windsor Academy Trust will be embarking on a two-day sponsored run - from Halesowen Athletics Club to each of our schools and back again - running as many kilometres as they can to contribute towards an overall goal of 2,000km.



2. WAT a Run - Community Fun Run - Sunday 14th May:

All ages. A 5km 'fun run' will take place at Halesowen Athletics Club at 2pm on Sunday 14th May, at the end of the main event, that students and their families are welcome to join. Families will need to make their own way there and parents will be responsible for supervising their children at the event.

Sign up for the fun run here:

<https://www.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/civic-3/wat-a-run-2/fun-run>

3. WAT a Run - School Event - Sunday 14th May 9:30am:

The school event will take place on the South Playground where children and adults will be able to take part in a fun run before supporting the WAT a Run participants as they arrive at school.

The KS1 gate will open from 9:30am, with the run starting at 9:45am. Refreshments will be sold by the 'Friends of Goldsmith Primary Academy' and we will be giving away some free prizes for participants and supporters.

Mr Ingles, Mrs Jones, Mr Stanton and Mr Perrin will all be taking part in the challenge on the Sunday. Good luck team!



You can support the Windsor Academy Trust Foundation and the runners taking part by donating on the link below:
<https://heartofenglandcommunityfoundation.enthuse.com/cf/windsor-academy-trust-wat-a-run>

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Mr Perrin has been busy organising lots of fun sporting activities for our pupils last month. We are so proud of our students for taking part and representing our school!

Pupils from Goldsmith attended an All England Badminton event at the National Indoor Arena. The children had a fantastic time watching the very best players in the world and also took part in their own badminton challenges!



Some pupils from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Walsall School Games Football event at Sheffield Academy.

Unfortunately it wasn't their day despite a number of clean sheets, however they should be extremely pleased with their improvements this year! Well done!



The Year 5 Sportshall Athletics Team excelled at Walsall College, winning 8 out of the 12 track races during the event. Brilliant results Year 5!



Goldsmith defended well at the Girls Compete Football. They finished with 3 clean sheets from their 4 matches at Sheffield Academy. Impressive!

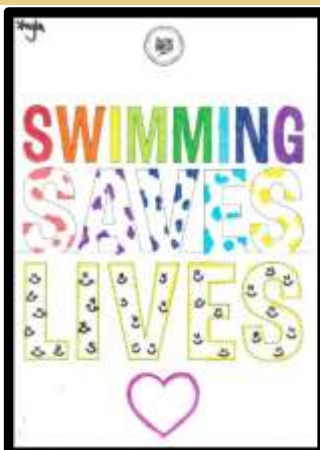
Our pupils had an excellent performance at the Compete School Games Rugby, Mr Perrin was very impressed with their teamwork and fast running. They managed 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 loses. Unfortunately no photo was taken on the day - the kids were too fast!

The Year 4 Tennis team played fantastically at the Walsall School Games Tennis Event at Streetly Academy last week. They took part in many long rallies and were a credit to the school!

Year 3 and Year 4 represented the school fantastically in lots of fast and friendly Bench Ball matches against Rivers Primary Academy. It was wonderful to see all the children working collaboratively together.

We have set up a pop up pool program for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. They will be having swimming lessons every day for the half of the term. The aim is to improve their water skills.

Year 5 children also took part in a special art session with international swimmer Michael Gunner. They have created posters to decorate the surroundings of the pool. Year 6 then had a meet and greet with the inspirational swimmer.



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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

Meet Our Expert

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TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lead them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' ages. The AI only detects approximate ages, though – as an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification; it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Critics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial, if they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

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