

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Dream Rise ASPIRE

31th March 2023

We have had some very egg-citing events and lots of fun packed Easter activities happening in the lead up to the Easter Holidays.

Our Year 3's had their very first sleepover in school, completing one of the WAT 11 before 11 pledges, they were all very respectful and had lots of fun! Well done Year 3!

We also want to thank all our parents and carers who attended our Parents Evenings, working together can help us all achieve the very best results our children deserve.

Enjoy the Easter holidays and some family time, we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 17th April for the start of Summer Term.

~ Mr Ingles, Head of School



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

On Friday, the 'Attendance Awards Day' was Nerf Wars!

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.

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.

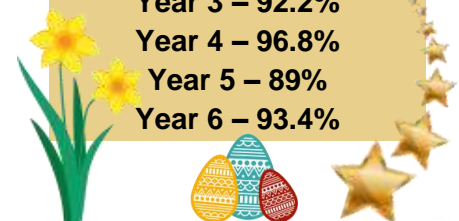
Your child can continue to attend school whilst you are treating their hair, any child absent due to the reason of head lice will be recorded as unauthorised in accordance with Public Health England and the local authority. We advise regular head checks by parents to help identify any situations as early as possible. Should you need any assistance or advice with this, please contact school.

On Friday 17th March, school participated in 'Red Nose Day' by wearing something red. Together, we raised a grand total of **£105!** Thank you to everyone who donated, please click on the below link to see how your donations will be used:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>

Year Group Attendance:

Year 1 – 90.4%
Year 2 – 92.6%
Year 3 – 92.2%
Year 4 – 96.8%
Year 5 – 89%
Year 6 – 93.4%



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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 February 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.



Goldsmith is about to become even more green!

The digging of the new Goldsmith orchard has begun and we have made fantastic progress regardless of the rainy weather! Ten out of fourteen trees have been planted on the school grounds, including apple, pear and plum trees. Everyone has worked collaboratively to make this possible today.

A huge shout out to the parent volunteers throughout the day, as our community is the key to unlocking the personal and academic potential of our pupils.

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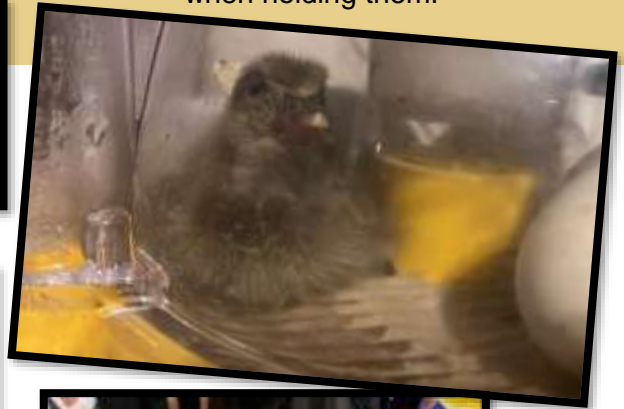


Spring has sprung and the whole school has been busy getting prepared for Easter; from hatching baby ducklings, making Easter bonnets and decorating eggs for our 'Eggs-traordinary 'Decorate an Egg' competition!



Welcome to the world Sam and Gerald! As part of their Growth and Change topic, Reception welcomed two baby ducklings into the school.

The eggs, that were delivered last week, hatched over the weekend to reveal two fluffy, little ducklings! Our pupils were very respectful and courageous whilst being introduced and when holding them!



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Year 4, 5 and 6 have been busy making Mini Egg rice krispie cakes during lunchtime, all funds raised are going towards a buddy bench for their playground! Yum!



Our pupils in Goldilocks and Nursery had an egg-tra special day, as they went on an Easter egg hunt! They found so many eggs inside and out, and when they got back the Easter bunny had come and left them all Easter treats to take home!



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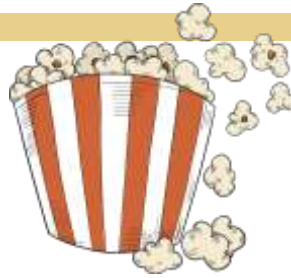
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Year 3 Sleepover - completing one of the WAT 11 before 11 pledges!



Our Year 3's were very excited for their sleepover in school! They had a fabulous evening with lots of fun. They participated in playing sports games, dancing in a silent disco, watching 'Lilo and Stitch' with their friends and having a tasty chip shop dinner! The next morning, they had a session of yoga to wake themselves up and enjoyed a delicious selection of cereal or fruit before heading home. All our children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience, thank you to all the teachers and staff who volunteered to make this possible!



Science Day with Professor Bubbleworks!

Our Pupils have spent the week with some phenomenal science experiments to celebrate 'British Science Week'!

They created an amazing 'light show' as they became 'body conductors' to create circuits to light up bulbs and energy sticks. They also explored the 'path of least resistance' using the 'Van de graff' generator. What an electrifying experience they have had!

Did you know a banana is a conductor?



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EASTER SCHOOL 2023!

The SATs are almost upon us for our Year 6 pupils. Our teachers are extremely dedicated to your child's success and their onward school career at secondary school. Your child's secondary school will use the SATs information to group them into sets according to ability. We want your child to end up in the most appropriate set for their needs, in order to ensure their continued success.

We are inviting all Year 6 pupils to attend Easter School:

Monday 3rd April 2023: 09:00 - 12:00

Tuesday 4th April 2023: 09:00 - 12:00

Wednesday 5th April 2023: 09:00 - 13:00 (To include a treat lunch for children who attended all 3 sessions)

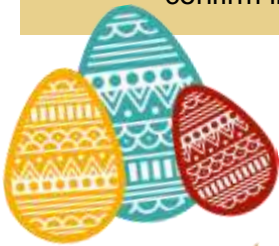
Please complete the consent form on ParentMail to confirm if your child will attend or not.

Year 6 boosters are held on a Monday and Thursday night.

3:10pm – 4:10pm

There is a place for every Year 6 pupil.

Please ensure that your child does attend the booster sessions, if possible. Every minute of revision does count!



NEW! 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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Introducing the Goldsmith Guild! Set up and run by Mrs Thomas, our pupils are taking part in a national book shadowing scheme -The Yoto Carnegie Illustration awards! They are very excited to choose and start reading the books, and have also accepted the author, Levi Pinfold's, author's challenge.



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Cadbury World! They started their trip with a 'Bean to Bar' talk, to learn about the beginnings of Cadbury, how they make their chocolate and how it was brought to the UK.

They also spent time learning about the Mayans and the history of chocolate, enjoying a 4D cinema experience, writing their names in chocolate, smelling fresh cocoa beans and going on a few rides.

Year 4 also all had some money to spend in the gift shop and utilised their Math skills to work out what they could afford. We are very proud of Year 4 as their behaviour has been exemplary. Well done Year 4!



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Clary Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry; previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Clary is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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MON 3rd - SOLIHULL
North Solihull Sports Centre - B37 5LA

TUES 4th - WALSALL WOOD
Oak Park Active Living Centre - WS9 9BH

WED 5th - STAFFORD
Stafford Leisure Centre - ST16 3TA

THURS 6th - KETTERING
Kettering Buccleuch Academy Sports Hall - NN16 9NS

GOOD FRI 7th - BURTON
Shobnall Leisure Complex - DE14 2BB

EASTER MON 10th - DAVENTRY
Daventry Leisure Centre - NN11 4FP

TUES 11th - CORBY
Lodge Park Sports Centre - NN17 2SG

WED 12th - STOURBRIDGE
Crystal Leisure Centre - DY8 1AE

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Parents are grouped together according to age, ability and experience. Our DBS checked and FA qualified coaches will help develop children's skills and self-confidence through plenty of encouragement.

LUNCH
Will be from 12:00pm - 1:30pm, this is where children bring a packed lunch from home, along with plenty of drink!

WHAT CAN THE KIDS EXPECT?

Children will learn through fun, interactive and practical activities. They will be encouraged to try new skills and techniques. The camp will be held on the outdoor playing field at Coppice School, Wednesfield.

VENUE
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