

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Dream Rise ASPIRE

23rd June 2023

We have been very busy in school with lots planned for the next few weeks, which we will keep you informed about.

I want to say a huge well done to our Year 1 and Year 4 classes, they have been working extremely hard in their Phonics screening and multiplication checks. We are so proud of their efforts and achievements!

We have had special visits from Commonwealth gold medallist, Courtney Fry, and international swimmer Michael Gunning, who ran a fun-packed workshop and assembly. Thank you to all who took part!

Polite reminder that we have an inset day on Monday 26th June, therefore school will be closed to all children. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 27th June.

Have a lovely weekend!

~ Mr Ingles, Head of School

Key dates for 23/24 Transitions:

Great Wryley: 29th June (Year 6)

Goldsmith Primary Academy: 4th July (Whole School)

Walsall Academy: 4th – 5th July (Year 6)

26th July – 27th July (Summer School)

West Walsall Academy: 4th – 6th July (Year 6)

Willenhall E-ACT Academy: 3rd – 4th July (Year 6 SEND pupils)
5th – 6th July (Year 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, you make the school aware.

Reminder:

**Whole School
Inset Day on
Monday 26th June
2023**

Year Group Attendance:

Year 1 – 94.1%
Year 2 – 92.3%
Year 3 – 95.7%
Year 4 – 93.3%
Year 5 – 93.8%
Year 6 – 92.9%

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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.



NEW! We are now trialing a paid after school club until the end of the academic year (this is in addition to all sports clubs). The club is run by Goldsmith staff, all children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to attend.

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

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

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.




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Some recent highlights from school:



Our Eco Warriors and A* Sheriffs had a fantastic time last Friday at 'The Force for Nature Festival' at the Botanical Gardens.

Our children were some of the youngest participating and we had several comments saying how respectful and well behaved they were, such a credit to our school!

Goldsmith was also awarded the 'Beacon School Status' due to all the hard work put in by all for our community orchard! Well done!



Some of our pupils had the opportunity to take part in a collaborative Science day with other Primary schools within Windsor Academy Trust. They were able to participate in an engaging physics workshop with Dr Jenny Watson and then embarked on an intriguing journey into Chemistry by exploring different topics, such as Hindenburg and combustion with Erica Harper, the Trust's Director of Sciences.

"The opportunity for our young scientists to delve deeper into science, beyond what they've learned in their respective schools, was inspiring to witness," said Max Wakeman, the Primary Science Curriculum Lead South. "Their excitement and curiosity were palpable." added Emma Morgan, Primary Science Curriculum Lead North.

Read more about the day in the blog below:

<https://www.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/blog/watscience/>



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Goldilocks, Nursery and Reception had a magical time celebrating *Father's Day* with their loved ones in a special workshop this week! It was lovely watching everyone play together. All our pupils were very courageous and fantastic while singing their Father's Day song for their guests. Thank you all for coming to our workshop and we hope you had a wonderful time!



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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Year 1:

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children for their efforts and achievements with their phonics screening test. Our children have made amazing progress and we are unbelievably proud! We are unable to share the results at this time but you will receive these with your child's school report.

Well done everyone!



Year 2:

Year 2 have been learning about a sense of belonging in R.E. They have been working as a class to all feel like we belong. Super work Year 2!



Year 3:

Year 3 had a very exciting morning during Forest School.

The children were very creative as they made and designed their own medallions. Well done Year 3 for using your brilliant collaboration skills whilst working together to create the shapes!



**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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Year 4:
This week, Year 4 performed at Walsall Arena and Arts Centre. They performed two songs which they had written themselves during their recent Artsmark workshops with professional musician Paul. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication the children have shown in preparing for their performance. They did a phenomenal job and should be very proud of themselves!



Year 5:

Year 5 had a fantastic workshop with Commonwealth gold medalist Courtney Fry. Courtney spoke about his experiences and achievements within boxing as well as showing the children some footage! After this, Year 5 were lucky enough to have a boxing masterclass delivered by Courtney himself. Courtney's key message was about the importance of resilience and not giving up! What a brilliant day!



The voting is in!

The 'Goldsmith Guild' have voted and both 'The Comet' and 'Saving Sorya' have drew!
'The pictures are bright and sparkly' ~ Year 2 (The Comet)

As the National Awards have now been announced, 'Goldsmith Guild' and the rest of the judges congratulate 'The Comet' and 'Saving Sorja' as the National Winners! Wow!



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Year 6:

Our Year 6's have been treated to an extra special school trip with an overnight stay in London! They spent time exploring Covent Garden, visiting the Natural History Museum and went to see 'The Play That Goes Wrong' in the West End!



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!

Swimming certificates and prizes have been handed out to our Year 5 and 6 who were all resilient in learning to swim! This week they also the chance to meet and celebrated with international swimmer Michael Gunning who came to visit the school!



The Year 3 and 4 Girls football team showed resilience in a couple of tough matches in the Walsall Girls League, losing 3-0 to Leighswood and drawing 1-1 against Millfield – our very own Layla T scoring in the final minute!



Year 6 have been collaborative when they took part in a friendly dodgeball tournament with Rivers Primary Academy. The games involved lots of dodging and fast throwing!

If any of your children have any football boots (astro, blades etc) or shin pads which do not fit them, we would be very grateful of any donations. We will then be able to let other children borrow these when they represent the school in events next year. Please hand these to the school office or to Mr Perrin if you wish to donate. Thank you!

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**FREE
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**#HAF2023
Free
Activities**

WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme is running over Easter, Summer and Christmas 2023.



To sign up or for more information please contact us on:
www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup
or email us WR4C@walsall.gov.uk
Contact number 01922 653899



If you need any additional support or help in signing up for the HAF programme, please contact Mrs Taylor-Janes.

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Walsall Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF) Sign up days - Summer 2023

The programme is for eligible children and young people ages 5 - 16 years old who are in receipt of income related free school meals. Children will be able to access holiday clubs, activities during the summer school holidays. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

For more information visit our website or if you are unable to register or book activities online you can call the HAF helpline on 01922 653899 (Monday – Friday, between 10:00am to 4:00pm)

We also have a number of locations you are able to attend where we can help you; (no booking required just turn up)



Ilmington House, Crescent Rd, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 8AE
26th June 2023 between 09:30 – 14:30

Birchills - 150 Stafford St, Walsall WS2 8EA room 3
27th June 2023 between 09:30 – 14:30

Pelsall village centre High St, Pelsall, Walsall WS3 4LX
28th June 2023 between 09:30 – 14:30

North locality hub
Unit 4 Blakenall Heath & 275 Blakenall Lane Blakenall Walsall, WS3 1HJ
29th June 2023 - between 09:30 – 14:30



WALSALL RIGHT 4 CHILDREN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

Organisation	Location	Contact Number
Aldridge Community Library	Rookery Lane, Aldridge, WS9 8NP	01922 655669
Bloxwich Community Library	Elmore Row, Bloxwich, WS3 2HR	01922 655900
Brownhills Community Library	Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills, WS8 7JB	01922 650730
Darlaston Community Library	1 King Street, Darlaston, WS10 8DE	01922 654777
Lichfield Street Hub (Walsall Central Library)	Lichfield Street, Walsall, WS1 1TR	01922 653121
Streety Community Library	Blackwood Road, Streety, B74 3PL	01922 654864
Willenhall Community Library	Walsall Street, Willenhall, WV13 2EX	01922 650771
Aaina Community Hub	Aaina Community Hub, Bath Road, Caldmore, Walsall, WS1 3BS	01922 644006
Black Country YMCA	5-8 Green Lane, Walsall, WS2 8HE	01922 631553
Bloxwich Community Partnership	The Stan Ball Centre, Abbots Street, Walsall, WS3 3AZ	01922 403351
Brownhills Community Association	Brownhills Community Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 7JS	01543 452119
Collingwood Community Centre	Collingwood Drive, Birmingham, B43 7NF	0121 3601484
Frank F Harrison - The Hive Community Hub	28 The Square, Lichfield Road, Walsall, WV12 5EA	01922 276464
Frank F Harrison - Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre	Stephenson Square, Walsall, WS2 7DY	01922 746967
Manor Farm Community Association	King George Crescent, Rushall, WS4 1EU	01922 614316
The Mind Kind Project	10 Profit Street, Walsall, WS2 8AZ	01922 632170
Moxley People's Centre	3 Queen Street, Moxley, Wednesbury, WS10 8TA	01902 496378
Nash Dom CIC	Sun Street, Walsall, WS1 4AL	01922 616444
Old Hall People's Partnership	The People's Partnership Centre, Wing Close, Bentley, WS2 0LS	01922 474684
Pelsall Community Centre	Pelsall Community Association, Station Road, Pelsall, WS3 4BQ	01922 682156
RMC Refugee Centre	The Refugee and Migrant Centre, 1st Floor Roma Parva, 9 Waterloo Road, WV1 4NB	0600 0663444
Ryecroft Community Hub	28 New Forest Road, Walsall, WS3 1TR	01922 234000
Streety Sports and Community Association	Foley Road East, Streety, B74 3HR	0121 3538630
Walsall Black Sisters Collective	Black Women's Centre, 17 Wednesbury Road, Walsall, WS1 3RU	01922 616996
Willenhall CHART	19 Gomer Street, Willenhall, WV13 2NS	01902 368199

**No internet?
Struggling with
registration? Need
support with HAF?**
See below a list of locations
that can support you with
all of the above!



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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 OMETV

OMETV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users can connect to other users, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the disclosure of technology can make them feel more relaxed and confident. Combined with the fact that Ometv provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use Ometv's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use the system. There's also little guidance to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

AGE VERIFICATION

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access Ometv, users simply need to press a button confirming they're on video, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be recorded by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no terms can be used from it, what they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ometv has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use when that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

Ometv has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an untrusted device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity Ometv offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's online for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and self-esteem. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get bored in by others, leading them to build up a trusting friendship and being drawn into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.



National Online Safety
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THE PLASTIC MIGRANT

AN ORIGINAL PLAY HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

WED 28th JUNE 7:30pm, FRI 30th JUNE 7:30pm,
SAT 1st JULY 2:30pm & 7:30pm

TICKETS: FIRST 4 ROWS, ADULT £15
CHILDREN & STUDENTS £10
REST: ADULT £10 CHILDREN & STUDENTS £5

UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY HALL LN, GREAT WYRLEY,
WALSALL W86 6LQ



WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WASUP

Mr Ingles would like to invite you to attend 'The Plastic Migrant'.

This is a community project that he has been coordinating with Professor Gatrad to highlight the use of single plastic as well as climate change issues around the world. This is a community play based on an original idea by Professor Gatrad.

The play involves children from Great Wyrley Academy as well as a pupil from Goldsmith Primary Academy.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please follow the link below:

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