# EGOLDSMITH GAZETTE Dream Rise AS 🏠 Dream 🏠 Rise 🏠 ASPIRE 🖔 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

What an incredible first two weeks back at school! It was lovely to see all of our pupils dressed up in their World Book Day costumes and taking part in all the fun activities planned. Thank you to all staff, parents and carers who helped make this happen.

We have lots of exciting plans and events coming up this half term (Red Nose Day and St. Patrick's Day included), please continue to look at Class Dojo and Parent Mail for further information and any updates. Hope everyone enjoyed the snow!

~ Mr Ingles, Head of School



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Help to support this great cause by wearing something red, along with your school uniform! £1.00 donation payable via ParentMail.

> Hotspot Friday's **BE IN TO WIN!**

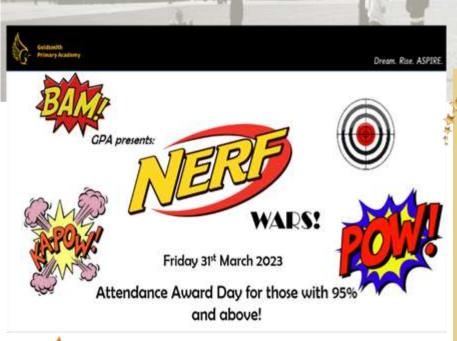
Each Friday, children from across school will be randomly selected to win a prize if they have achieved any of the following:

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

The next 'Attendance Award Day' will be Nerf Wars! 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 - 88.5%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 91.5%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 94.9%

Year 6 - 97.4%



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#### Goldilocks 2 Year Old Provision

Do you have a child or know someone who has a child turning 2? We have spaces available for our April and September 2023 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.



### Goldsmith is about to become even more green!

The GPA sustainability drive will be given a huge boost at the start of next month. Mrs Waldron and Mrs Twells have been working collaboratively with our eco-warriors and have successfully secured a delivery of trees to start our very own orchard. The orchard will be planted next to our nursery building, you may also see additional plants and trees pop up around other parts of our school grounds.

The orchard will be used as a space for connecting with nature and allow all children across school to immerse themselves in their learning about biodiversity, healthy eating and plant care.

We will be planting the orchard in the coming weeks and are hoping to get the community involved in a planting ceremony - watch this space! If you have any gardening expertise and you would like to get involved, please let either Mrs Twells or Mrs Waldron know!



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## orld Book Day 2023!



A **HUGE** thank you to all who supported our world book day this year! Everyone in school had a brilliant day celebrating. The costumes were fantastic across school! Children took part in lots of 'jump into the book' activities linked to a range of texts from 'Jasper's Beanstalk to The Boy with the Wings'. We had tea parties, crafts, baking, food tasting, planting and finally a book hunt with all our wonderful parents and carers. What an amazing day celebrating the children's love of reading!



'It felt totally magical, the children's faces when they entered the library and how they were so enthralled with the storytelling myself and Mrs Franks provided made my day!' Mrs Thomas.

'It was truly a magical experience to see all the children engaged in the art of storytelling. I found the whole day amazing. I can't wait to do it again next vear.' Mrs Franks.





For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the library was also magically transformed into a visit to Hogwarts by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Franks and then a Fairyland Grotto for Years 1 and 2. Reception also had a visit from a story-telling witch and her bubbling cauldron.





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### Have a look below at some recent highlights from school:

#### **Nursery:**

Nursery have been researching Ed Sheeran, learning about who he is and what he does as a musician. Unfortunately, Ed Sheeran was too busy to come and visit Goldsmith so he sent his younger brother Ted Sheeran!







#### Reception:

Reception had a wonderful school visit to the National Adventure
Farm on Tuesday. They spent the day meeting and learning about lots of farmyard and furry creatures, helped to hand feed 8-week-old lambs, took part in a tractor ride and were adventurous in the outdoor and indoor play areas. The children were all a credit to the school. Their behaviour was exemplary, they were polite and were praised by the farm staff for being so good.

Well done Reception!







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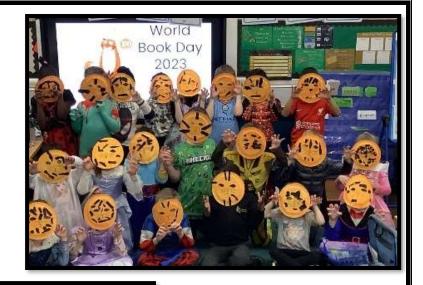




#### Year 1:

Year 1 have learnt about how we stay healthy, thinking about the food and drinks we consume, sleep and staying clean!

They then worked collaboratively to create and perform a poem about being healthy. Well done Year 1!



#### Year 2:

For World Book Day, Year 2 explored the story 'The Tiger Who Came For Tea'. They all were creative whilst designing and constructing their Tiger masks and finished off the day with a class tea party with lots of cakes to share! Yum!



For World Book Day, Year 3 focused on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They spent the day being very creative by designing packaging for chocolates, producing their own Oompa Loompa's for the class door and even had a go at creating their own chocolate pieces.







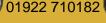




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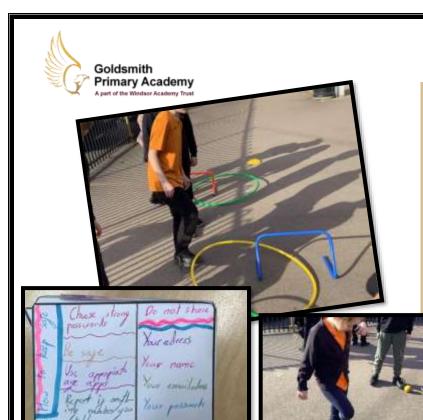






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#### Year 4:

Year 4 have had a great time in PE this week. As well as learning football, they also focused on learning key skills and this week they began with balancing. They attempted to (safely) get their

partner off balance whilst considering the best way to use their core and muscles to support themselves. They also tried a few tricks to practice keeping their balance whilst completing various tasks

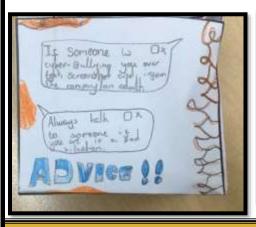
#### Year 6:

Year 6 have been focusing on online safety and how the internet can affect their lives. They have been incredibly respectful of each other and have communicated clearly. They decided to make worry boxes to help inform people and give them a way to talk about their online problems.



#### Year 5:

For World Book day, Year 5 designed and created their very own constellations based on themselves and their personality. This was linked to their class book 'Who Let the Gods Out'. They were given time to research and practise drawing their designs before being given their own canvas for their final creation. We have some very talented artists in Year 5!







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## International Women's Day!

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the world celebrated International Women's Day (IWD). This is an important day to raise the profile for gender equality globally. We have made significant progress over the years but there is still lots more we can all do to promote this further.

'Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

Together we can forge women's equality.

Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity.

Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to drive gender parity.

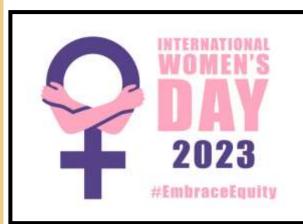
IWD belongs to everyone, everywhere. Inclusion means all IWD action is valid'.

Year 5 have recently been involved in an Equality project called #EmbraceEquality with Jigsaw24, a Tech company based in Nottingham. The brief was to create a video to understand why only 10% of women have leadership roles in technology. A shocking statistic that pupils were genuinely concerned about!

If you are interested in learning more about IWD, please click on the link below:

www.internationalwomensday.com

Thank you Mrs Sidhu, Miss Johnson, Miss Cottam, Mrs Bridgman and Mrs Morgan for your respective contribution in supporting this project!



#### 8 WEEK COUNTDOWN TO SATS!

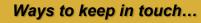
Year 6 boosters are held on a Monday and Thursday night.

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!





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Friday 17th March 2023

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day lunch:

Choose from

Homemade Pizza, Chips and Beans/ Peas (V)

OR

Cod in Batter, Chips and Beans/ Peas

With

St. Patrick's Shamrock Cake





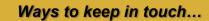




NEW! Golden Nugget Award and Lunchtime Golden Table

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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Come to school in your school uniform but wear something red!

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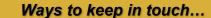






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