



Newstead News

Friday 8 December 2023



Headteacher's Update

It was my great pleasure to be part of the judging panel for the Year 8 First Give final on Wednesday. Sitting alongside fellow judges, Head Student, Aisha, and representatives from Bromley Youth Parliament and the Bromley Rotary, we had the arduous task of selecting the overall winner from the 6 charities adopted by Year 8 this year. It was an incredibly tight competition, and this was acknowledged by the First Give team who's never seen such close scores, or such strong presentations. I'm delighted to say that the overall winner was 8W who were supporting the [Maypole Project](#). They received £1000 for their charity alongside the amount they had raised over the term through their fundraising activities.

The judges' special commendation was awarded to Leah in 8N for her standout role in the presentations.

Altogether, students raised nearly £1700 for their charities, and the £1000 prize is in addition to this. The other charities adopted by Year 8 were [Bromley Brighter Beginnings](#), [Mary Dolly Foundation](#), [Mizen Foundation](#) and [CASPA](#).

The First Give programme is designed to ignite a spark of social conscience in young people. We have been partnered with the charity for over 10 years at Newstead and it's a pleasure to share the certificates we have just been awarded (see right) based on last year's work. I look forward to receiving the headline figures from this year's fundraising and awareness raising in due course. The final charity events of the year will be next Friday at our Winter Fair, where all Year 8 Tutor Groups will be running a stall in aid of their adopted charities.

I'd also like to pass on my thank to Mr Boutall and Mrs Mehta who have overseen the project this term, and also to the DT Team who have led our Enterprise project and who have supported their tutor groups in their endeavours each week.

First Give

A message to Headteachers from First Give's Deputy Director

The last academic year was First Give's biggest ever year, with almost 200 partner schools completing the First Give programme.

By partnering with First Give, your school is part of a network that inspired a spark of social conscience in over 35,000 young people across England and Wales last year alone. Through their participation in the programme, your students have been supported to reflect on the issues affecting our communities and take action to make a difference.

In this brief report I have highlighted just some of the impact of the First Give programme - its reach and the outcomes for students. You will also find a summary of how your school has played a part.

Thank you for partnering with us and we look forward to working with you again this academic year.

196
The number of schools that completed the programme last year

35,600
The number of young people who inspired a spark of social conscience through First Give

£196,000
The total First Give grants to charities supported by young people

Top three social issues chosen by students (based on winning the bid):

- Health
- Mental Health
- Homelessness

David Jones
Deputy Director

First Give

£1,000!

Newstead Wood School helped contribute at least another £1,000 to charities in their local community this year

First Give is proud to have partnered with you in **2022/23**

Empowering young people; igniting a spark of social conscience

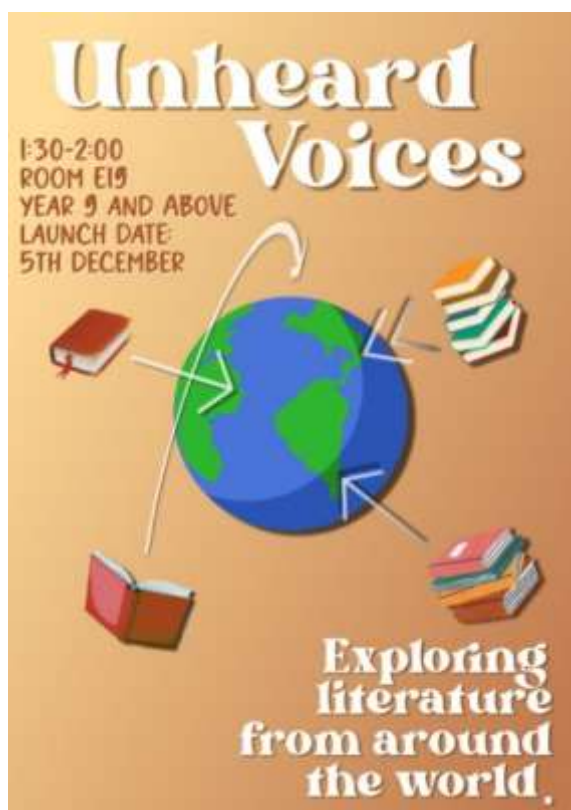
Lucy Jones
Lucy Jones, Director



The First Give final wasn't the only great pleasure of the week – last night our musicians raised the roof on our Main Hall for our Christmas Concert. It was an eclectic mix of old and new music with a lovely balance of tradition and modernity.



I'd had a sneak peek during the day as rehearsals were taking place along from my office – as always, the performance last night was just phenomenal. Thanks to Mr Flanagan, Mr Hunt and the team for putting together such a great show. Look out for the photos in next week's newsletter!



I must also mention that Mrs Renganathan launched our 'Unheard Voices' project this week. She will be working with a group of Year 9-13 English students as they study a wide range of literature from around the world. Students have promised to bring in work from less known Chinese philosophers, Turkish poetry, Bengali poetry, song lyrics etc. They are already well on their journey of discovery.

Next Wednesday is Christmas Dinner day. It is one of my favourite days of the year and I shall, as always, be on custard and gravy duty (concentrating fully, of course, so no-one ends up with custard on turkey and gravy on Christmas pud!) The price of Christmas Dinner this year is £3.95, and any student not wishing to have this meal should purchase something at break time, or bring a packed lunch for the day.

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day and we will be collecting donations for Crisis at Christmas. We do not expect children to have to buy a special Christmas jumper for this. The jumper just needs to be something in a Christmas colour or with a bit of sparkle. Staff and our Head Student Team will be out on the gate in the morning with Christmas carols and shaking a bucket to collect any donations.



A reminder about parking

Parents dropping off or collecting children from school clubs are reminded to park safely and not to block the road at the beginning and end of school.

I appreciate that most are happy to move on when requested, but we would prefer not to have to remind parents. The road has restrictions, and no cars should be parked on the pavement or on the yellow lines. This is all in the interest of keeping our children safe.

Please also be courteous to our neighbours and not park over driveways as these are in constant use.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Alan Blount
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair
<i>21 December-2 January</i>	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>
Wednesday 3 January	CPD Day – School Closed to Students
4-18 January	Year 13 Mock Exams
Wednesday 10 January	Learning Together Forum
Thursday 11 January	Year 11 Parents’/Carers’ Evening
Tuesday 16 January	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening
Wednesday 24 January	School Photos
24-26 January	School Production – Oliver!
Wednesday 31 January	Year 9 Parents’/Carers’ Evening
Friday 9 February	CPD Day – School Closed to Students
<i>12-16 February</i>	<i>Half Term Break</i>

Term dates for 2023-4 and 2024-5 can be found on our website [here](#).



guest speaker



We have some fantastic speakers for you in our Autumn Term Guest Speaker Programme. These talks are open to students and parents. To book a place, click on the name of the speaker.

Wednesday, 13 December, 4pm:

[Dr Emily Emmott](#), Lecturer and Teaching Fellow in Biological Anthropology, University College London: *Adolescent Sociality across Cultures & Academic Career Advice*

Dr Emily Emmott is a Human Behavioural Ecologist at one of the leading universities in the world, who studies how the social and physical environment influences human development and behaviour. Her academic interests focus on child-rearing systems and their implications for health and wellbeing. She will be talking on her research into fascinating areas of biological anthropology, as well as giving academic career advice. Anyone interested in attending a top university, establishing an academic career, or who is interested in Dr Emmott's areas of study should absolutely attend!



Thank a member of staff this Christmas!



Christmas is a time for gratitude: to thank all those who have made a difference to our lives over the past year.

As in previous years, we are asking students, staff, parents and carers to take a moment to recognise members of staff at school who have made a difference to them over the past year. Please complete the form here with a short message of thanks: <https://forms.office.com/e/2ngGwchEbj>

In past years we have had thousands of thank you messages. It really does make a genuine difference, to the giver of the 'thank you' as well as the receiver.

Thank you messages will be sent out to staff on Wednesday 20th December, so we need you to complete the form by lunchtime on Tuesday 19th please.

Thank you in advance for your thank you messages!





Around Newstead

Senior House Music Competition

Congratulations to all the amazing performers who represented their houses for the Senior House Music Competition last week. The winners were:

Solo Singer: **Griffin** (Brandon, Y12)

Solo Instrumentalist: **Griffin** (Tinging, Y10)

Ensemble: **Nightingale/Swift**

Overall Winner: Griffin!









Year 8 First Give Final

Well done to all of Year 8 for their hard work on their First Give projects. Congratulations on your fantastic presentations at the final event this week!

The DT team would like to say how proud they are of all their classes and how hard the Year 8 students have worked. We have loved seeing the ideas for the social actions come to life, so a massive well done to all the pupils on all their fantastic work!





Sparks Update

Well done to this week's top 10 Sparx Readers:

- Zainab R in 7F
- Juliet J in 7N
- Ojal Sangle in 8P
- April B-T in 7F
- Maryam K in 7W
- Senumi W V in 8S
- Raina S in 9W
- Samaira S in 7N
- Kinjal K in 7G
- Sadhana G in 8W

COP28 Simulation Event

Last Friday students from Y13 took part in a simulation event that mirrors the conversations currently taking place in the UAE.

Students from schools across the United Learning group spent the day negotiating climate change policies with other nations, protecting economic interests / development goals, whilst attempting to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Schools were assigned nations to represent, with other actors such as climate activists, journalists and fossil fuel lobbyists also taking part in talks.

Newstead students represented France in the EU delegation and the nefarious fossil fuel lobbyists.

It was a great day enjoyed by all and the students managed to limit the projected global temperature increase to under 2 degrees Celsius. Here's hoping as much collaboration occurs with our world leaders over the coming weeks.





DT Festive Doors

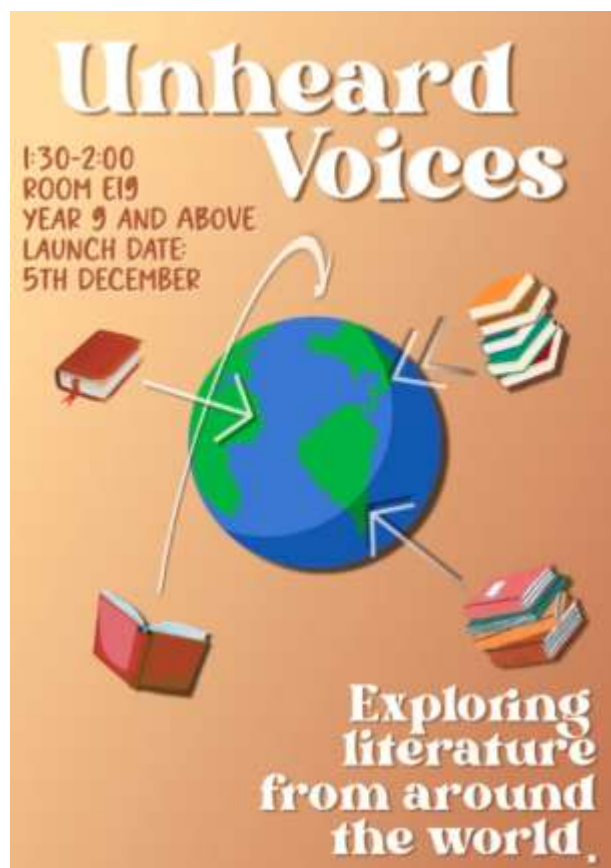
The DT department have been challenged this week to create wreaths for the classroom doors using different materials and processes.







Unheard Voices

'Unheard Voices' was launched on 5th December 2023 in E19 during lunch break. Students are excited about reading world literature. This workshop will take place once a month and will culminate in an event in the summer term, when the gems we discover will be presented to the school and parents of presenters. We are on a literary journey of discovery!




Hounslow and Richmond
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Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Bromley 2023


For School aged children
from Reception to Year 11

Both Nasal and Injectable flu vaccines available

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
& SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

TIMES:
10AM TIL 3PM

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GLADES SHOPPING CENTRE,
BROMLEY



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scan the QR code above or call our
Bromley office on 0203 903 3375**

Keep your child well this winter – a guide for parents

A new Bromley guide for parents has been published, to help them keep their children well over winter. It includes lots of advice about managing illness at home, when to seek medical advice and which services to use. It also provides advice on when to keep children off school and for how long, so that children do not miss school unnecessarily. The guide is [available here](#). Also, for children who have missed their Flu vaccine in school, there is a clinic at the Glades Shopping centre on Saturday 9 December, see details here:



Drama News

Drama Club Roald Dahl Work

On Monday evening we had a Drama Club theatre trip to see Roald Dahl's 'The Witches', a musical version at the National Theatre.

It was a fantabulous show and students and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks to Mrs Frost for organising this for us.

The Keystage 3 Drama clubs are rehearsing three Roald Dahl plays: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Y9), James and the Giant Peach (Y8) and The Witches (Y7), to be performed later in the year.

Year 11 Devised Performances

Year 11 students will be performing six original plays next week on Monday 11 and Thursday 14 December from 4.30 to 5.30 in DR1. Staff, students and parents are warmly invited to attend.

Oliver!

Rehearsals continue for our whole school production to be performed in January. Letters about tickets will be out shortly.

History Club

Another festive instalment of History Club! A lovely bunch of pomanders making the room smell like Christmas!





Year 9 Art Enrichment Day

We had a fantastic enrichment day silk screen session this week! Our talented year 9 students considering art or graphics as an option explored various silk screen printing methods for the whole day with amazing results!

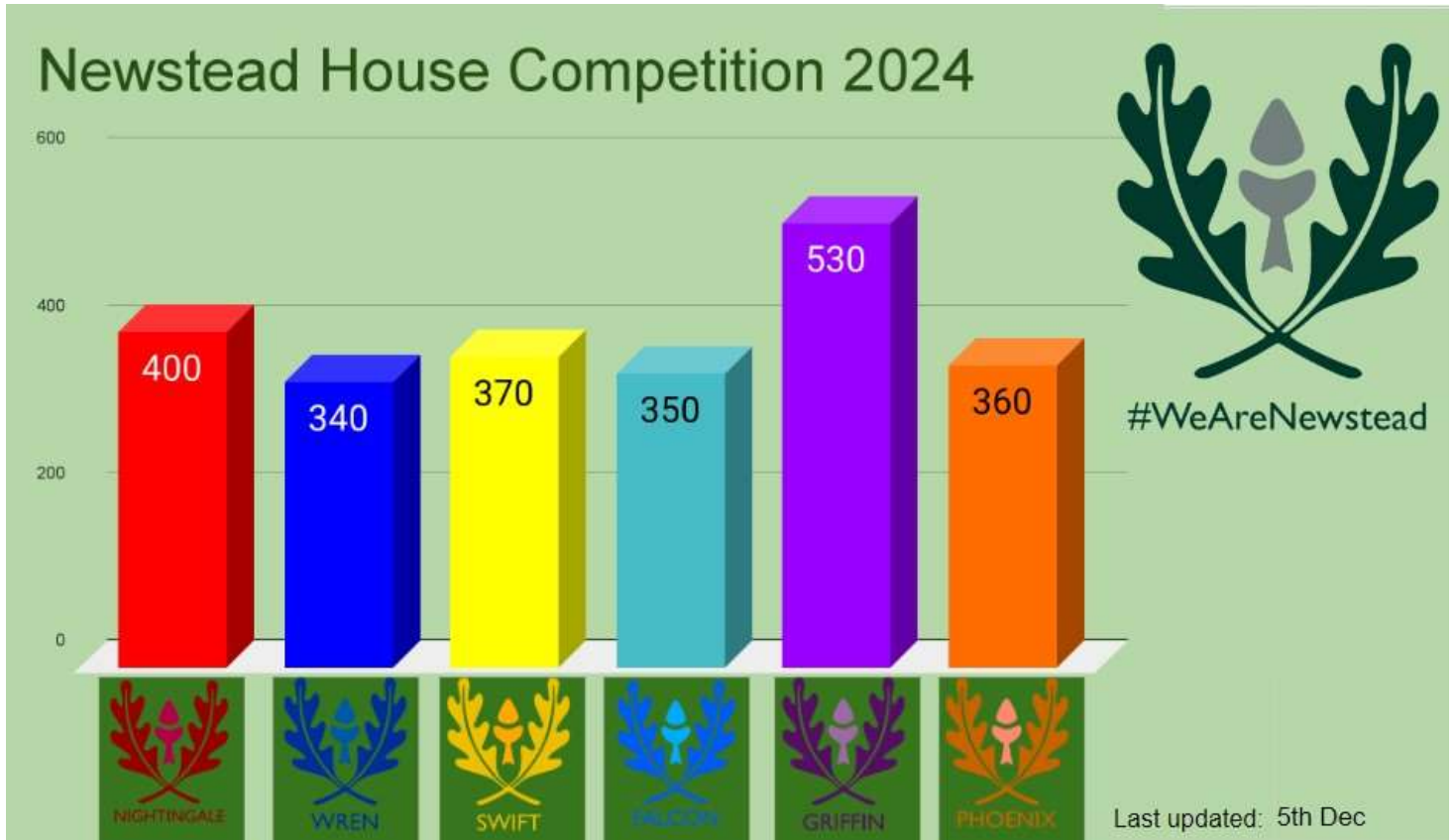


Congratulations:

- Huge congratulations to Year 12 students Dheepthi, Suvi, Angelina, Jennifer and Julia who have been accepted on the Women in Finance Programme. This is a 5 year course and the students will be completing the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment qualifications. The different levels of the programme are CISI Level 2 Fundamentals of Financial Services, CISI Level 3 International Intro to Securities and Investment, CISI Level 3 Corporate Finance Certificate Part 1 and Part 2, which are professional qualifications. This is a highly sought-after programme and the students have done very well to be accepted. Good luck!



House Competition



Please take care of your library books

Treat them like you would treat your phone - with care and respect.

Treat them carefully when taking them home and reading them.

Keep them safe - they are your responsibility when borrowed.

Make sure they are kept clean.

Remember - other students want to read your favourite books too!





Achievement Points

Here are this week's Achievement Point totals. Congratulations to the following students and tutor groups.

Top Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7: 7G
Year 8: 8S
Year 9: 9P
Year 10: 10F
Year 11: 11F

Top Students of the Week

★ Year 7 ★

Siddhi I 7W
Angeliyah B 7G

Priyanka C 7W
Janesha J 7S

Mila S 7G
Nivi P 7S

★ Year 8 ★

Valerie S Z 8P

Tara N-M 8G
Taara K 8P

Olivia D 8F

★ Year 9 ★

Somayina E 9S
Talveen G 9P

Miu M 9P
Amelia S 9P
Chi-Ying W 9P

Evelyn B 9S
Tanika T 9P

★ Year 10 ★

Oluwatoni A 10W
Tanisha A 10N

Valen W 10F
Lauren A 10F
Joanna O 10G

Pavela D 10F
Anita V 10P

★ Year 11 ★

Aahana K 11G

Sophie S 11G

Olajumoke A 11F



Languages News

Word of the week

Answers to this week's words of the week:

French: démodé - old-fashioned

German: der Regenbogen - rainbow

Spanish: barquillo - wafer

Chinese: 礼物 - present

Japanese: あつい - hot

Latin: numquam - never

The words for next week are:

French: la mode

German: die Plätzchen

Spanish: bocatería

Chinese: 圣诞老人

Japanese: すばらしい

Latin: poena



German Competitions



OXFORD GERMAN NETWORK



Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

Are you ready to embark on an exciting language adventure? The Translation Exchange, in collaboration with the Stephen Spender Trust, presents a thrilling competition just for you! Inspired by the legendary translator Anthea Bell, this competition is all about celebrating languages and sparking your creativity.

SIGN UP

Oxford German Olympiad

Explore animal perspectives inspired by Franz Kafka's unconventional tales, from waking as a beetle to contemplating the world as an animal, fostering creativity while addressing human-animal relationships. Tasks include:

Y7-Y9: Write about a day in your life as a Käfer, Affe, Maulwurf, Maus or Fisch and illustrate it.

Y10/Y11: Write a story about an event or adventure that brings together a human and an animal and tell it in a comic strip.

Y12/13: Write a story from the perspective of a non-human creature, leaving your reader to work out what kind of creature it is.



Talk to Frau Lacey or Herr Gmeiner to participate!



Online-Adventskalender

Have a look at the UK-German connection **Adventskalender** below to find about festive facts about Christmas in Germany!



Adventskalender

9	2	10	1	22	4
7	14	24	21	8	18
3	15	13	17	5	16
6	20	19	11	12	23

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/kids/de/entdecken/adventskalender/?fbclid=IwAR3eYnyUNQOEyuFTa4fclquXilEihX2czRf3PrWVrKe4hyFIZHQc2BBKBFM>



Newstead Wood School Parents' Association News



Thanks so much to all those involved in making the recent Y7/8 disco such a success; £1,360 was raised and a great time was had by all!

We're currently looking for **helpers for the uniform sale** on Tuesday 5th December at 3.15pm. If you can't make that but would like to do some sorting before then, please get in touch and just suggest a date and time that suits you.

We are also looking for **volunteers to organise a quiz** in Feb/March, and to help with the **familiarisation tests** on some May/June Saturdays next year. And perhaps a **Summer Disco?!**

If you have any questions about the Parents' Association, would like to know how to join your class parents' WhatsApp group, need information on uniform, or would like to volunteer to join one of our teams, **please join the zoom meeting next week, or get in touch at pa@newsteadwood.co.uk** Thanks!

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The PA are excited to announce that we have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! This money can then be used to continue to help purchase some of the fantastic resources that benefit our children's learning.

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate some of parents' frustrations that surround these issues.

How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number **14318** will provide the school with 30% commission. If you use the link on our school website's [Uniform Page](#) to order your labels online, the number is filled in automatically for you!



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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