



Lilycroft News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the term and it is exciting to see the House system capturing everyone's imagination. The children show a lot of pride in being a part of their house. We are trying to get used to calling them by their names and not just their colour!

The Deputy Prefects are being elected this week. We will continue to work with our House Prefects as a wider plan to build leadership opportunities for children.

Leah Florence

Head of School

Lilycroft Cubbie!

We are the first school in Yorkshire to get a Cubbie!

A Cubbie is a snug and safe place to help neurodiverse children cope with the world. It is a self-contained sensory booth, where a child can go to be calm or stimulated depending on what is right for them. The Cubbie comes with a range of images, sounds and lighting which can be programmed to suit the sensory profile of each child.

We had to think carefully about how we could create a sensory space inside our beautiful historic school. The Cubbie has been helping children with autism but also any children who might feel anxious at any point in the day.

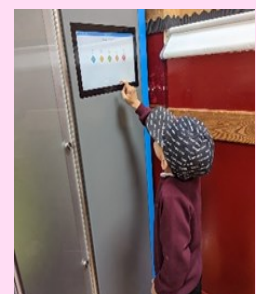
The company argues that, 'Apart from comforting the child, it can help offset the estimated 20% of teaching time lost to dealing with distressed children who experience classroom meltdowns.' Where as Cubbie is a space for children to go for 'five to ten minutes' before returning to the classroom.

The Cubbie is about the size of a lift, it is wheelchair friendly, and has transparent doors for the user to enter.

HARVEST - FOOD BANK



Open from Monday 2nd October - Wednesday 18th October - Please bring any unwanted tinned or packaged 'long life' food into the school office. There will be a collection point in the sports hall. Your contributions are greatly received. All donations will be collected for our local food bank.



Phonics

Lilycroft achieved its highest score in the Yr1 phonics check last year with 90% of children passing the test.



Learning to read is a team effort—thank you to your support with helping your child to read at home. The e-library is live. Home reading books are ordered and will be coming home with your child soon too!



Art Update

All children in school have been exploring the use of colour this half term.



Yr2 have been learning about French artist Sonia Delauney. They learnt about the colour wheel. Can you spot the colour wheels in their work?



Stars of the Week

Each week the teachers choose 2 stars of the week and they are given a certificate. To be a star of the week you have to have been seen doing something incredible in school. These children have done something amazing this week:

6K—Papa and Fatima M

6A—Sahil and Fiza

5M—Murtaza and Hamiah

5A—Ashley and Anas

4J—Tariq and Ubaid

4SA—Inaya and Mikaeel

3E—Hanzalah and Haider

3F—Zoya and Ali



TTRS Maths Stars

Most points

1. Ayaan 2M 2. Burhanuddin 3F 3. Hassan U 3F

Best Class attendance

3F—99.0% — thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your Diary for Autumn Term

Friday 20th October—School closes for Autumn break

Parents Evening tbc—either Tuesday 17th October or Wednesday 18th October

Tuesday 31st October—School opens for children at 8:40 for Autumn 2 term.

School closed for staff training— Friday 17th November

School open— Monday 20th November

Friday 22nd December—School closes for children for Winter break

Monday 8th January—School opens for children at 8:40 for Spring 1 term.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you online. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on - it keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night - you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media: it's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).