



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,



Well the winter season is definitely here with the Met Office correctly predicting the cold snap of below freezing temperature. However, as we say in our Reception classes and Forest School (where they have outdoor learning each and every day), 'there is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing!' I have seen lots of children arriving at school in thick coats, gloves, hats and ear muffs ... I have also dug out my winter coat and gloves!

It really does feel like it is nearing to Christmas. To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Year 2 and the Reception classes have shared their Nativities, which have all been amazing. Just like a West End show, the audience gathered, excitedly took their seats ready for our young stars to shine. All Nativities were exceptional - the children showed how super talented they are as they demonstrated our school values with great confidence both in their lines and singing. All the audiences loved these performances and beamed with pride as they watched whilst smiling, and I even saw a few happy tears!

On Monday 12th December we were visited by a local CEO and two local Headteachers who came to look at our learning here at Goldsworth. The children, as ever, were fully engaged with their learning across the curriculum, from writing to history. The visitors were impressed with the standard of writing and maths in the books and they commented on the strong work ethic seen across the school.

I am looking forward to seeing many families next week with our Church services and Christingle. I will also be reading at the service at St Mary of Bethany Church at 7pm on Sunday 18th December if any of you would like to join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governors, Friends of Goldsworth, the Parent Reps, volunteers and all the families for all of their support and time in 2022. Our incredible staff continue to go above and beyond for our children to provide the best opportunities and learning, and I cannot thank them enough for all that they do. I also cannot express how proud we are of all the children, as they try each and every day to 'Be the Best they Can Be' and we are so delighted to be a part of their Goldsworth journey. Well done all of you! Please see our Golden Owls, which were awarded in our assembly today, below.

I would like to wish our school community a very 'Merry Christmas' and a peaceful festive season and a healthy New Year. We wish you all a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2023 - wow what a year it is going to be!

Caroline McLennan
Headteacher

Important Notices:

Tuesday 20th December 2022:
Whole school finishes at **1:15pm**
and the Wise Owl Club closes
early at **4:00pm**

Children return on **Wednesday**
4th January 2023 at normal time.

School dates:

2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 7th July 2023

2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 19th February 2024

Weekly Reminders

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Parent survey

Please use the following link to share your views with us: <https://forms.office.com/e/airEqDppm>

This link will be accessible until Tuesday 20th December and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with completing this to enable us to continue to improve even further.

Boom Reader

Well done Goldsworth! This week we have read **1,378** times! We have many avid readers across the school but the class who have read the most this week is Moles class, followed by Hedgehogs and then 5G.

Well done in particular to the following children who have recorded the most amount of reads this week:

- Lucio in 5G/ Victor in Mice with 34 reads
- Azaan in 6MD with 27 reads
- Serena in 5M with 26 reads

Huge well done to all who are reading at home and at school, we are really keen for all children to record when they are reading. At the moment Reception are reading the most, then Year 3 and then Year 5... let's see what will happen next year. Try and challenge yourself to read more, whether it be another page of a chapter book, another 5 minutes ... remember those marginal gains of 1% we talk about. Keep reading!

Golden Owls

As you know we like to recognise children in each class who have demonstrated our school values and who always strive to 'Be the Best they Can Be'. I am delighted to share with you the names of the children who received Golden Owl Badges today. Well done to all these fantastic role models; please remember to wear your Golden Owl badge with pride!

Class	Name	Class	Name
Moles	Eira	3B	William
Hedgehogs	Ira	3G	Emma
Mice	Henry	3M	Xanthe
Otters	Josephine	4HD	Sam
Foxes	Imogen	4W	Onvi
Owls	Lewis	4H	Mabel
Badgers	Lybah	5J	Keerthana
Rabbits	Oscar	5G	Marshall
Bats	Ela	5M	Ava
Dolphins	Aun	6C	Poojaa
Whales	Nour	6L	Dhruhi
		6MD	Harry



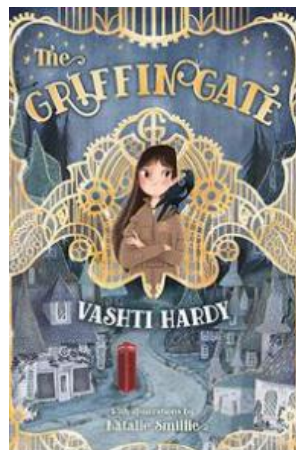
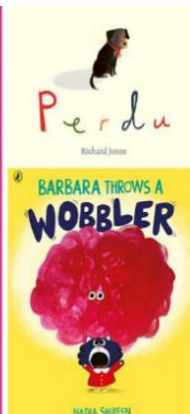
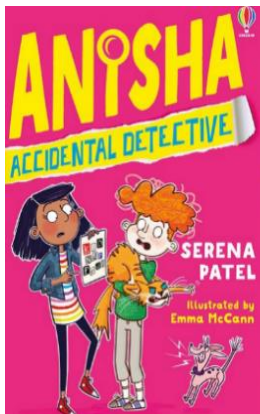
Library improvement project

Thank you for your donations of books, please continue to bring them to the school office. Improving our school library is a community project and we would love to obtain the books recommended by the Federation of Children's Book ... [[Children's book award 2022](#)]

Below are the nominated books for [younger children](#) and [younger readers](#). There is also a book for older readers, Midnight Guardians, which we believe would be suitable for Year 6.

To pay it forward to our school community, support our Library improvement project and enhance our children's love of reading, we would be grateful for any donations. Please complete [this link](#) indicating which book/s if you would like to make a donation. Your support and generosity never goes unnoticed, thank you! In recognition the school will insert in each book a donation sticker recognising the generosity of our community.

Alternatively, if you have any links to any organisations which can support with the funding of new books or the supply of books for this project, please contact the school office with further details.



Books for Older Readers

The Midnight Guardians

Written by Ross Montgomery

Published by Walker

ISBN 978-1406391183

Set against the backdrop of WW2, this is a thrilling blend of fantasy and historical realism. Col is evacuated to Derbyshire where he is reunited with three imaginary friends who warn him of impending danger. Together with a Kindertransportee, they set out on a race against time to defeat the forces of darkness and rescue Col's sister from the Blitz, pursued by the monstrous Midwinter King across the war torn countryside. This multi-layered exploration of loss, separation, family and friendship echoes with ancient myths and classic children's stories.



Lost Property

As it is the end of term, I am sure you are missing some vital school uniform and resources. We will be displaying the lost property on Monday outside of school at drop off. Please feel free to have a rummage and collect any items your child/ren may have mislaid. Thank you.

House Points

In assembly today we celebrated many achievements: Christmas story competition set by the School Parliament, Golden Owls and ... House Points!

Attenborough 5586

Einstein 6688

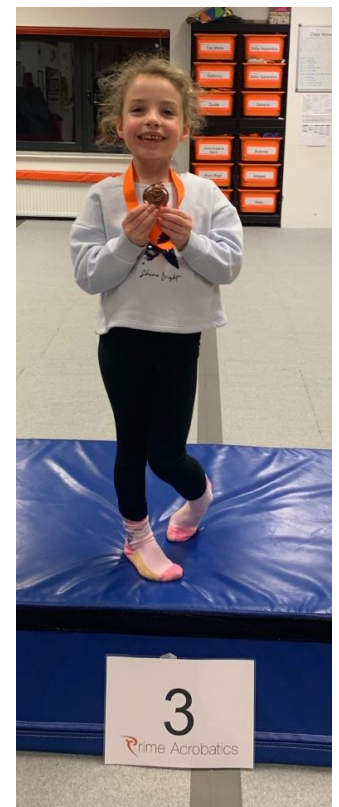
Rowling 7562 ... well done Rowling House, you can wear **RED** on first day back Wednesday 04.01.23!

Nightingale 6753

Well done Freya!

Well done to Freya; last weekend she made her family very proud when she had a swimming assessment on Saturday and swam 520m, had a performance on Saturday night with her musical theatre group, and then on Sunday afternoon came third in her gymnastics competition!

Wow Freya, we are all super proud of you too!



Sporting News!

As we come to the end of a very busy Autumn 2 with regards to PE and Sport, we have finally had chance to reflect on the positive experiences the Goldsworth students have been able to take part in. A number of students in Year 4 recently attended a Tennis workshop hosted by Woking Leisure Centre where they were able to develop their skills before playing against other local schools.

The U9 Boys football team made their competitive debuts in a tournament held by Greenfield School. After a nervous start the boys grew with confidence as the tournament progressed. Zac's fine finish in the playoff helped force a draw against Sythwood where a penalty masterclass from both teams was halted by a brave save from Finlay to finish the day with their first win.

The U9 Netball team also got their first taste of action on a bitterly cold December afternoon against a strong Kingfield team. A slow start in the first quarter saw Kingfield take an early lead however as the game continued the Goldsworth team showed a fantastic attitude throughout with Sophie and Imogen working effectively to create scoring chances for Olivia and Carys, this combined with the defensive efforts of Aditya, Will and Angela saw Goldsworth finish the game superbly to narrow the score line.

Buoyed by the energy of the U9s, the U11 also took on Kingfield. A positive start saw them take an early 2-0 lead thanks to fluent and accurate passing from Amy, Grace, Dhruhi and Eva. With the temperature continuing to drop, the work of Georgia, Millie, Horford and Emaan saw Goldsworth continue to put pressure on the opposition's GA and GS. A third point scored by Lexi late in the game however was not enough to secure the win as the U11 team went down 5-3.

Another competition hosted by Woking Leisure Centre for the U11s saw an excitable team of boys and girls take part in a Dodgeball competition against a number of other local schools. The team showed high levels of sportsmanship and humility as they went undefeated in the competition.



As well as interschool opportunities, we have been able to host a number of other interhouse competitions which have been contested in a highly positive manner.

Gymnastics has been superbly run by Mrs Cockin with over 50 students taking part from years 3-6. With a special thanks to Kimberly and Rayaana who have helped judge each competition.

The results are as follows

Year 3 – Joint 1st – Kaylee and Frankie, Joint 3rd Rose and Hannah

Year 4 - Joint 1st Alice, Dana, Matthew and Hannah

Year 5 – 1st Luke, Joint 2nd Holly, Amy, Sydney and Lexi

Year 6 – 1st Florence, 2nd Luke, 3rd Taylia

Dodgeball results

Year 4 – Boys – Nightingale Girls – Rowling

Year 5 – Boys - Attenborough Girls - Rowling

Year 6 – Boys – Nightingale Girls – Einstein

To round off for the Christmas break, we also had our first cohort of Taekwondo students receive their first belt in their recent grading after putting in a term of early Tuesday mornings with London Taekwondo. A fantastic achievement for all involved.

I look forward to keeping you updated with the students sporting endeavors in the New Year. Have a fantastic break.

Mr Worth

PE lead



Key Dates for Autumn Term

Please check this weekly as new dates may be published. We will indicate these in red.

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
December			
Monday 19.12.22	Church Service (9-11am)	Y1 - Y2	Year 1 and Year 2 children and Parent/Carer Helpers will attend the service.
Monday 19.12.22	Christingle Service (2-3pm)	Y6	Year 6 children. Year 6 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 20.12.22	Church Service (9-11am)	Juniors (Y3 - Y6)	Junior children & Parent/Carer Helpers
Tuesday 20.12.22	End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm for the children Wise Owl closes at 4pm.	Whole School	
21.12.22 to 02.01.23 – school closed for Christmas holidays			
Tuesday 03.01.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Wednesday 04.01.23	Start of the Spring 1 term	Children return to school	
Thursday 12.01.23	EYFS Maths workshop (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 10.01.23 & Wednesday 11.01.23	Y6 music workshop	Y6	Y6 children
Tuesday 17.01.23	Great Fire of London Workshop	Y1	Year 1 children
Friday 20.01.23	Y4 Stone Age workshop	Y4	Y4 children
w/c 23.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6	Y6 children
w/c 23.01.23	Year 6 MOCK SATs	Y6	Y6 children
Monday 06.02.23 Thursday 02.02.23	Florence Nightingale workshop	Y2	Y2 children
Tuesday 07.02.23	Reception Trip to Godstone Farm	YR	YR children
Thursday 09.02.23	Tuck Shop	YR – Y6	Reception to Year 6 children. Refer to FoG newsletter for more details
Thursday 09.02.23	Open Afternoon (3-3:30pm)	YR – Y6	YR – Y6 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Monday 20.02.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Tuesday 21.02.23	Start of the Spring 2 term	Children return to school	
Wednesday 22.02.23	Y1 Drama Workshop	Y1	Y1 children
Thursday 23.02.23	Online Safety Workshops	Whole School	YR – Y6
Monday 27.02.23	Spring term Parent forum (9-9:45am, main hall)	YR - Y6	Class reps invited to meet with the Headteacher
Wednesday 01.03.23 to Friday 03.03.23	Year 5 Sayers Croft residential	Y5	Y5 children
Monday 20.03.23 to Wednesday 22.03.23	Year 4 residential to Henley Fort	Y4	Y4 children