

E Safety Update February 2016

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day 2016. At school we will be working with the children to think about the benefits and problems associated with the internet. We know from our own discussions with the children that the majority have access to the internet through tablets, smart phones, computers, smart televisions and game consoles. Many openly admit that they can access the internet without supervision. Because of this, it is really important that they are aware of the risks.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2016 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 9th February with the slogan 'Play your part for a better internet'.

Coordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.



The UK Safer Internet Centre – a partnership of three leading charities; Childnet, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation – provide resources for children, schools and families, and tools for getting involved at www.saferinternet.org.uk.

Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

As many parents find it hard to know keep up with what is popular with their children, and how to control what they access, here are a few suggestions that may help:

Parental Controls

BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media provide their customers with free parental controls which include setting time limits:

- http://bt.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/46768
- <http://help.sky.com/articles/set-up-mcafee-parental-controls>
- <http://www.talktalk.co.uk/homesafe>
- http://store.virginmedia.com/discover/broadband/security.html?buspart=Safer_1

For answers to your App concerns and sound advice on how to deal with them, visit Net Aware. It's a dedicated resource to help parents understand the Apps their children use in today's ever-changing digital world. Net Aware reviews nearly 60 sites, Apps and games currently popular with children and young people:
<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

To read reviews and age appropriate ratings provided by Common Sense Media on video games, films, apps, books and TV:
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Remember to stay SMART online – poster overleaf!

Be smart on the internet

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International

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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



A

ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



R

RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK
UK
KNOW
.CO.UK



www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART



Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

