The Avenue Infant School



FRIDAY UPDATE Fríday 1st March 2024



In celebration assembly today we said well done to the following children, who received **Special Awards** and special gold Headteacher's Award sticker:

*Maddie* (Beech class) - for an impressive story.

Logan (Hazel class) - for perseverance, hard work and enthusiasm in phonics.

*Freddie* (Maple class) - for trying hard in every area and being a good friend.

*Isla* (Cherry class) - for being an excellent role model, growing in confidence and trying hard in all her learning.

*Ehtesham* (Willow class) - for remembering the meaning of the story words we learnt last week. *Theo* (Oak class) - for super independent writing.



# **Class Accolades**

**Hazel Class** - Miss Morris was impressed with your hard work and perseverance in maths learning about division. **Cherry Class** - Miss Startin was so proud of how you have engaged with the new class story and how sensibly you took part in the 'treasure hunt'.

Maple Class - Mrs Bolter was so impressed with how you have all shown the Golden Rule 'Being ready'. Each class was presented with their Class Accolade certificate and earned two class ticks. Well done everyone!

# WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Spring 2 Week 2):

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Monday 4th	- Parents evening	WEEK:
Tuesday 5th	- Year 2 P.E	NEWSLETTER
	- FOTAS Cake sale 3.00pm	WORLD BOOK DAY LETTER
Wednesday 6th	- <u>NO </u> Play & Perform club	FOTAS NEWSLETTER
	- Parents evening	SINGING CLUB EMAIL
Thursday 7th	- Year 1 P.E.	
	- Singing Club - 3.15pm - 4pm	
	<ul> <li>World Book Day - dress as a word (see letter)</li> </ul>	Values
Friday 8th	- <u>Year 2</u> Family Reading - 8.50-9.10am	tokens total this week:

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As part of our commitment to safeguarding, it is important that we ensure that parents/carers are as informed as possible about online safety.

# What Parents and Carers Need to Know about: Disney+

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. This week's guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

A larger version of these guides can be downloaded from our school Facebook page. <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>TheAvenueInfantSchool/</u>

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to held 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 national college, com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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 -

### 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.

### BINGE WATCHING 90

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, cartoons and accumentanes, 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.

# 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.

unsurprisingly for a Disney product - designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

# ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays 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 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

# 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.

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# 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+.

# 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.

Meet Our Expert

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# 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.

# 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.

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