

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

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A note from Mrs Bridgwood...

Welcome back to our first Summer edition of the Goldsmith Gazette, we have gotten straight back into the swing of things in school!

We have hosted a number of external visitors over the past few weeks and the feedback has been wholly positive. We are so proud of your children and their teachers in the way they behave and the excitement for learning. We feel passionately that we should share that experts in education also see the strength at Goldsmith. One such visitor said, *'Your school is beautiful and your children are amazing. I was blown away at how polite, happy and hard working they are. I know how difficult it is to establish that sort of a culture in a school but it permeated everything and everywhere.'*

I would also like to wish Year 6 all the very best with their SATs next week, we are so proud of how hard they have all worked.

Year 6 SATs

This Monday, 9th May, is the first day of Year 6's SATs week which will run until Thursday 12th May.

Firstly, to all the children in Year 6, you have all worked so hard this year and should be proud of what you have already achieved. We are all confident that you will do brilliantly next week! Secondly, to all the parents and carers, thank you! Thank you for your support up to this point with boosters, home learning and Easter school. We appreciate it.

Each morning (Monday-Thursday), we will be offering a SATs breakfast club from 8:15am. 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 look out for a letter on Friday night which will provide you with more information about how SATs week will run. Have a relaxing and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you ready and refreshed on Monday, for the first SATs test.



Team GB Super-Heavyweight Boxer 'DJ' visited us!



We were delighted to welcome Team GB Super-Heavyweight boxer, Delicious Orie 'DJ' into school last week. The children enjoyed asking him lots of questions about how he became a boxer and how the children could become boxers!

We will be looking out for DJ in the commonwealth games later this year and the Paris Olympics; he is set to be the next big name for Great Britain.

We wish him all the very best and are very grateful and privileged that he took the time to visit us.

Year 3 Poets!

During the month of February, Year 3 took part in not one, but two poetry competitions: The Rotary Young Writers Competition 2022 and The WASSUP poetry competition, organised by Professor Gatrad. They spent two weeks learning about, and falling in love with, all things poetry - a truly wonderful experience seeing the children so engaged with this genre of writing. The theme for the poetry competitions was 'How can we save our planet?' Many children not only enjoyed researching and gaining new knowledge about the serious threats humans are having on the environment in school, but also spent much time continuing this learning at home with their families.

After a long wait, the results were in...Goldsmith came out on top! There were a huge 286 entries from 5 other schools and we were the very best! The winning entry was written by Natalia in 3b! As part of her prize, Natalia and her parents, along with Miss Cottam and Miss Lounds, were invited to have tea and biscuits with the Lady Mayor of Walsall in the Mayor's Parlour. We are so very proud of all of the children who received a special mention from the organisers of both competitions. We are hoping that we win again next year! Well done Year 3!



Save the Planet

*I am the earth!
I need you and you need me.
You chuck litter into the sea.
If you don't stop,
You'll destroy me!*

*Electricity! Electricity!
It's always nearby.
Let's start using something up high.
Using wind power,
We can save money by the hour.*

*Recycle! Recycle!
Do this with me.
I hope one day, you'll agree.
You make animals die in the sea.
Plastic pollution is all we can see.*

*As well as the forests,
Hot places and cold places,
And all the places that can be.
Please stop throwing rubbish,
Everywhere your eyes can see.*

*Deforestation! Deforestation!
Everyone's cutting down trees.
This is making me fall to my knees.*

*You are making me ill.
You are making me sick.
Let's do something about it now,
Whilst we know how.*

By Natalia Kosiorek, age 8.

Ways to keep in touch...



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LONELINESS ONLINE: What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature

FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

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Goldilocks have been busy learning all about one of our all time favourites, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'!



Family life a little prickly? How can Beacon Family Services help?

Safe and Thriving: Workshops to support parenting in the wake of Covid

We all know that the last two years has been an enormous strain for families and schools. Children, as a result of Covid, have experienced disruption to schooling and the loss of loved ones whilst parents and teachers have faced increased stress and anxiety. Every week parents and teachers tell us their worries about children who are more anxious and may be acting out or not attending school and struggling with building peer relationships. They tell us there is a crisis in children's mental health.

The workshops last 90 minutes and are a one stop shop to provide you with a toolkit to meet your child's needs. They will support parents whose are concerned their child is:

- struggling with relationships at home or school
- behaving in a way that causes worry
- needing support with additional social and communications needs due to ADHD or Autism.

The session will be delivered by Pete on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 9.00am at Goldsmith Primary Academy.

Our junior leadership team are fantastic ambassadors for our ASPIRE character virtues and learner skills. Here we see the Reading Buddies working with younger pupils and the School Senate delivering assembly!



Dinner Money

Just a reminder to those of you who pay for school meals, ParentMail accounts need to be credited in advance of children receiving a meal to prevent any outstanding balances arising.

Many thanks

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