

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Dream Rise ASPIRE

22nd September 2023

It has been lovely welcoming back our pupils, as well as meeting all the new faces who are now starting their Goldsmith journey. It has been a busy few weeks getting back into school life so please do take the time to read through the information within this gazette, as well as checking Dojo and ParentMail to stay up to date.

Please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss. We will always do our best to support you.

~ Mr Ingles, Head of School

Staff Change

You may have noticed a few new faces in and around school since the start of term, we would like to warmly welcome Mr Wells (5c), Mrs Harper (KS2) and Mr McGrady (KS1). They have settled in and are looking forward to getting to know our pupils and families.

Hotspot Friday's BE IN TO WIN!

Each Friday, children 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.

Term Dates and Inset Days 2023/24

Inset Day: 4th September 2023

October Half Term: 30th October - 3rd November 2023

Inset Day: 8th December 2023

Christmas Holiday: 25th December – 5th January 2024

Inset Day: 8th January 2024

February Half Term: 12th - 16th February 2024

Inset Day: 15th March 2024

Easter Holiday: 25th March - 5th April 2024

May Half Term: 27th May - 31st May 2024

Inset Day: 21st June 2024

Term ends: 19th July 2024

Inset Day: 22nd July 2024

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is open to all children in Reception - Year 6 and is completely **FREE of charge!**

Doors open at **8:00am** and close at **8:20am.**

Please arrive via the main Goldsmith Road gates.

Children are able to choose from a variety of choice, what they would like for breakfast. They interact with their friends, play games, and take part in various activities, before heading to class to start the day.

Dinner Money

A polite 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.
Thank you.

Our paid after school club is continuing throughout the 23/24 academic school year. This club is run by Goldsmith staff and all children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to attend.

All sessions can be booked and paid for via ParentMail.

3:10pm to 4:00pm: £4.00 per session

3:10pm to 5:30pm: £8.00 per session

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

If you have any questions about the club, please contact the main office.

WIN!

Come up with a new name and design a logo for our paid after school club and be in with a chance to win 2 FREE sessions and a prize!

Please hand all entries into the main office or Mrs Grice during Breakfast Club.

Year 6 Parents/Carers

Important reminder to please make sure you have applied for your child's secondary school place by **31st October 2023**. You will have received a letter and user guide, containing all the information needed to be able to complete your application.

All applications are now made online.

Should you need any further assistance, please contact school and we will do our best to support with this.

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Goldilocks and Nursery have had a wonderful week exploring lots of different activities. The team would like to say a **HUGE** well done to all of the children for settling in so well for their new school year!



As part of an English experience day, Year 4 met Mrs Twells golden retriever 'Obi'.

The children were extremely brave and resilient as they met Obi and watched him perform some of his favourite tricks and got to ask any questions they had.

The children loved meeting Obi and deepened their knowledge of dogs in preparation for their new English topic based on the Disney animation 'Feast' We all can't wait to see Obi again!

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For further on how school health can support you and your family, please follow the link below:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/walsall/1760-2/>



Walsall Healthcare **NHS**
NHS Trust

Walsall School Nursing Service

Keeping Healthy
Immunisations
Emotional Health
Weight Management
Sexual Health
Drugs and Alcohol
Smoking

The School Nursing Service provides support and advice on a range of health issues. We work with children and young people in full time school up to the age of 19.

Contact: Single Point of Access Telephone: **01922 423349**
Parent Text Line: **07520 634 909**



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 **January, April and September 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.



Please make sure you are signed up to Class Dojo. This is a great way to communicate with your child's class teacher. You can also see individual class, and whole school, stories of events taking place in school and even see your child in the classroom! Please contact the main office and a member of staff will help you get signed up.

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CENSUS DAY MENU
THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER

**Blast off Chicken Nuggets or
Cosmic Fish Bites (H)**

**With Herby Diced Space Rocks
and Sun Sweetcorn**

**Pasta (V), Wraps and Jacket
Potatoes are also available**

**Moon Rocky Road Cake or
Rocket Ice Lolly**

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PE, Swimming and Forest School Days - Autumn 1:

PE	
Class	PE days
Goldilocks (AM and PM)	Pupils always wear uniform
Nursery (AM and PM)	Pupils always wear uniform
Reception (Ra and b)	Wednesday only
Year 1 (1a and b)	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2 (2a and b)	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3 (3a and b)	PE on Tuesday and Swimming on Wednesday
Year 4 (4a and b)	Monday and Friday
Year 5 (5a and b)	Thursday only
Year 6 (6a and b)	Tuesday and Friday

Forest School

Forest School will now take place on a Thursday afternoon. Your child's teacher will communicate when it is your child's week via Class Dojo. On Forest School days, pupils are welcome to attend school in old clothes and trainers that you do not mind becoming damaged. Waterproof clothing and wellington boots will be provided, should the weather dictate. Please be prepared - gloves, hats, scarves are all sensible as the temperature decreases.

Swimming

Y3 swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons, for the whole year. Please remember that for swimming, your child will need:

- Full PE Kit - to change out of and into.
- For boys, swimming trunks or swimming shorts (which do not extend below the knee)
- For girls, a swimming costume (not a bikini or tankini)
- A towel
- A sealable bag or rucksack
- A plastic bag to put wet items into, inside the bag/rucksack
- A snack (not large bags of crisps or sweets)

A drink (water or Squash - not fizzy drinks)



Please remember **NO jewellery** is permitted in PE or Forest School lessons, in accordance with our uniform policy. For more details on jewellery permitted on non-PE days, please visit our website.

We look forward to seeing your children in complete and **correct PE uniform, Swimming Kit or Forest School attire** on their designated days.



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Key tip! Keep an eye out on ParentMail, Class Dojo or the school website for Goldsmith's weekly 'Wake Up Wednesday' posts. These guides are very important in remaining safe online! For more guides and videos, please sign up to Goldsmith's National Online Safety account. Use the link below:
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/goldsmith-primary-academy>



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging text, photos, videos and documents as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's end-to-end encryption (encrypted messages can be viewed by the sender and recipient but not anyone else) makes it a popular choice for them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

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...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favorite hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a supposed emergency. Plus a scammer who has stolen a target's verification code by attempting to log in to their account, then (posing as WhatsApp) can be used to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child could be added to a group chat (by one of their friends) for example containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp's connectivity and size of its address lists can be abused rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app have a 'forwarded' label and 'forwarded' labels are also visible in group chats. This is a warning sign that the message may not be what you received it for from an original sender and might not be entirely factual either.

ONLINE

VIEW ONCE CONTENT
The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't request them later to see to evidence of harassment. People need to be able to screenshot this inappropriate content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, using increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK
Another new option allows users to more certain messages or chats into separate 'locked chats' folders, stored behind a passcode, separate or tied to an identification. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp's live location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking just their child's safety on a way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or friends that they meet regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') for specific contacts which their contacts use add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My contacts' or 'My contacts except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasize that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY
Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Sarah D'Souza is an online safety specialist and author of the book 'The Online Safety Handbook: A Practical Guide to Keeping Children Safe Online'. She is also a member of the National Online Safety Board and a member of the National Online Safety Council. She is also a member of the National Online Safety Council and a member of the National Online Safety Council.

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NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT FOR FREE



Download the EasyPeasy app and discover the best tips and activity ideas, personalised for you and your 0-5 year old shared by our community of parents and experts.

Scan to
get started



EasyPeasy App to launch in Walsall!

Walsall Family Hubs is launching the EasyPeasy app to families in Walsall.

The EasyPeasy app provides over 70 topics for families to choose from such as; parenting tips, activities, routine, literacy and so much more all personalised for families with children aged 0-5 years.

The app brings together the best ideas, advice, and inspiration from a global community of parents, experts, and your favourite early years brands. Easy Peasy philosophy is evidence-based and simple. Early child development is fuelled by real-world interactions between families. The app is dedicated to improving the Home Learning Environment (HLE) and closing the gap in school readiness among children nationwide.

Families can download the app from the App Store or Google Play: EasyPeasy | Give your child the best start in life (easypeasyapp.com)

NASH DOM ADVICE CENTRE

Do you need help with:

- Homelessness
- Housing
- Welfare Benefits
- Debt Management
- Immigration Law
- Education
- Health
- Employment Law
- Jobs and Career Advice

We are Nash Dom Advice Centre, the multilingual advice centre aimed for communities who do not speak or have very poor English language skills. For time being we provide advice in Polish, Slovak, Czech, Moldovan, Romanian, Bulgarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Georgian, Russian, Belorussian, Ukrainian and English languages. In the near future we hope to expand our available languages.

Drop-in Surgery Availability

We provide a Drop-in Surgery service where you are able to come in and talk to us about getting help with any of the specified categories above.

The drop-in surgery sessions happen at different places throughout the week, times and addresses are shown below:

Blakenall – Every Monday from 9:30 – 1
7:00

Blakenall Community Centre, Blakenall
Row WS3 1LW

<https://nashdomcic.org/advice-centre/>

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Krafty Kids Club!

*with Mrs Harper
for Years 4, 5 & 6*



*An exciting club to join if you love to draw,
paint, design, create and most importantly
have fun!*



After school:

Thursday 3:10 - 4:10 pm

Starting **Thursday 28th September 2023**

Drinks and snacks will be available



*Please sign up to this club via ParentMail, a
confirmation email will be sent confirming your place*

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