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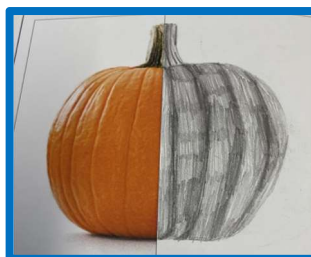
We're certainly getting the autumn vibes with the weather this week.

It has been fantastic to see the lovely progression of autumnal artwork through school. Our wonderful Nursery children have been painting pumpkins and making pumpkin faces, practicing their fine motor skills.



Our amazing Year 4 children have been drawing and shading their own pumpkins. How brilliant are these?

"We learnt about drawing and shading and looked at real pumpkins to help us" Alex



Zoe Mokhtary



Ilana Wheatley Kinsella



Alexander Tucker

"We did our final piece with oil pastels." Lucy



Ilana Wheatley Kinsella



Alexander Tucker



Zoe Mokhtary



Lucy Morris

"We had pumpkins on the table so we could look at where the shadows were." Ilana

STEMettes

♥ ★ # +

This week KS2 had a visit from the TeamStemette for a Tap and Tinker workshop. We loved creating our own stories and learning how to code using the SCRATCH programme to bring our stories to life. The KS2 teachers were very proud of the children for presenting their work in front of the class! Well done KS2!



"We liked doing coding on Scratch!" Zoe



"It was good to see how we could use coding to improve transport for the future" Lucy



"We wrote a story and coded it into scratch" Will.

The children were very pleased with their Stemettes badges and pens!



Half term Holiday

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

Friday 27th October 2023 is a Training Day.



PTFA update

There are still some tickets left for our wreath making session on Sunday 26th November. The session will run from 1pm until 4pm in the school hall, and the cost is £40 per person (friends and family welcome). Please use the following link if you'd like to purchase a ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpfs-ptfa-wreath-making-workshop-2-tickets-721508109177>

Parent Consultations

Huge thanks to our Reception parents for their patience as we sorted out access to the booking system. **Remember bookings** are to be made via School Cloud **by Thursday 26th October at 4pm.**

Please visit

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

to book your appointment.

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.

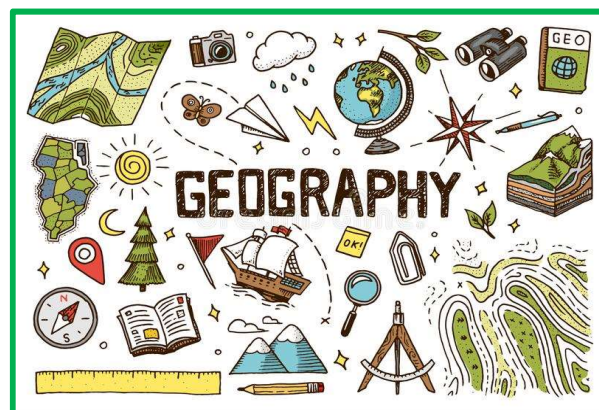
Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Bake Sale

A massive thank you to the PTFA and everyone who donated or came into school to purchase a cake on Friday. We are sorry that we had to hold this inside before the end of the school day, due to Storm Babet.

We will let you know how much money you helped us to raise in next week's newsletter!



On Thursday morning, Green Class put their Geography skills into practice. Children collected natural materials to make their own messy maps, before using real maps for orienteering around the school grounds. Luckily the weather held out until lunchtime!

Please do not worry **Orange Class** and **Yellow Class**- Mr H will be back next week on **Tuesday 24th October** for your rearranged sessions. Please remember your suitable outdoor clothing!

Mr Hindess

National School Meals Week (NSMW)

This year the NSMW runs from 6-10 November and sees the 30th anniversary of the Local Authorities Caterers Association. One of the celebrations is to offer a roast dinner during the NSMW week

To celebrate the event there will be a change to the menu on Thursday 9 November when we will be offering a roast beef dinner, vegetarian alternatives, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be available as per the existing menus.

There is also a colouring competition to run in primary schools (see below to print or paper copies are available at the school office), if you would like your school to take part, please return your entry to the school office.



Reminder - Reception Halloween Craft Afternoon

Thursday 26th October 2pm – 3pm

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of Reception children into classrooms next Thursday to enjoy some spooky halloween-themed crafts together. School gates will be open for you to enter via the EYFS door. We will send a bit more info via Tapestry. Miss Coughlan + Miss Parsons-Munn



Whilst pre-packaged, “packed lunch” food can be a time saver, it’s really important to try and limit them when we can, as they can be surprisingly high in salt, sugar and saturated fats.

Ultra Processed Foods or ‘UPFs’ are very much in the media spotlight at the moment and it’s worth remembering that the nutritional traffic light system on packaging is based on adult daily recommendations rather than those of a child.

To avoid UPFs, try to choose natural foods and cook from scratch where possible. Although many foods have some degree of processing, avoid products with a long list of ingredients as these will have undergone the most industrial processing to improve shelf life, taste and to make them ‘moreish’!

It can be a minefield but limiting UPFs will bring the best health outcomes for all members of the family.

Mrs Wells

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.

Monday 23rd October 9:30 – 10:30am

Tuesday 24th October 9:30 – 10:30am

Wednesday 25th October 5:15 – 6:15pm

Wednesday 15th 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>

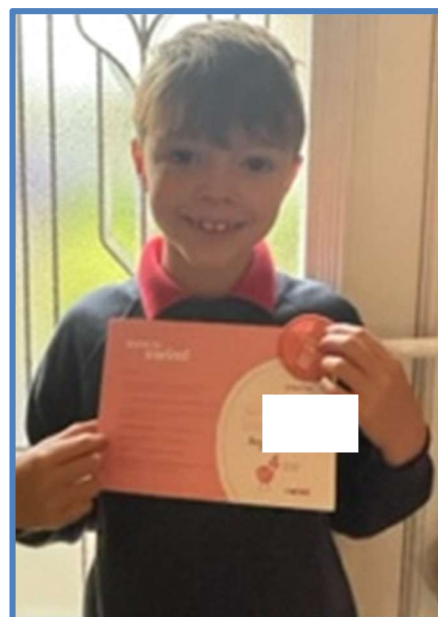
Year 4 parents should have all received booklets today regarding this from the Local Authority..

Mrs Lamb

Congratulations!



Well done to Marlee who has achieved her level 4 gymnastics certificate and medal.



Well done to Christopher who has passed his level 4 swimming award.

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.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Super job **Blue** class who were 100% active this week! Well done Alexander Tucker, Elia Son and Maisie Ralph who are our top coin earners this week! Keep practicing everyone and working to get those speeds quicker so you can join the Rock Legends of GPFS.



Well done to Violet Class who were 77% active this week and our top coin earners! Over half of you used NumBots this week so well done! Our top coin earners this week are:

Blue – Zoe Mokhtary

Indigo - Toby Smith

Violet – Joshua Spedding

Yellow - Joseph Morris

Orange - Alanna Turnbull

Green – Theo Bradley

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.9%** up on **97.1%** last year. Our classes of the week with **98.9%** are **Orange Class** and **Reception SC!** Well done everyone!

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

| Summer Holiday | |
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| Tuesday 24th October | Yellow Class (AM) Orange Class (PM) Geography Skills and Fieldwork (on-site) |
| Monday 23 rd – Thursday 26 th | Year 4 Swimming |
| Thursday 26 th October | Reception Halloween Craft Afternoon – parents welcome 2:00 – 3:00pm |
| 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 15th – 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 | |

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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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2023 - 2024 SOCCER CAMPS

DETAILS

VENUE: BLUE FLAMES, BENTON. NE12 9SF

GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME, AGES 4 TO 12.

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

COST:

1 DAY - £17.50

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3 DAYS - £50.00

4 DAYS - £55.00

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National Roast Dinner Day

Activity Sheet

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK
30th Birthday Celebrations



Draw your favourite **roast dinner!**



Colour-in the **vegetables**



I found

PEAS

How many **peas** can you find?

Name:

Class: