

With the end of the school year fast approaching, children have been extremely busy undertaking additional tuition, which was accessed through funding from the Covid Catch-up Premium. The children have embraced this additional learning which has been fantastic.

Year 6 have had transition visits from their secondary schools to help prepare them for September. It is an exciting time for Year 6 as they plan their school journey after Goldsmith.

It has been a fun packed week this week, with a special visit from Simon James Hunt, an author of children's books. Our EYFS children completed a sponsored welly walk to raise funds to supply and maintain a defibrillator to keep for use in school, and also in the community, should the need arise. This has received fantastic support from all who participated. Thank you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

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Dates to Remember!

School Closures:

- Thursday 2nd September - Inset Day (school closed)
- Friday 3rd September - Inset Day (school closed)
- Friday 10th December - Inset Day (school closed)

Parent / Carer Information!

Policy Update:

As part of our commitment to quality provision for teaching Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health and following statutory government guidelines you can access WAT-Goldsmith Primary Academy policy in our policy and curriculum overview on the school website.

These show our key building blocks to help our children understand about healthy, respectful relationships and focus on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will also ensure essential understanding of how to be healthy. Please contact us if you have feedback on these documents by Friday 9th July 2021.

WAT - Sustainability:

£2m Invested in a more sustainable future

WAT (Windsor Academy Trust) is pleased to share that major energy efficiency improvements have been completed across seven of our schools as part of our ongoing commitment to reducing our environmental impact.



Over £2m has been invested at Cheslyn Hay Academy, Goldsmith Primary Academy, Great Wyrley Academy, Kingswinford Academy, Manor Way Primary Academy, Tenterfields Primary Academy and Windsor High School and Sixth Form through School Condition Allocation funding and the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) - a government grant for public sector bodies to fund heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency measures.

The work included installing solar panels, fitting double glazed windows, upgrading to LED lighting, enhancing mechanical infrastructures and the enhancement of energy management and monitoring systems. These improvements significantly improve energy efficiencies and reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy sources. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 257 tonnes every year (the equivalent to powering 31 homes for one year) and result in major cost savings for our schools.

The trust is committed to a more sustainable future and leaving the world in a better place for future generations. Our ambition is to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2035 and this work will go a long way to helping achieve this goal.

iPads for Learning:

Goldsmith is excited to announce that we are offering the 'iPads for Learning' scheme to our children again.

As a school, we continuously look for ways to enhance our curriculum, to help learning have more impact, and to ensure that students gain the skills required in the modern world.

The use of iPads plays a critical role in this by increasing engagement in learning, encouraging creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. iPads for Learning provides students with essential digital skills and maximises their achievement and future success.

We launched iPads for Learning last year following significant investment in technology and extensive research that showed the impact of digital technology in education. Due to the project's success, we are now expanding it to more year groups across our schools.

Evidence shows that where similar projects have been run at other schools, they improve Maths, English and communication skills, and support an increase in achievement. As an example, at one school, attainment increased by 20% for students who used iPads and there was a huge increase in engagement in learning.

The iPad scheme this year is aimed at our children going into Year 4 in September 2021. Parents/Carers will be receiving calls from our administration, who are more than happy to assist you and get you signed up to the scheme should you wish to take part.





Learning programmes:



In order to help children progress within their Math learning, Goldsmith have found a learning site which children will be able to access over the summer should they wish, to aid them in their learning. The project was set up by Carol Vorderman in order to support children post the pandemic to help them get back on track

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/summer-adventure/>

What's Happening In Goldsmith:

Goldsmith's Early Years have taken part in a Sponsored welly walk, to help raise funds for the purchase and maintenance of a defibrillator.

As of today, we have raised an amazing £413.13. Please continue to support us in the fundraising effort, donations are still welcome and all money raised will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the defibrillator.



Early Years Sponsored Sensory



welly walk

Friday 2nd July 2021

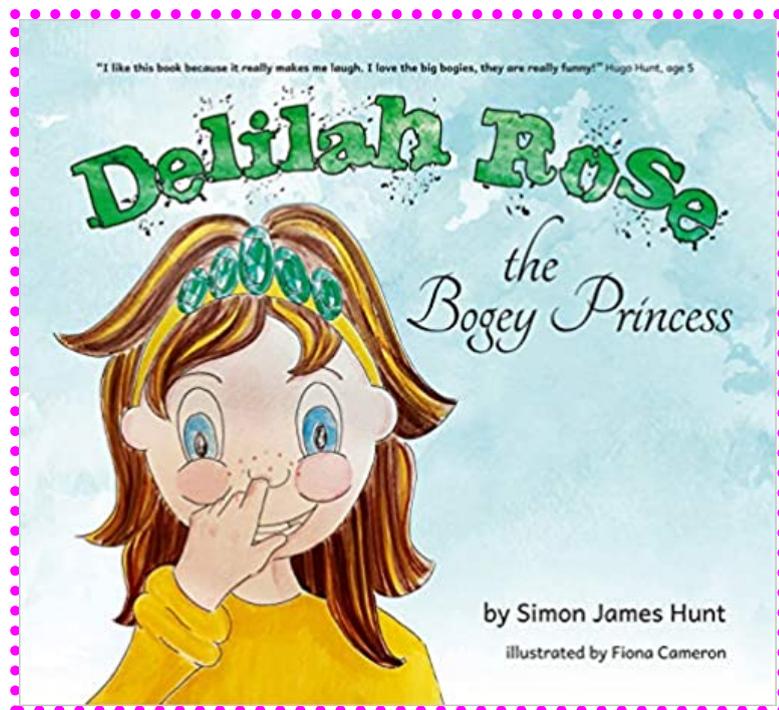
Please donate £1 per child and support us to raise funds towards a new defibrillator for our school.

Goldsmith's Visiting Author:

The children at Goldsmith were privileged to welcome a visit from the author Simon James Hunt, who has written 'Deliah Rose the Bogey Princess'.

The children loved listening to Simon and also had the opportunity to present him with ideas for his next book. Simon was overwhelmed with the children's ideas and imaginations, so who knows..... keep a lookout and see if any of your ideas appear in his next book.

When Simon has published his next book, he will return to Goldsmith, as he's promised to read it to the children.



Goldsmith Goldilocks Placements:

Parents /Carers with children who are 2 years old, or are almost 2 years old, please remember to fill in an application form as soon as possible and return it to Mrs Smith, so she can reserve a place for your child before the Summer holiday. Goldsmith has funded and paid places available, however, these are limited.





Goldsmith Community Initiatives!

A massive thank you to EYFS parents, staff and members of our wider community for raising well over £500 towards our community defibrillator. We are completely blown away by the support we have received.

Due to COVID-19, we have really struggled to raise funds or secure sponsorship towards our community defibrillator that it may be that we are required to raise the full funds of £1300 for the defibrillator, and an additional £600 for the secure cabinet which will allow it to be placed on Goldsmith Road for community access. I am hoping that while our fundraising continues, we are successful in finding sponsorship that will cover half of the cost mentioned above.

If you have any fundraising ideas or wish to donate, please speak to Mrs Moran at the school or by calling 07471030288.

Let's be a part of saving lives and make a difference in our community.

