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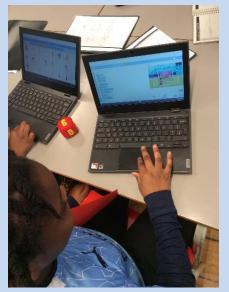


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Our February newsletter is focusing on Online Safety.

Vicarage Primary school took part in Safer Internet Day (SID) 2022 on Tuesday 8th February. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year. The aim is to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to encourage conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

The theme this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Pupils learned about keeping safe online. Some of our Year 5 pupils delivered assemblies to talk to their peers about online safety.











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Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Here are some suggestions on how you can help your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a safer internet by...

Having conversations

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they are finding being a part of it. It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys doing online. This ensures that your child knows they can talk to you if they experience any issues.

Start the conversation on a positive note:

- What do you like about the internet and why?
 - How do you have fun using the internet?
- What is your favourite game, app or website?
 - How does going online make you feel?
- * Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?
- * Who do you communicate with online? What method's do you use to communicate online? (e.g. in-game chat, video calls, group chats etc.)
 - What can be challenging about communicating online?
 - How can you trust people you only know online?
- What do you and your friends do to keep yourself safe and happy, when you are chatting and communicating online?

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Useful Websites:

- Golden Rules online safety information for parents and carers
- Online safety tips for parents of primary aged children
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from NetAware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February – Half term break

Monday 21st February – Staff Training Day (School closed for pupils)

Tuesday 22nd February – All pupils return to school (Term 4)

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

2nd March / 9th March / 16th March – After school tuition

Week beginning 14th March – Science Week

Monday 21st March – Reception, KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening – 3:30pm-7pm

Tuesday 22nd March – Reception, KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening – 3:30pm-5pm

Wednesday 23rd March – Nursery Parents Evening – All day (School closed for Nursery pupils)

Week beginning 28th March - World Autism Acceptance Week

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 19th April - All pupils return to school (Term 5)



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