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RED NOSE DAY

Gosforth Park had a brilliant time today joining thousands of schools up and down the country to raise money for Red Nose Day.

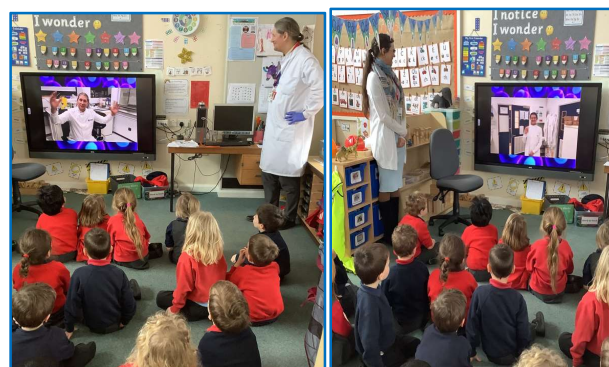


We were so impressed with your hilarious costumes. You certainly put a smile on all of our faces. Thank you so much for all of your effort and generosity. You have raised an incredible **£78** so far.

Together we really do make a difference!
Mrs Lamb



This week we had the pleasure of welcoming some of Gosforth Park's own scientists. This year's theme was 'Connections' and it was great to connect within our community to find out about the many diverse jobs you can have within the field of Science.



Thank you so much to the parents who came in, we had a great time hearing all about what you do and feel very inspired!

Miss Pope

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Gosforth Park mums! Ms Gasper's famous Mother's Day assembly was a great success. Our Nursery children loved sharing their songs and telling us why their mums are so special.



Thank you so much to Ms Gasper, Mrs Dunn and the Nursery team for putting together such a heartwarming performance. Thank you to the PTFA for teas and coffees- we raised an amazing **£77!**

Mrs Lamb



Don't forget! From Monday we will be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. Bike, scoot, walk; anything but the car, as many times as you can. On the final day, we would like to celebrate the fortnight with our **"Be Bright Be Seen Day"**.

Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on this day (**31st March**) in any bright coloured clothing they have.

If the bike racks are full, please lock bikes or scooters to the metal boundary fence which begins next to the garden fence. Please avoid placing bikes against the garden fence.

Many thanks,

Mrs Wells



Pre-loved uniform sales

A message from Kate Watkins:

As my daughter is now in year 4 and will soon be moving on to GEMS, I have passed all pre-loved uniform to Natasha Davies (Mum to Marlee and Lewis) who has so very kindly offered to take over sales.

As you will see from how much stock I have delivered to her home this is no small task. So Natasha thank you!



As of now pre-loved uniform can be ordered from Natasha on **07736276653** and collected from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB. She will continue with a drop off box at her door for any uniform you are looking to donate.

Finally please remember that all uniform purchased helps to fund yard supplies purchased by Mrs Hall.

Kate Watkins

thank  you

Gosforth Park First School would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to Mrs Watkins for her many years of dedication to pre-loved uniform sales.

I know that so many of our GPFS community have benefitted from Kate's service over the years. All profits have helped school purchase playground equipment for our children.

On behalf of our children and everyone in our community, **thank you!**

Mrs Lamb



Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time (or bought a tasty treat!) to help make our last bake sale another great success. You have helped us to raise a huge **£184** for our PTFA.

Many thanks
PTFA

Rainbow Wraparound Reminder

Please remember that bookings for April close on Monday 20th March at 1pm

Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50	NON – OFFICIAL POLOS
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50	GREY BOYS TROUSERS
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50	GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50	GREY BOYS SHORTS
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50	DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50	
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

Items are now sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, with a drop off box at the front door. Please **REMEMBER** items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Natasha Davy (Parent) on **07736276653**

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- Friday 26th May 2023

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2022-2023

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May and school will be closed on this day.



Hi Rockstars,

Looking at our effort scores this week on TTRS, you are all working so hard, and gaining lots and lots of coins each week.

A special mention for **Hania P, Megan F, Leo S** and **Ruan C** who have all gained over 100,000 coins each – incredible!



‘Matheletes of the Week’ – This week our top scorers are **Orange Class** – well done to you all!

Amazing efforts from **Joshua M, Hania P** and **Alanna T** this week, you have earned so many points, well done!

Ms Gasper

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.3%** which is above this time last year (94.5%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Yellow Class** with **96.9%** attendance and **Reception SC** with **96.9%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Advanced Notice of Dates 2023

Updates will be added in red

February Half Term	
Monday 20 th March	Indigo Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Monday 20th-31st March	Big Walk and Wheel
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
WB 27 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 th March	Violet Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Thursday 30 th March	Blue Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Friday 31st March	'Be Bright, Be Seen' Non-uniform day
Friday 31 st March	Reception Easter fun afternoon 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 th April	School reopens
Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	Class Photograph Day
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Sunday 14 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Thursday 25 th May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 th May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
Wednesday 21st June	KS2 The Big Gig 2023
Tuesday 27 th June	KS1 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 29 th June	KS2 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 13 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 3 On-site Residential
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term



Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk or for any ad hoc bookings
Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter. Our school account is @GosforthPark1st

NORTHUMBERLAND
TENNIS
ACADEMY

TENNIS

FUN DAY

**FOR FREE
SIGN UP NOW!**



 When: Saturday 25th March, from 12pm - 1.30pm

 Where: Northumberland Tennis Academy (Indoor Courts)

 What: A great start to your tennis career... Games/Exercises
Movement/Fun!

 For children aged 5 - 7 years

 Limited spaces available, please sign up via:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthumberlandTennisAcademy/Coaching



HOLIDAY CAMPS

4 DAY CAMPS

DETAILS

VENUE: BLUE FLAMES, BENTON. NE12 9SF

AGES 4 TO 12

9.15am - 3.30pm - (Half Days Available upon request)

MON 3RD APRIL - THURS 6TH APRIL

TUES 11TH APRIL - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

TUES 30TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

COST:

1 DAY - £15.00

2 DAYS - £30.00

3 DAYS - £40.00

4 DAYS - £50.00



Please note discount prices can't be spread over two camps.



**Contact Graeme Doyle for Details
or register your child on 07887 766 460**

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- Take the Shaboom Challenge (Power Shooting Game)
- Skills, Techniques, Shooting, Goalkeeping, matches and lots more!
- All coaching indoors and outdoors
- Girls and Boys welcome

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TO BOOK A PLACE TEXT CHILD'S NAME TO 07887 766 460**

