



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 24th November

## Year 2 Residential to Nell Bank

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 18 brave year 2 children embarked on their first ever residential.

The children packed their bags and sleeping bags and set off from Beech Hill School to Nell Bank in Ilkley where they met 23 more children from Dean Field School.

They quickly made new friends and made each other a friendship bracelet. After lunch they explored the woodland area and took part in a scavenger hunt and a habitat trail with their new friends. They then got to venture on the amazing adventure playground and had lots of fun. Before they knew it, it was bed time and they were so excited about trying out their new beds. The next morning, they learned all about their new English text 'Owl Babies' and went on a hunt for owls and made them a nest. They found lots of creepy crawlies in microhabitats and took part in an animal orchestra too!

The children enjoyed the experience and have said, "I loved meeting a new friend from Dean Field and I look forward to seeing them again." "I loved sleeping with my friends and going on the top bunk!"

There were five children who won special awards for their bravery, friendliness, good manners and getting stuck in.

These children were: Rehaan Rafiq, Mohammad Imran, Liyah Samir, Uzair Zulfiqar, Annayah Ur-Rehman



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## Attendance Update (w/c Monday 13th November)

Last week's attendance shows a real improvement from previous week's and is above the national average. Well done - this is fantastic!

We are working extremely hard as a school to ensure pupils attend regularly and receive the learning they need to achieve their true potential.

Sadly, there has been an increase in families requesting leave of absence during term time. More often than not the flights have been booked and school has not been consulted or notified. We must point out that taking such leave is at the cost of your child's education and must be avoided at all costs.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Farhat Hussain, Attendance Officer on 01422 345004.

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

Group	% Attend
USA3	93.5
USA4	98.9
USA5	84.7
Wales	97.1
Northern Ireland	98.5
Switzerland	96.1
Nigeria	98.5
Canada	92.7
Jordan	97.2
Mexico	97.8
Morocco	91.5
South Africa	98.5
Australia	98.3
Denmark	93.1
Singapore	94.4
France	96.9
Tanzania	99.4
Egypt	96.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96.1</b>

## Early Years Speech and Language Workshop

This week, Rachael Wakefield, our LINGO Speech and Language Therapist held a workshop for our Reception and Nursery parents.

She gave advice on how to support children's language development and shared easy games and activities to do with everyday items around the home to assist with children's early language acquisition.

If you would like more information about speech and language please check out the school website and if you have any concerns around your child's language development, please speak to your class teacher.



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**78%**  
of young people have received friend requests in an online game from people they didn't know  
Source: UK Safer Internet Centre

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In 2022,  
**25%**  
of 8 to 17-year-olds played games online with people they don't know in real life  
Source: Ofcom

## Online Safety

Please ensure that you are aware of what online game your child is playing and who they are playing with.

Please educate your children about safely playing online games and if they are unsure of anything at all, to report it to a familiar adult.





## TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Morgan N (Canada)

Year 3 - Abdul M (Morocco)

Year 4 - Muskaan P (South Africa)

Year 5 - Muhammad U-R (Denmark)

Year 6 - Vanshika T (Tanzania)

**Class with the highest average of correct answers per person**

Denmark



"Tolerance isn't about agreeing with other; it's about valuing differences and respecting them."

## House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving 50 house points:



Sohan K  
Aiyah H  
Ayaan N  
Inaaya W  
Ruthvik R  
Mridini Sree G  
Fajr-Noor W  
Amaima W  
Rehaan R  
Sumaya N  
Umair A



## House Points

The following children have received their **silver** award for achieving 100 house points:



Eesa H  
Musa D



## **Dinner Menu w/c Monday 27th November**

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Strips 1, 5	Sausages 5 Gravy	Battered Fish 2, 5	Homemade Spicy Kebabs 12 Chicken Tikka Wraps 5, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Homemade Vegetable Biryani 3	Homemade Cheese and Onion Quiche 5, 10, 12	Vegetable Burgers 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14
Vegetables	Ziggy Fries Beans Veg Sticks	Potato Puffs Broccoli Carrots	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Herbies 5 Mixed Veg Peas	Wedges Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Swirls 10	Angel Delight 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Strawberry Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)



# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy *can* lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### 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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