

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

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17th June 2022

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A note from Mrs Bridgwood...

We have started a very busy Summer term, with only around 5 weeks left until the Summer holidays!

We have lots planned over the next 5 weeks which we will keep you all informed about.

We have been very excited to finally have our 2 and 3 year old children in our brand new nursery building. They have settled in very well and are loving their new space. Thank you to all parents/carers for your understanding and support with this whilst it is still all so new!

Another huge thank you to all the parent support we had to start our new PTA. Working together is always key to us!

Our Goldilocks & Nursery children have now moved into our brand new building!

The children love their new space and were very excited to get in and explore.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Award - Gold Level. This is an outstanding achievement and wouldn't be possible without Mr Perrin, Mr Anderson and our stunning community. Well done GPA!



School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 27th June 2022 for INSET day

Parent Thank yous!

A big thank you to the parents who attended our PTA meeting yesterday. We are set to have a great set of parents to create our brand new association and have lots planned for the future!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to one of our wonderful parents, Miss Mitchell, for her unbelievable kindness. Miss Mitchell donated out of her own pocket, a brand new mud kitchen for our Goldilocks & Nursery outdoor area. We are so grateful, many thanks again.

We would also like to thank all parents/carers for their kindness and support as always.



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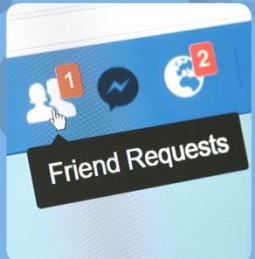


♥♥ - HAPPY -
Father's Day
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A big thank you to all our grown-ups who came to our FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads & Everyone else) day in Early Years. We loved having you in school!



The whole concept of social media relies upon users having friends and/or followers. 'Friends' tend to be those with whom users will share their own personal profile. It's usually a mutual relationship with both parties able to engage and interact with everything their friends post online. 'Followers' on the other hand can typically be just one-way relationships and, dependent on the platform, only provide access to certain aspects of an individual's profile, such as a person's content feed. A common trait that often exists between the two however is the desire to gather as many friends or followers as possible.



What parents need to know about SOCIAL PRESSURES LINKED TO 'FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS'



POSSIBLE 'FRIEND ENVY'

Children may compare the number of friends or followers that they have with their own online friends and people they know. In some cases, this could lead to 'friend envy', particularly if they see this as a sign of popularity. This could lead to your child showing signs of jealousy and resorting to sending friend requests to people they don't know that well, or even strangers, in a desperate bid to increase their own status online.



COLLECTING 'FAKE' FRIENDS

Children who feel under pressure to increase their friend count or want to increase their following as quickly as possible can be vulnerable to collecting 'fake' friends. They may, for example, accept friend requests from people they don't know very well or from complete strangers, inadvertently leaving themselves open to online bullies, trolls or even the possibility of being groomed.



OPEN DOOR POLICY

Another way that children can increase their following is by leaving their accounts open so that they can be easily found, and anybody can view their posts. This is in the hope that other users will like their posts and decide to follow them, therefore increasing their numbers. Once again, this can leave your child vulnerable to being followed by strangers or people who have dishonest intentions.



CONSTANT NEED TO PLEASE

As children start to gain more friends or an increasing number of followers, they might start to feel an added level of pressure to provide them with more interesting and likeable content. Almost as if they now have an audience waiting, this constant need to please may be an extra burden that pushes your child into oversharing personal information or posting material that is inappropriate or offensive, inaccurately portraying what they're actually like in the offline world.

FEELINGS OF REJECTION

Just like increasing friends and followers can bring a sense of happiness and satisfaction, so the loss of friends and followers can cause children to suffer feelings of sadness and rejection. Depending on how invested your child is in their social media activities, this could influence their attitude and behaviour offline and potentially have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing.



Safety Tips For Parents

BETHEIR FRIEND OR FOLLOWER

The best way to know who your child is friends with online or who follows them is to be their friend or follower yourself. This will allow you to see who your child is engaging with most online or open up discussions about how they know certain people they've added to their network who you haven't heard them speak about before or you yourself don't know.

TURN ON PRIVACY CONTROLS

All social media platforms have their own privacy controls which can be used to help protect children online. For instance, removing the ability for strangers to comment on public posts or having a screening process for friend or follow requests is good practice which can help to ensure your child's experience online is a safer one.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

If privacy measures have been put in place, then usually your child will receive a notification if somebody tries to befriend them online. Talk to your child about making sure they don't open up their personal life to people they don't know and that if they are ever in any doubt, they should never accept a friend request from a stranger.

BEHAVE ONLINE AS THEY WOULD OFFLINE

Your child's behaviour online should always be treated as an extension of their behaviour offline. Discuss with your child the pitfalls of trying to be somebody they're not and that trying to please everybody will only make them unhappy. Tell them that they should be proud of who they are and that they should always behave in an appropriate and responsible way when posting content online.



TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE VALUE OF REAL FRIENDSHIP

Social media can often distort what true relationships and friendships should actually be like. It's important to teach your child the value of true friendships and that meeting and speaking to people face to face in the real world, offline, is often a better way to build a more trusting and confident relationship with someone rather than just speaking to them online.



DISCUSS WHAT BEING POPULAR ACTUALLY IS

A higher number of followers can be a measure of popularity but can also lack substance beyond just the number itself. Discuss with your child that popularity can come and go and that a large number of followers doesn't necessarily mean a large number of friends, particularly online where the real value in a relationship cannot be accurately determined.



Meet our expert

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Wednesday 6th – Wednesday 13th July 2022

We will be holding a half price book fair in the school canteen every day for the above week. This will be brought into school by Scholastic and will run 3:15-4:00pm each day in the school canteen. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase half price books and help raise money to re stock our school books!

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Dawn M. Ross Kinross
With sequin cover!

NEW
OLYMPIC MEDALIST
Ibtihaj Muhammad
with Ratem Ali
THE PROUDEST BLUE
A Story of Hope and Faith

Rose Gold and Friends
Uralina Sorenson Hunt
with ALICE HEMMING

HARRY KANE

THE WIZARDS OF ONCE
THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR
CRESSIDA COWELL
Knock Three Times

LISA THOMPSON
THE BOY WHO FOOLED THE WORLD

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As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, we were very proud to host a celebration for the Bloxwich and Blakenall cluster of schools. We welcomed delegations from 9 local schools to perform in front of the Deputy Mayor of Walsall!



Year 5 have worked very hard on their World Ocean Day posters, they all look fantastic and lots of effort went into them all, well done!



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