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October 27th 2023 Issue 8 Autumn Term 1



We hope you have a great half term holiday and a well-deserved rest. Our children have worked so hard this half term and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Huge well done to our wonderful Year 4 children who were brilliant walking to and from the pool this week and to all of the parents who helped on the walk – we couldn't do it without you!

Pumpkin Raffle

Our pumpkin raffle raised £50 for school! We had three prizes to give away. Well done to

1st prize (our home grown pumpkin!)

George Cherry Yellow Class

2nd prize

Eva Law Blue Class

3rd Prize

Lucy Dye Orange Class



Thank you so much to everyone who took part!

Mrs Lambert



Gosforth's Wild Web

In order to celebrate the launch of Gosforth's Wild Web, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, there is an open day at Gosforth Nature Reserve this Saturday. This is a family event and will run from 10am until 2pm with a chance to take part in lots of FREE nature activities such as nature crafts, bird spotting, woodland walks with a ranger, story corner, mindfulness area, pond life through microscopes and much more!

Half term Holiday

We break up for half term on **Thursday 26th October**, returning on **Monday 6th November**.

Reception Halloween Crafts

Thank you so much to all of the families who joined us at school on Thursday afternoon for a spook-tacular afternoon of crafts.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and we hope to invite you back into school soon!

The Reception Team



PTFA Thank You!

Our Christmas design shop has now closed and has raised a huge £807.58 in commission for our school. A massive thank you to everyone who supported this project and a **special thanks** to Louise Sinclair for organising and coordinating it all.

Last week's cake sale also raised £175 for our school. A big thank you to everyone who baked, bought and helped sell all those cakes!

Parent Consultations

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 7th November** and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday 7th November** and **Thursday 9th November**.

Please

- Remain outside until your appointment time. A member of staff will invite you in at your allocated time (please be on time).
- Do not over run your appointment time as others will be waiting outside
- Children stay at home if possible, if not they can wait in the library.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb



Thank you for remembering to send your child in with their water bottle this term. Even though it is getting colder, it is still important that children remain hydrated, with water, throughout the day.

Children have a higher proportion of body water than adults do and even mild dehydration can result in tiredness, lack of concentration, reduced mental performance and difficulty remembering new things. It can also lead to headaches, dry skin and bladder issues.

Please remember that water bottles should contain water and not juice, squash or flavoured water. These alternative drinks can be high in sugars, artificial sweeteners and can be acidic. They can irritate the bladder contributing to day and night time issues, can contribute towards dental decay and can reinforce a taste for sweet foods. It is always best to try to limit the quantity provided and provide them at meal times only.

Mrs Wells

Next Half Term's Topics

Please see below for information about your child's topic for next half term.

Reception: **What a Wonderful World**



What a Wonderful World exposes our children to the world beyond their doorstep through a rich curriculum of stories from other cultures. Children explain similarities and differences between life in this country and life abroad, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and personal experiences. There are also endless opportunities for children to explore the cultures and traditions of other countries through art, music, religious education and PE.

KS1: **Toys**



Toys is a fun and exciting history topic, which introduces our children to the concept of chronology and change over time in a practical and relatable way. Children enjoy bringing their own favourite toys into school, looking at toys that their grandparents played with and ordering toys chronologically on timelines. We also introduce the concept of 'invention' and how history has been influenced by new technology.

KS2: **World War 2**



World War 2 enhances our children's understanding of the historical concepts of cause and consequence. We learn about the story of World War 2 and look at some of the reasons why the conflict occurred. Children then look at the impact of the war on Britain through a study of the Blitz, rationing and evacuees. Finally, we take a trip to the Victoria Tunnel to look at the impact of WW2 on Newcastle.

For more information about what your children will be learning across all curriculum areas, please find attached our topic webs and check out the curriculum section of our school website.

Mr Hindess

Applying for Places

Please apply on time to avoid disappointment. We are currently full with waiting lists in all year groups.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2024 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 12th January 2024

The closing date for applications is 15th March 2024.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 22nd March 2023.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 19th April.

Reception Applications for September 2024

Applications open: 1 September 2023

Applications close: 15 January 2024

National offer day: 17 April 2024

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates. Please phone the school office to book a place.

Wednesday 15th November 5:15 – 6:15pm

Wednesday 22nd November 5:15 – 6:15pm

Middle School Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 31 October 2022

National Offer Day: 01 March 2023

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Year 4 parents should have all received booklets today regarding this from the Local Authority..

Mrs Lamb



Lewis was super proud to get his first ever swimming badge on Tuesday - 5 meters! Well done Lewis.



Georgie's on a roll, she got her 25m swimming badge at the weekend! Well done!



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 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. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.7%** up on **97%** last year. Our class of the week is **Violet Class** with **98.5%** and **Green Class** with **98.4%**! Well done everyone!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Thank you for a super half term of effort on TTRS, it is great to see so many times improving. 37% of student used TTRS this week. Well done to Alexander Tucker, Mais Elalem and Freya Oliver-Gow who are our top coin earners this week. Blue and Violet Class are tied as our most active classes this week with 94%! It would be great to have some new Rock Heroes next half term so keep practicing to improve your speed.



Thank you everyone for such a brilliant start to NumBots at GPFS this half term, I hope you have enjoyed customising your robots and improving your number bond fluency. Well done GPFS for another super week on NumBots, 60% of you logged on this week! Make sure you have a go at the challenges too when you unlock them to test your speed on the skills you have been practicing.

Our top coin earners this week are:

Blue – Elsie Gumbrill

Violet – Joshua Spedding

Indigo – Toby Smith

Yellow – Rory Gill

Orange – Iona Dale

Green – George Kasis

Have a brilliant half-term everyone!

Miss Pope

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Thursday 26 th October	Last Day of Term
Friday 27 th October	Training Day
	October Half Term
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent consultation appointments
Thursday 9 th November	Parent consultation appointments
Monday 13 th November	PTFA meeting 6.15pm in the school hall
Wed 15 th – Tues 21st Nov	Scholastic Book Fair (after school)
Wednesday 15 th November	School Photographer in school (individuals and siblings)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need (Pudsey)
Monday 20 th November	Indigo Class Geography Skills and Fieldwork
Wednesday 22 nd November	Violet Class Geography Skills and Fieldwork
Thursday 23 rd November	Blue Class Geography Skills and Fieldwork
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 14 th December	Reception to Year 4 Aladdin at The Exchange Theatre
Monday 18 rd – Friday 22 nd	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 19 th December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Tuesday 19 th December	Reception Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 th December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 th December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 th December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day of Term
	Christmas Holiday

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

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	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 th January	School reopens
Tuesday 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 th February	Last day of term
	February Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 th February	School reopens
Monday 11 th –Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March – Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Robinwood
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
	Easter Holiday
Monday 15 th April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Daft Day
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term
	May Half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

Staff Training Days

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

- Friday 27th October 2023
- Monday 3rd June 2024



Rainbow Wraparound

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



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DETAILS

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CAMP TIMES: 9.15AM TO 3.30PM

CAMP 1

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER, TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER,
WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

CAMP 2

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY,
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY, FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

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1 DAY - £17.50

2 DAYS - £35.00

3 DAYS - £50.00

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