

Safer Internet Day 8th Feb

Safer Internet Day this year encourages us to look at our 'virtual lives' with the slogan "It's more than a game, it's your life"

For further information, key messages, ideas for promoting the day, lesson plans and more visit: www.saferinternetday.org



Some interesting facts from Ofcom 2010:

- Just under a quarter of UK consumers watch TV on the internet each week
- The proportion of UK internet users using social networks is now 62%
- The UK has the highest percentage of mobile owners who use their phone for social networking (24%).

In Hertfordshire we are seeing increasing numbers of Year 5 and 6 children accessing their social network from their mobile phone!

eSafety Litebite Taster Sessions

During the National ICT Festival at Robertson House on the 17th February there will be two eSafety litebite sessions:

- The Internet and sexualised behaviour
- Online games and the potential issues

For further details:

<http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/ict/research/conferences/index.shtml>

New National Resources

Childnet have produced a new guide 'New Music, Film, TV and the Internet' which can be downloaded from: <http://www.childnet.com/downloading/> This excellent, informative guide promotes how to stay safe and legal when enjoying entertainment on the internet or via a mobile device. It is also available in many languages.

For further information about using music and not infringing copyright visit:

<http://www.pro-music.org/>

Vodafone has produced a new magazine called 'Digital Parenting' to help parents understand and get involved with their children's digital world. The magazine is very readable, informative and provides advice on a range of eSafety issues, such as location services, sexting, cyberbullying and illegal content. To order a copy of the magazine, email publications@parentfocus.co.uk or visit their website:

<http://parents.vodafone.com/>

Insafe is a European network of Awareness Centres promoting safe, responsible use of the Internet and mobile devices to young people. They have links to a wide selection of eSafety resources for pupils, teachers and parents/ carers that have been developed across Europe. <http://www.saferinternet.org/web/guest/home>

eSafety Spring Clean

Have you thought about checking your 'online' friends and tidying up the list by removing unknown or unwanted friends? Your friends will not be told you have removed them, your name will just disappear from their list of friends.

New eSafety Activity Workshops

Following demand from schools, we have put together some suggested eSafety workshops/ activity days. These range from short assemblies to class sessions and are suitable for all school phases.

For further information <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news.shtml>

Youtube and eSafety

Have you visited the 'Hertsict' YouTube channel? Our latest video about Facebook Places is great for raising eSafety awareness amongst staff, governors and parents. The links to the videos can be given to parents/ carers for them to view at home and to encourage attendance at school sessions on eSafety.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/hertsict>

To view in school you will need Web Factor 1 <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/filtered.shtml>

eSafety Assemblies

Have you talked to the children in your school about how to report an eSafety concern or incident? An excellent school or year assembly could be a short presentation created by the children about the CEOP Report Abuse Button.



This 'one-stop' link provides children and young people with advice and a way to report serious problems. For further information visit: <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>

This could be followed by a session about Cybermentors <http://cybermentors.org.uk/> This website provides children and young people with advice, support and mentoring with online and off-line bullying.



iLearn and eSafety

We have two eSafety modules available through iLearn and currently these are available at 'no-charge' to schools. For more information visit:

<http://www.learningpool.com/hertfordshire/course/category.php?id=39>



Becta Safeguarding website

From 31st January the Becta Safeguarding site will move to the National Archives <http://tinyurl.com/36usyg3>

For further eSafety advice, guidance, resources, training and to report an incident contact:

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