

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Dream Rise ASPIRE

19th May 2023

We have had a couple of jam-packed weeks in school and it has been truly wonderful to see all our pupils taking part in the celebration of our new King for the Coronation!

Thank you to all of those who supported WAT a Run. Your support meant the world to us as a school, and no doubt helped us cross the finish line! I also want to say a huge well done to all children who participated in sporting events over at Rivers Primary Academy and other schools recently, you were all great representatives of our school and we are very proud of you!

We look forward to seeing the children in school on Monday, ready for the last week before half term.

~Mr Ingles, Head of School



Last weekend, members of our WAT family participated in our extraordinary WAT a Run event, to launch the Windsor Academy Trust Community Foundation. Our team completed two marathons in just two days, visiting all the 10 schools within the Trust.

Thank you to all who have supported the event on the day or leading up to it. So far nearly £4,500 has been raised for our Foundation! Every penny counts and will help us make a difference to the lives of young people and their families in our community.

A HUGE congratulations to our very own Mr Ingles, Mrs Jones, Mr Perrin and Mr Stanton for participating on their legs of the run! We look forward to WAT a Run 2024!



You can still support the Windsor Academy Trust by donating on the link below:

<https://heartofenglandcommunityfoundation.enthuse.com/cf/windsor-academy-trust-wat-a-run>

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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 April 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 Group Attendance:

- Year 1 – 92%
- Year 2 – 90.6%
- Year 3 – 94.9%
- Year 4 – 92%
- Year 5 – 98.2%
- Year 6 – 99.6%

**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.

Dinner Money

A friendly 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.

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!

Our Year 4's also took part in a friendly target games festival with pupils' from Rivers Primary Academy. They all had lots of fun involving Ten Pin Bowling, Archery, Boccia and Curling.

The Year 4 Tennis team showed great determination in their event at Shelfield Academy. They had to show resilience when they had to quickly change to an indoor venue due a large rain shower!

And finally, we are extremely pleased to announce that Goldsmith Primary Academy has received the **GOLD School Games Mark**. This recognises the fantastic engagement and participation of our students in competitive school sport. Launched in 2012, The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme facilitated by The Youth Sport Trust. It aims to reward schools for their commitment to the development of Physical Education and School Sport across their curriculum and in the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success in this area for a 2nd year in a row!

Year 1 have recently participated in a 'Robin Hood Running Games' event in collaboration with Rivers Primary Academy. All of the children enjoyed representing Goldsmith in sport for the very first time. Well done Year 1!



Swimming:

Our Year 5 swimmers have achieved great progress in their intensive swimming course, in the schools pop up pool. The pupils have exceeded all expectations and we are very proud of them! At the start of the programme, we had 10 pupils with swimming ability to now having 38 pupils being able to swim! Well done Year 5 for showing fantastic courage and resilience!

For the remainder of this half term, our Year 6 pupils will be continuing the intensive swim programme by swimming every day. We are really looking forward to the impact the swim program will have for the children.



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.

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On Friday 5th May, we took part in celebrations for the King's Coronation. All of our pupils were creative whilst learning about the King and history of coronations, making their own crowns, and playing party games.

Each year group also had their very own tea party in the hall, they all enjoyed their party feast, dancing with their friends and listening to the National Anthem. We even had two special guests visit us, their majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla!



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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Some recent highlights from school:

Nursery & Goldilocks:

Nursery and Goldilocks have recently learned about Jasper's Beanstalk during the last few weeks. They have learned about different parts of a plant and planted their very own beanstalk to grow. They have also taken part in their very own 'Mini Beast Hunt' like Jasper did in the story! They had a fantastic time searching the forest and were very brave whilst discovering insects.



Reception:

This week, Reception are learning about 'Space and the Solar System!'

Today, they have learnt fun facts about our solar system and all the planets that orbit the sun. They then demonstrated how the planets orbit around the sun themselves.



We have kindly received donations of plants from Miss Angela's parents for our 'Goldilocks' Garden'. Our pupils have had a lot of fun planting them.

We now have many strawberry, tomato, and lettuce plants, we can't wait to watch them as they grow, and hopefully our pupils will have lots of things to try during their snack time!



Year 3:

Year 3 have been investigating mass in Maths recently.

They measured, then compared items in mixed units. The collaboration and communication skills demonstrated made Miss Fleming very proud! Well done 3a!

Year 4:

Last week, Year 4 had an amazing 'Viking Forest School', experience led by Mr Anderson. They learned how to light a fire, build a shelter, and wrote messages in ancient Viking runes. At the end, they gathered around the campfire to eat flatbread and soup - just like viking warriors would do, at the end of a long day in battle. It was an incredible experience that everyone enjoyed!



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One of our wonderful pupils has demonstrated her civic duty! Lottie has courageously donated her ponytail to a charity in support of children, who through various illnesses, lose their hair. We so are proud to have Lottie in our community! So far, Lottie has raised an incredible £537.50 in donations! You can still donate to this wonderful cause via the link below:

https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/Lottie-Louisesponsoredhairdonation?fbclid=IwAR3ksWpV2KBK_heVMWHil_kAVVeQKRct5RRJS_LlcobO4IPg_Ry99rAILWlw



Year 4:

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with professional musician Paul for their Artsmark project! They have created their very own school song about diversity and were all very creative, and worked collaboratively to write the lyrics.



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The 'Goldsmith Guild' have been very busy the past few weeks, shadowing and judging the books in the Yoto Carnegie Awards. They have accepted the illustrator's challenges and are producing art work in the style of the books they have been judging. Our pupils have been very creative while making the display board for their work!

'I have really enjoyed reading and talking about the books' ~ Drew H

'It has been wonderful seeing the 'Goldsmith Guild' working together to judge the books' ~ Mrs Thomas, Group Leader



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

17+

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by to people they weren't intended for.

UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Pay details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody'; we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

Meet Our Expert

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