EGOLDSMITH GAZETTE Dream Rise AS 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

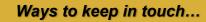
Inset Day: 15th March 2024

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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Our <u>paid after school club</u> 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.

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.

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.



Ways to keep in touch...

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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!





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 IVHS

Walsall School Nursing Service



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.

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



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.

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.

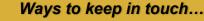
Goldilocks is now based, along with our Nursery, in our brand new Nursery building. The setting has top of the range facilities and is a fantastic start to your child's learning journey.

Please contact the main office for more information.









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PE, Swimming and Forest School Days - Autumn 1:

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Following our purchase of school uniform PE kits, we ask that all pupils attend school on their PE days, in full, correct PE kit. This is a BECA Goldsmith PE t-shirt, black/grey joggers or shorts and black pumps or trainers. All hair must be tied up and safe. As the weather is becoming colder, pupils may wear their Goldsmith Jumper or Cardigan on top of their PE top. Pupils must not attend school in tracksuits. For further details on uniform, please read: Goldsmith Primary Academy - School Uniform Policy. Please note that the orange PE top has been discontinued.

Class	9E 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)	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









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Do you need help with:

- Homelessness
 - Housing
- Welfare Benefits
- Dept 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.

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 realworld 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)

Drop-in Surgery Availability

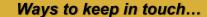
We provide a Drop-in Surgery service where you are able to come in and talk to us about getting help with any of the specified categories above.

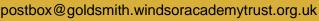
The drop-in surgery sessions happen at different places throughout the week, times and addresses are shown below:

Blakenall - Every Monday from 9:30 - 1

Blakenall Community Centre, Blakenall Row WS3 1LW

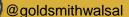
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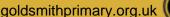














Krafty Kids Club!

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

