

# THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

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27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## A note from Mrs Bridgwood...

What a jam packed few weeks we have had in school! It has been a delight to see our children taking part in a range of different activities, especially linked with the Queen's Jubilee and the Commonwealth.

Today we hosted an additional Jubilee event at our School, bringing together our cluster schools from the local area. We were joined by staff and children from Christ Church, Abbey, Greenfields and Little Bloxwich, local PCSO and community agencies, as well as special guest the Deputy Major! It was a huge success and really showcased our amazing children and the hard work we all do.

Have a wonderful and safe Whitsun Holiday and we will see you all when we return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.



*Congratulations  
Her Majesty the Queen*



**We have had so much fun celebrating in school with our red, white & blue/Kings & Queens dress down day, royal parties and bake off competition!**



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A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Jubilee Bake Off. We had the most amazing entries, lots of hard work went into each of them and they were all brilliant!  
A special well done to our winners, who were judged and chosen anonymously by a local Bakery. Each of our winners have won a yummy afternoon tea!



Taste tested by Head Boy and Head Girl!



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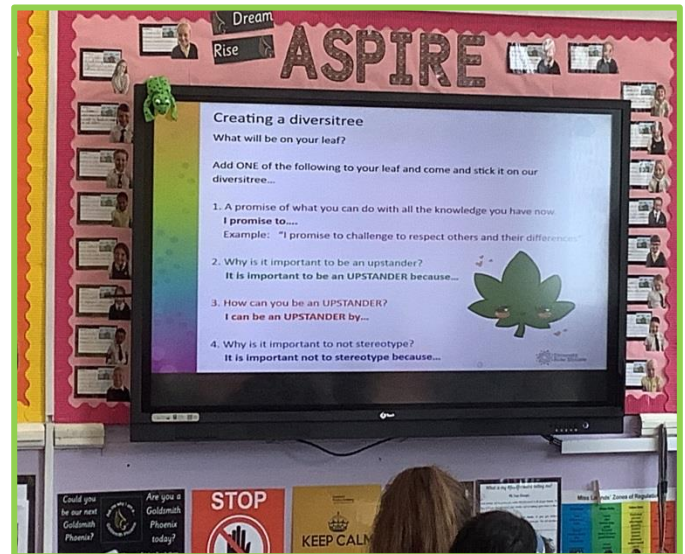




On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, our school had the opportunity for Year 3,4 and 5 to have some Department for Education funded Diversity workshops by the facilitators - Diversity Role Models. We learnt how to challenge stereotypes and create an inclusive environment without prejudices and to embrace our differences.

At Goldsmith Primary Academy, we are proud to embrace all differences in our school and as part of our British Values we learn to have mutual respect and tolerance for different cultures and religions. When pupils are taught to respect diversity, they gain knowledge and understanding that can help them to improve relationships and make positive decisions in their lives.

'World Diversity Day' is celebrated all around the world on 21<sup>st</sup> May and this week we have enjoyed taking part in discussions and activities about how in today's challenging and diverse society, we must all learn to respect each other for who we are.



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Last week Goldsmith took part in 6 different sporting events in a range of sports and age groups. It kicked off on Tuesday with Y2 Robin Hood Running Games against Rivers. On Wednesday Y5 and Y6 enjoyed their time at Streetly Cricket Club in the Walsall Kwik Cricket Festival with some excellent batting. This was followed by Y3 and Y4 archery and Curling festival against Rivers with lots of fun had by all. On Thursday Y3 and Y4 children represented Goldsmith at the Walsall Mini Red Tennis Festival with some excellent rallies and improvement in play. On Friday the girls football team faced Millfield and were pleased with their 4-1 win with Brooke scoring a hat-trick! Later in the afternoon Y4 took part in a dodgeball festival at Sneyd with many children enjoying representing their school for the first time.

We are pleased to announce that Goldsmith Primary Academy have been awarded the School Games Mark Gold Award, recognising 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.



KS2 children enjoyed a jam packed day of sporting and cultural action on Thursday in the KS2 Commonwealth Games Day. This was the first event of its kind and a huge success! They took part in a range of sports including basketball, rugby, cricket, table tennis, archery, badminton and volleyball. Some of which were run by professional coaches, we were even lucky enough to have the ex England Women's Rugby Coach and a cricket coach from the England & Wales Cricket Board!

The children also experienced cultural activities finding out more about the Commonwealth and what unites it, in a fun workshop, Bhangra Dancing and Tai Chi. The Bhangra Dancing was a firm favourite for the children and we thank the brilliant team that came into school to deliver this.

We can't wait to hold events like this again in the future.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

**18**  
CENSORED

### HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

### EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may 'view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&A!

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

### TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

### IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

### MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

### LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

### USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kour is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Click: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.







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