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Wow – what an exciting week we’ve had both in and out of school this week! On Wednesday, our Reception children visited the Great North museum as part of their Space topic and in KS1 and KS2 we had a special visit from two astronomers from Kielder Observatory!

In Reception, we visited the planetarium and took part in a space song and dance workshop!



In KS1, we found out about space rocks and got to hold parts of meteors, the moon and Mars!





**Anna with a piece
of the moon!**



**Brooke with a
piece of **Mars**!**



**Luke holding part
of a meteorite!**

**In KS2, we designed and built a space craft to protect our precious egg cargo.
We tested them ourselves to see which would survive a trip to space!**



**At the end of the day we all found out a bit more about what they do at the
observatory. I think we have lots of keen astronomers in Gosforth Park First
School now!**



Our Early Years children have had a fantastic time on the balance bikes with Bikeability this week. The team were very impressed with the children!





When thinking about getting enough vegetables into our daily meals, don't forget about frozen veg which is often quick, easy and cheap to use at mealtimes. Freezing can preserve nutrients and it is budget friendly where portions can be controlled more easily by only taking out what you need. You can even freeze leftover veg such as chopped onions, garlic and ginger and sliced peppers. Others can be par-boiled before freezing for use at a later date. Frozen veg is ideal to add to soups, curries, stews and rice dishes and you can add them straight to the pan without defrosting.

Mrs Wells

Applying for Nursery Places

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 are now available on the school website and from the office.

- **The closing date for applications is 17th March 2023.**
- **Offer letters will be emailed out on 24th March 2023.**
- **The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 28th April.**

We will be holding visits for parents on the following dates and times

- Tuesday 24th January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 25th January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Thursday 26th January 10:00 – 10:30 am
- Tuesday 31st January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- ~~Wednesday 1st February 4:00 – 4:30pm~~
- Thursday 2nd February 10:00 – 10:30 am

Please contact the school office to book a place.



Next Friday we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**) or a shape. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Thank you.

Miss Gasper



Gosforth voices are touring around Gosforth schools on Friday 24th March.

The Gosforth Voices group perform at various schools across Gosforth to promote the group. If anyone would like to sign up and take part in the last 4 rehearsals and then perform on the day, please use the above below. This also has a promotional video to show you what Gosforth Voices is all about.

*Please note; year 4 children will be away at Robinwood on the proposed date.

<https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/gosforth-voices>

Thank you

Mr Patterson



ROBINWOOD 22/3/23 – 24/3/23

Just a quick reminder that the final payment for all year 4 children attending Robinwood is due by **2nd Feb 2023**. Thank you if this has already been paid.

A meeting will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 15th Feb at 6:15pm** for all parents. This is to go over some valuable information and forms will be handed out to be completed. Please try to attend even if you have had another child who has already attended Robinwood in the past, as things will have changed.

Best wishes

Mrs Wilson



Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or for any ad hoc bookings

Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.

Nut Free School



Please remember we are a nut free school. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Do not send your child with any nut products in their snack or packed lunches such as cereal bars containing nuts or nut based chocolate spreads such as Nutella. Please also make sure any snacks given on the yard before or after school (including for sports clubs on site, such as Graeme's football) are nut free or wait until you are off the school site before eating.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Please try to arrange dentist appointments after school or during the school holidays. For any appointments that must be taken during term time we will need to see appointments cards or letters at the office.

Many thanks



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

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SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50	
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

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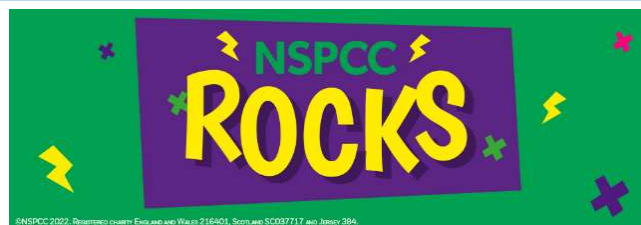
Staff Training Days

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.



Amara C you are now also part of our GPFS rock band! Well done on achieving Rock Star status!

We now have well over half of our KS2 children answering times table questions in under five seconds – this is so impressive! We're looking forward to the NSPCC TTRS event next Friday too – good luck everyone!



Orange class are our 'Mathletes of the Week' – Green class you were a very close second – we are so impressed with all your hard work! Alanna T, Darcy C and Alice P have our top scores in Mathletics this week – amazing work girls!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.5%** which is above this time last year (94.3%)

Our classes of the week last week were **Orange Class** with **98.3%** attendance and **Reception SC** with **97.2%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb

Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.

5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS DISNEY+

1 Create a strong username & password

On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney+ security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.

2 Monitor your child's usage

Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.

3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode

Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too 'intense' for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.

4 Double check for films with 'outdated cultural depictions'

The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1920s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural insensitivities and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating "This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions." Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.

5 Sit back and enjoy!

Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there is very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbuster and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.

Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



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SOURCES: <https://www.disneyplus.com/> | <https://www.netnanny.com/blog/parents-parental-controls-for-disney-plus/> | <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/nov/14/disney-attaches-warning-over-outdated-cultural-depictions-to-classic-films>

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DETAILS

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JANUARY 4TH - 6TH (3 DAYS)

FEBRUARY 20TH - 24TH (5 DAYS)

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1 DAY - £15.00

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3 DAYS - £40.00

4 DAYS - £50.00

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

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Tuesday 31st January 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Wednesday 1st February 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Thursday 2nd February 10:00 – 10:30 am	Nursery Parent Visit
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 15 th Feb 6:15pm	Robinwood Parents' Meeting (Current Year 4)
Friday 17 th February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Thursday March 2nd	World Book Day (theme – You are a Reader!)
Monday 13th March	British Science Week (theme - Connections)
Friday 17 th March	Nursery Applications Deadline (Nursery September 2023)
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
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
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 th May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 th May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
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