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On Tuesday, all across the world, it was International Women's Day. This important day to celebrate the roles of women in society gives us the opportunity in school to discuss important issues such as bias and stereotypes. We want our pupils to grow up in a world free of discrimination, where difference is valued and celebrated. Our children should be ambitious. They should have dreams that they can strive to achieve in a fairer world, regardless of their gender. Here's to strong women, may we know them, may we be them, may we raise them.

### SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Morgan Leggett
- Y3JT: Harriet Warren
- Y3RD: Eliza Binns
- Y4CG: William Foster
- Y4KT: Ricardo Steers
- Y4OS: Bronwen Parfit
- Y5GG: Rosie-Ann Hearnshaw
- Y5HK: Ruby Gillott-Smith
- Y5JH: Sophia Fletcher-Radion
- Y6ER: Tristan Thompson
- Y6MC: Madison Fletcher
- Y6CH: Jessica Ferguson

Mrs Foster: Oliver Cunningham  
Miss Sheehan: Lucas Irvine  
Mr Wright: Presley Krompass

Lower School Lunchtimes: Harley Porter  
Upper School Lunchtimes: Finlay Brown  
Dining-Room: Owen Wilson

### READING AROUND THE WORLD

#### Y3 - PARIS

Annabelle Fisher  
Harlow Long

#### Y3 - MADRID

Thomas Milner  
Addienna Williams

#### Y4 - CAIRO

Jasmine Hill

#### Y4 - NAIROBI

Darcy Hague

#### Y6 - LIMA

Luke Warnock  
Molly Shaw  
Flynn Micklethwaite  
Mason Walker  
Archie Jowitt  
Jessica Proctor  
Amelia Underhill  
Erin Fox

#### Y4 - PRETORIA

David Staniforth

#### Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Lilly-Rae Baguley

#### Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Harry James

#### Y6 - BRASILIA

Luke Warnock  
Felix Bond  
Skye Pawson

### A DAY FOR UKRAINE



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, we invite our children to wear yellow and blue to school to show our support for the incredible people of Ukraine. Many children have told us that their families have made generous donations via various charities and drop-off points to help raise vital funds for the people impacted by the invasion. Therefore, rather than us specify an amount for children to donate on the day, we will ensure there is a collection for children to add to if they are able to. All monies raised will be donated to The British Red Cross DEC Ukraine Appeal.

## COMING SOON... BREAKFAST FOR ALL

We are very excited to announce that we have qualified for the National Schools Breakfast Programme, which is funded by the Department for Education and run by Family Action to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day.

This means that very soon we will be able to offer a free bagel to every pupil, every day!

## RESIDENTIAL PAYMENTS

We would like to remind parents about the following instalments for this academic year's residentials:

- **Y3** – Please ensure your child's Personal Information Form has been returned. Also, don't forget to join us at 3:30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the finer arrangements for Kingswood.
- **Y5** – Please ensure your child's Personal Information Form has been returned.
- **Y6** – Please ensure the full balance of £263 has been paid by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Also, there are a few places still available for Robinwood. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: RED NOSE DAY

Stocksbridge Junior School will be supporting Red Nose Day this year on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. School Council met to discuss how we could raise money for this fantastic cause and thought of so many great ideas. We will be holding a 'Red Dress Up' and selling red noses in school. If you would like your child to buy a red nose, Mrs Proost will be visiting classes each day next week selling red noses for £1.50. Please send your child to school with the correct change, if possible, to minimise the handling of money. Red noses will be available while stocks last and will be limited to one red nose per child. We ask that children keep their noses safely at home and bring them back in to wear only on Red Nose Day itself.

If your child would like to wear something red on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, please send them to school with £1.00 on the day. There will also be a game of 'Pin the Red Nose on the Teacher's Face' (a picture of their face, of course) in classes during the day. If your child would like to join in the fun, it is 20p a go!

## ATTENDANCE

The current law does not give any entitlement for parents to take their child on holiday during term time nor does it permit schools to agree to children going on holiday during term time unless in the most exceptional of circumstances.

If parents choose to take their child out of school for a holiday whether there are exceptional circumstances or not, a holiday form must be completed in advance. This allows us to account for your child's absence. If you have any questions about holidays, please contact the school office.

## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We continue to have concerns regarding parking around school at drop off and pick up times. Recently, concerns have been raised in particular with parking on Lilac Avenue.

Please do not park or pull over on the school zigzag markings, on junctions or across residents' driveways. Let's work together to keep all our children safe.

## Y4 BASKETBALL



Earlier this week, two Y4 basketball teams competed in the local cluster basketball competition at Stocksbridge High School. This is the first competition many of our Y4 children have been involved in due to the pandemic and was a great experience. Our teams finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions overall after a nervous start in the first games. The children flourished as they progressed through the games and displayed some fantastic skills and teamwork. Well done to all children involved!

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The most recent Cross Country at Graves park, was a special race, due to it being the City Championships. Team SJS had six fantastic runners compete in the tricky course, which included a river crossing and a long, steady hill. All of our runners did exceptionally well, giving their all to their races from start to finish. One of our runners crossed the finish line in an impressive 7<sup>th</sup> place! This earned her a certificate at the post-race presentation.



We are always looking for more runners to come and join our SJS Cross Country team! Our final league race is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Brunswick Primary School, followed by the Year 5/6 relay races, and Year 3/4 relay races in the following weeks. In the meantime, speak to Miss Hague if you are interested in joining the running club on Monday evenings.



## 10 DAY ACTIVE TRAVEL CHALLENGE

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Our school will be taking part in South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership's 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10-day period. There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as class and whole school prizes! We need everyone to take part and make an effort to travel to school in an active way during the challenge to be in with a chance of winning prizes.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU...

WEEK 1	MONDAY <small>MEAT FREE</small>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce with spaghetti <small>5 A DAY</small>	chicken curry with 50/50 rice <small>5 A DAY</small>	Roast chicken and stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	A choice of fish fingers or fishcakes with chips
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	Vegetarian shepherd's pie <small>5 A DAY</small>	Vegetable curry with 50/50 rice <small>5 A DAY</small>	Roast Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes and gravy <small>5 A DAY</small>	Macaroni cheese	Quorn™ nuggets with chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>	<small>5 A DAY</small> Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Ginger Biscuit <small>5 A DAY</small>	Shortbread biscuits and mandarins <small>5 A DAY</small>	Chocolate crunch	Apple flapjack	Fruit and ice cream <small>5 A DAY</small>
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATO &amp; SANDWICH SELECTION</b>	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings

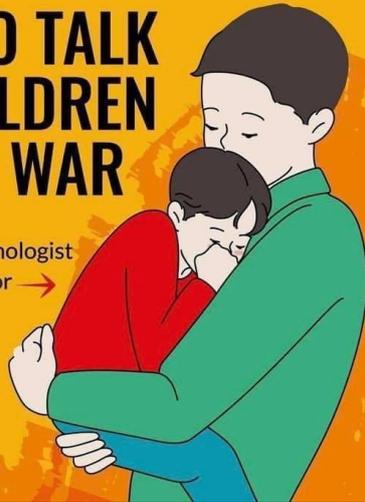
## TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT THE UKRAINE

Your children may be asking questions about the horrific situation in Ukraine that you are unsure on how to answer. We know how important it is for young people to have a trusted news source on issues like this. We would like to offer some advice from Save the Children:



### HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT WAR

5 tips from a psychologist and child counselor →



#### 1. MAKE TIME AND LISTEN

Give children the space to talk when they want to - even if you're in the middle of something else!

Encourage them to tell you what they know, how they feel and to ask you questions.



#### 2. TAILOR THE CONVERSATION TO THE CHILD

Older children will need more details while younger ones may be satisfied just by understanding that sometimes countries fight.

Be informed, keep calm and answer questions honestly.

Begin with simple information as too much detail may overwhelm them and cause anxiety.



#### 3. VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS

Speak to the child about how they feel.

It is important that children feel supported in the conversation. They should not feel judged or have their concerns dismissed.

When children have the chance to have an open and honest conversation about things upsetting them, they can feel relieved.



#### 4. REASSURE THEM

Remind them this is not their problem to solve. Adults all over the world are working hard to fix this.

They shouldn't feel guilty playing, seeing their friends, and doing the things that make them feel happy.



#### 5. GIVE THEM A PRACTICAL WAY TO HELP

For example, they could start fundraisers, write letters to local decision-makers or create drawings calling for peace.

Children who have the opportunity to help can feel like they are part of the solution instead of feeling helpless.



It is important that news shared with children is factual and age appropriate. The following two online sites may help: <https://newsforkids.net/> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.



## FLIMSAY AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

## LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



## ON AIR

## BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

## EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

## 'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes'; left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

### STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

### DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

### ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

## Meet Our Expert

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