



# Lilycroft News

Dear Parents and Carers,

### \*Staffing Update\*

As many of you are aware, Miss Whyte will be going on her maternity leave in February. We wish her all the best as she welcomes a new addition to her family.

It does mean that there are some staffing changes taking place after February half term.

Mrs Holdsworth will be Deputy Headteacher

Miss Akhtar - will be Assistant Headteacher and lead Yr6.

Mr Junade - will teach 6A

Mrs Fazil and Mrs Nisa - will teach 4J

We have a transition plan to ensure that there is as little disruption for the children as possible. Miss Akhtar is going to be working very closely with Yr6 to ensure that they continue to make excellent progress as we move closer to the SATs.

Mrs Holdsworth is working closely with the Yr4 team to ensure that the children also continue to make great progress in their learning.

As we will still be in the period of transition, at Parents Evening in March, 6A will get a progress update from Miss Akhtar and 4J will get a progress update from Mr Junade. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Leah Florence**  
**Headteacher**

### Music Update

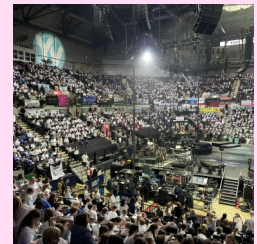
It has been a fantastic few months for giving our children the opportunity to perform or the opportunity to have a unique musical experience.



Every child in the school had the opportunity to perform in one of our shows in the lead up to Christmas.



Every child in school got to attend our in school Pantomime performed by M&M productions.



Since coming back in January, many of our children got to visit the Alhambra and watch 'Cinderella'. Our fantastic choir also got to perform alongside 5000 others at the Young Voices concert in Sheffield.



We are having our annual NAAT competition being held on 7th February too! We can't wait to hear the recitals!



Our number one priority is ensuring that all children and adults are safe.  
Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.

## Open Classrooms

Thank you to our parents and carers that came along to our open classroom in Yr2 this week. The focus this half term is for you to see what Maths learning is going on in the classroom.

The remaining dates for the Spring Term are as follows:

Tuesday 23rd January—Yr5 Maths workshops

Wednesday 24th January—Yr4 Maths workshop

Thursday 30th January—Yr6 Maths workshop

Wednesday 31st January—Yr1 Maths workshop

Friday 2nd February—Yr3 Maths workshop

Monday 5th February—Reception Maths workshop

## Road Safety

This half term the Road Safety team are in every week teaching the children how to be safe when crossing the road



Remember the key phrase:



**STOP,  
LOOK,  
LISTEN!**

## 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—Rayyan and Zunairah**

**6A—Ali S and Zara**

**5M—Amina and Ammar**

**5A—Hooriya N and Aayaan I**

**4J—Tariq and Ubaid**

**4SA—AbuBakar and Abdul Rahman**

**3E—Aqiba and Abdul Bari**

**3F—Rayaan and Isa**

## TTRS Maths Stars

Fastest Speed

1. Fatima R (6A)      2. Muhammed Zain (5A)      3. Aliza Adil (2K)

## Best Class attendance

4SA—96.5.0% — thank you for your support with this, especially when the weather is cold!



## Dates for your Diary for Spring

**Last day Spring 1: Friday 9th February**

**Spring half term—Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February**

**First day Spring 2: Monday 19th February**

**Last day Spring 2: Thursday 28th March**

## Summer term

**First day Summer term 1—Monday 15th April**

**Bank holiday—Monday 6th May—school closed**

**Last day Summer 1—Friday 24th May**

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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